

dean and vice-president of Jenner Medical College, died on December 3.

THE Biological Club of the University of Minnesota held its two hundredth meeting on October 20. Dr. B. H. Blackman, of the Imperial College of Technology, London, was a special guest of honor. Other special guests included President L. D. Coffman, Dean Guy Stanton Ford, of the graduate school; Dean E. P. Lyon, of the medical school; Dean J. B. Johnston, of the college of science, literature and arts, and Dean W. C. Coffey, of the department of agriculture, all of the University of Minnesota.

THE Washington Section of the American Chemical Society held its annual election on November 13, selecting L. H. Adams as president, R. Gilchrist as secretary and H. W. Houghton as treasurer. Newly elected members of the executive committee are: Wm. Blum, V. K. Chesnut, R. B. Sosmann, M. X. Sullivan, E. W. Washburn and E. T. Wherry; Councillors: F. G. Cottrell, W. M. Clark, S. C. Lind and R. S. McBride. Preceding the meeting a dinner was given in honor of Dr. E. F. Armstrong, a prominent British industrial chemist and formerly president of the Society of Chemical Industry. At the opening of the meeting Dr. Armstrong spoke for a few minutes on the present trend in chemistry, stressing particularly the work now in progress in catalysis and surface phenomena and predicting great advances in the near future.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NOTES

PORTER L. NEWTON, of Waltham, has given the residue of his estate to the Massachusetts Agricultural College to be used through the awarding of scholarships designed to promote and improve the agricultural situation in the state. The gift will probably amount to about \$25,000.

THE Carnegie Corporation has given to Dalhousie University the sum of \$190,000. Of this amount \$90,000 will go toward payment of accumulated deficits, while the remainder will be divided into five annual payments of \$20,000 each as a fund to forestall future deficits.

WE learn from the *Journal* of The American Medical Association that many prominent Japanese and Chinese officials attended the recent opening of the medical school of the Chingtao Hospital, which has been erected by the Japanese government, says the *Japan Medical World*, as one of Japan's enterprises for the education of Chinese students. The school will be maintained by the hospital and by a subsidy of 140,000 yen per annum from the Japanese government.

THE cornerstone of the new buildings of the University of Brussels was laid on November 20. The new building has been made possible by financial assistance, amounting to nearly 20,000,000 francs, given by the Commission for Relief in Belgium and the Educational Foundation. The American Relief Commission provided food for the Belgian population during the German occupation, and the 20,000,000 francs have been paid out of the balance remaining over from the fund.

DR. A. H. RYAN, formerly professor of physiology at Tufts College Medical School, Boston, has been appointed professor of physiology at the University of Maryland School of Medicine and the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Baltimore.

DR. W. L. HOLMAN, associate professor of bacteriology at the Johns Hopkins University, has been appointed associate professor at the University of Toronto Medical School.

L. J. PESSIN, PH.D. (Johns Hopkins, 1923), has accepted a position as assistant professor of plant physiology at the North Carolina State Agricultural and Mechanical College.

A. W. BELLAMY recently resigned his position as assistant professor of zoology at the University of Chicago and went to the University of California, southern branch.

AT Tufts Medical College, Dr. Frank Howard Lahey, professor of surgery, and Dr. Charles Davidson Knowlton, assistant professor of theory and practice of medicine, have resigned.

ABRAHAM PRESS, at one time demonstrator in physics and mathematics at the Southwestern Polytechnic Institute, London, and recently technical science expert, Interdepartmental Radio Board, Washington, D. C., sailed for Siam on December 3 *via* Europe to accept the post of professor of physics in the pre-medical school of Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok.

DR. BETHE, professor of physiology at the University of Frankfurt, has been called to take the place of Dr. Rudolph Metzners, retiring professor at the University of Basel.

DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE

GENERAL PLAN FOR MAGNETIC AND ALLIED OBSERVATIONS DURING THE TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE OF JANUARY 24, 1925¹

SPECIAL magnetic and allied observations will be made at stations in or near the path of totality of the solar eclipse of January 24, 1925, by the Depart-

¹ Communicated at the request of the director of the Department of Terrestrial Magnetism.