

Tropical Disease Prevention Association for certain investigations into the cause of cancer, and it was unanimously resolved to confirm the recommendations of Sir William Leishman's committee to establish a journal of abstracts for the purpose of assisting and coordinating cancer research work throughout the world.

Nature states that in celebration of the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the foundation of the Royal Observatory, Greenwich, the King and Queen paid a visit to the observatory on July 23. They were received in the octagon room, the original observatory, by members of the Board of Admiralty and of the Board of Visitors of the Royal Observatory, and were conducted over the buildings and shown the principal instruments. On the evening of the same day a *conversazione* was given by the president and council of the Royal Society to meet the delegates to the International Astronomical Union. On the following day an official luncheon was given, presided over by the First Lord of the Admiralty.

For the protection of birds and animals \$60,000 has been left from the estate of Finley Barrett, of Lake Forest, Ill. Bequests of \$25,000 each to the Izaak Walton League of America and the American Game Protective and Propagation Society were made and the Audubon Society of America is left \$10,000.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NOTES

THE trustees of the University of Tennessee have approved the contract for the first of a series of buildings for the medical college to be erected in Memphis. This building, which will cost about \$350,000, will be the first step in the expansion program of the medical school made possible by recent legislation, and will house the departments of anatomy, chemistry and physiology.

THE Rockefeller Foundation has given to the King Edward the Seventh College of Medicine, Singapore, \$350,000 for the endowment of chairs of bacteriology and biochemistry on condition that the government founds an extra chair of biology and agrees to equip and maintain the three departments.

DR. HERBERT BRISTOL DWIGHT, of the Canadian Westinghouse Company, has been made professor of electrical engineering in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In the same department Professor F. S. Dellenbaugh, Jr., has been promoted to an associate professorship, and Messrs. Bowles, Dahl and Lansil to assistant professorships.

At the University of Colorado Dr. Aubrey J. Kemper, of the University of Illinois, has been appointed professor of mathematics and acting head of the department, succeeding Dr. Ira M. DeLong, who has been made professor emeritus after forty-seven years of service.

DR. IRVING H. BLAKE (Ph.D., Illinois), has been appointed associate professor of zoology, and Dr. Howard B. Stough (Ph.D., Harvard), assistant professor of zoology at the University of Idaho.

DR. E. G. MAHIN has resigned his position as professor of analytical chemistry and acting head of the department of chemistry in Purdue University, to become professor of analytical chemistry and metallurgy in the University of Nôtre Dame, the appointment to take effect at the opening of the college year in September.

DR. GEORGE M. CURTIS, formerly National Research Fellow in medicine, has been appointed associate professor of surgery at the University of Chicago and associate professor of experimental surgery under the Douglas Smith Foundation for Medical Research of the University of Chicago.

DR. NELSON W. TAYLOR, of the University of California, has been appointed assistant professor of physical chemistry at the University of Minnesota.

RALPH C. HARTSOUGH, of the department of physics of Columbia University, has been made professor of physics, Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa.

DR. M. P. MOON, instructor in bacteriology at Cornell University, has been appointed assistant professor of medical bacteriology and preventive medicine, at the University of Missouri.

DR. G. M. SHRUM, research physicist at the University of Toronto, has been appointed assistant professor in physics at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver.

At the University of London J. S. Huxley has been appointed to the university chair of zoology tenable at King's College, and Dr. L. Rodwell Jones to the university chair of geography tenable at the London School of Economics.

DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE THE ETIOLOGY OF CANINE DISTEMPER

FOLLOWING the isolation of an organism from silver foxes which would reproduce the disease known as fox distemper,¹ a search was made for a similar

¹ Green, R. G., "Distemper in the silver fox (*Culpes vulpes*)," *Proc. Soc. Exp. Biol. and Med.*, XXII: 546-548.