

an insect, was unveiled. It was actually at St. Léons that Fabre was born, but St. Léons is a little village of a few hundred inhabitants, and it was thought desirable to erect the statue in the neighboring town of Millau. Fabre is chiefly associated with Sérignan, near Orange, for it was here in his garden that he pursued his entomological studies.

ACCORDING to the *Journal* of the American Medical Association the Paris branch of the Franco-Mexican Association has presented to the Pasteur Institute a replica of the medallion likeness of Pasteur that was hung on the walls of the department of medicine of the University of Mexico on the occasion of the centennial celebration. The bestowal of this work of art took place in the crypt of the institute, at the entrance to the tomb of Pasteur, the presentation speech being given by M. Honnorat, former minister and honorary president of the French section of the Franco-Mexican Association. Dr. Roux, director of the Pasteur Institute, expressed his thanks to the association for the gift and the honor accorded to the memory of Pasteur.

THE German societies for physics, the applied physical sciences and Roentgen rays held recently a joint meeting at Berlin in the large hall of the university in memory of Roentgen. The president of the republic and scientific men from all over the country spoke on the importance of Roentgen's discovery to different branches of science.

A COMMEMORATIVE tablet has been placed by the London County Council on the former residence of James Clerk Maxwell, physicist (1831-1879).

THE Hancock Life Insurance Company, Boston, has given \$20,000 to the Harvard Cancer Commission, of which sum a fourth is to purchase diagnostic apparatus; the remainder is for the permanent fund. The insurance company previously gave \$30,000 toward the building of the Huntington Hospital, which is devoted to cancer cases.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NOTES

THE legislature has made special appropriations to the Michigan College and Station for the ensuing biennium of \$1,070,000. This is in addition to the receipts from the mill tax, which aggregate about \$1,000,000 and are used entirely for operating expenses. The principal items in the special appropriation are \$400,000 for a horticultural building and greenhouse, \$300,000 for extension work, \$150,000 for a power house, \$50,000 for a college hospital, \$70,000 for research, and \$100,000 for miscellaneous buildings.

PROFESSOR A. H. PATTERSON, head of the depart-

ment of physics and dean of the School of Applied Science in the University of North Carolina, will spend the year 1923-24 in study at Harvard University, on leave of absence. His place will be filled during his absence by Dr. Paul H. Dike, who has been in charge of physics at Robert College, Constantinople, for some years past, though Dr. Otto Stuhlman, Jr., will serve as head of the department, while the duties of the deanship will be assumed by Dr. J. M. Bell, of the department of chemistry.

AT the University of Missouri, Eli Stuart Haynes, of Beloit College, has been elected professor of astronomy; Dr W. B. Robertson, of the University of Kansas, assistant professor of zoology, and Dr. H. C. Howard, Jr., assistant professor of analytical chemistry.

DR. A. RICHARD BLISS, Jr., professor of pharmacology in the Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, has resigned to accept the professorship of physiology and pharmacology at the University of Tennessee. Dr. Monroe F. Brown, assistant professor in the department, also goes to Tennessee.

MR. J. BASIL BUXTON, now on the staff of the Medical Research Council, London, has been elected into the newly established professorship of animal pathology in the University of Cambridge.

M. Goss has been elected to a newly established chair of mathematics at the University of Grenoble.

DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE THE MARINE LABORATORY AT TORTUGAS

DURING the past year a number of papers appeared in *SCIENCE* and elsewhere¹ which discussed the desirability of continuing the Department of Marine Biology of the Carnegie Institution of Washington and its most important single activity, the laboratory at Tortugas. Since the officers of the Carnegie Institution have not yet announced what their policy toward the Department of Marine Biology is to be, it may be presumed that the question of continuing this department is still under consideration. This department, having been created in the interest of biologists working on tropical organisms, will probably be continued only if it is evident that a sufficient number of biologists are still actively interested in this kind of work.

¹ Davenport, *SCIENCE*, Vol. 56, p. 134.

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