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THE BEQUESTS OF DR. LUDWIG MOND[1]

BY the death of Mrs. Mond, widow of Dr. Ludwig Mond, which occurred on May 16, the Royal Society becomes the beneficiary, under Dr. Mond's will, of a considerable sum of money in furtherance of scientific objects. Dr. Mond, as is well known, was a distinguished chemical technologist. He worked under Kolbe at Marburg, later under Bunsen at Heidelberg, finally becoming domiciled in England, where he secured the friendship of the leaders of British science, as also of many persons in literary and artistic circles. He was elected a fellow of the Royal Society in 1891, and died in 1909. The provisions of his will relating to gifts to science provided for the payment to the Royal Society, free of duty, of 50,000*l*, the income to be employed in the endowment of research in natural science, more particularly, but not exclusively, in chemistry and physics, by means of rewards for new discoveries and pecuniary assistance (including scholarships) to those pursuing scientific investigations, and in supplying apparatus and appliances for laboratories and observatories and in such other manner as the Royal Society should decide to be best calculated to promote scientific research. There was also a proviso that the Royal Society's council might allocate amounts for the publication and circulation of reports and papers communicated and assist the preparation and publication of catalogs and indexes of scientific literature which the society might have engaged in or might undertake in the future. To the University of Heidelberg a like sum was left, and for kindred purposes. Certain financial contingencies entailed that four years might elapse after Mrs. Mond's decease before these two bodies entered upon absolute ownership; notwithstanding, the legacies were to carry four per cent. interest per annum until paid up. It may be recalled that at the Royal Society's anniversary meeting of 1910 the then president referred to Dr. Mond in the following terms:

> The Royal Society has good cause to cherish his memory as that of a genial fellow, who took an active interest in its affairs, affording it at all times the benefit of his business experience, and ever ready to aid financially any of its enterprises which seemed to him to stand in need of assistance. By his will also he has left a munificent benefaction whereby the society will ultimately be enriched.

[1] From *Nature*.

ZOOLOGICAL LECTURES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

A SERIES of zoological lectures was arranged for the second semester at the University of Michigan. The primary purpose of the series was to provide, for advanced students of zoology, an outlook on the whole field that could not be gained in any other way. To this end the speakers were invited to discuss in a semi-technical fashion the large aspects of biology in which they were most directly interested. The lectures proved admirably fitted for this purpose and were well attended by students and members of the faculty representing not only the other sciences but the humanities as well. The list of lectures and their topics follows:

Geological history of the mammals: W. D. MATTHEW.

The blood as a physico-chemical system: L. J. HENDERSON.

Adaptations of insects; economic aspects of entomology: L. O. HOWARD.

Modifications of developmental rate and the structural response: C. R. STOCKARD.

The oestrous cycle as a means of analyzing structural change: C. R. STOCKARD.

Some of the recent work on mutants in drosophila; Development and the particulate theory of inheritance: T. H. MORGAN.