

cludes, therefore, protozoologists, helminthologists and entomologists, who have interest in the general problems of parasitology or in the medical or veterinary phases of the subject. The society is affiliated with the American Association and is related to both Section F (zoological sciences) and Section N (medical sciences). Any one interested in any of the phases of parasitology is eligible for membership. The membership of the society has already passed the two hundred mark.

Every attempt is being made to make the meetings of the society at Kansas City thoroughly representative. Features of the program will be the address of the retiring president, Professor Henry B. Ward, and a joint symposium with Section N of the American Association, on the "Medical aspects of parasitology," which will be held on the afternoon of Wednesday, December 30. In addition there will be programs for the presentation of papers by members of the society. All members of the American Association and others who are interested are cordially invited to attend the meetings of the society.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL OF THE CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

THIS year is the fiftieth anniversary of the beginning of agricultural experiment stations in this country. The first station was started in Connecticut in 1875, with an appropriation of only \$3,000, part of which was from private sources. It was located at Wesleyan University, Middletown, under the direction of Dr. W. O. Atwater, but two years later the legislature reorganized the station and transferred it to New Haven, Dr. S. W. Johnson, of Sheffield Scientific School, being placed in charge as director.

The semi-centennial of this station was observed with appropriate ceremonies on the station grounds at New Haven, on October 12. It was attended by representatives from the experiment stations in the northeastern section, the U. S. Department of Agriculture, the Association of Land-Grant Colleges, Yale University, and other persons interested in the work of the station. Governor Trumbull, president of the station board of control, presided and gave a brief address on "The agricultural experiment station and the state." He was followed by addresses on "The relations of the federal government and the states in agricultural research," by Dr. E. W. Allen, chief of the Office of Experiment Stations, and "The influence of experiment stations on American agriculture," by Dr. R. W. Thatcher, director of the New York Experiment Stations. An excellent portrait of Dr. E. H. Jenkins, who recently retired from the directorship of the station, was presented on behalf of his friends by Dr. Henry S. Graves, provost of

Yale University. In the evening a complimentary dinner was tendered Dr. Jenkins and his contemporaries, which was largely attended. Numerous speakers extolled the work of the station and its founders, and paid high tribute of appreciation and affection to the leading figure of the occasion.

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SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

DR. WILLIAM H. WELCH, director of the school of hygiene and public health at the Johns Hopkins University, has been awarded the first W. W. Gerhard gold medal of the Pathological Society of Philadelphia.

DR. THEODORE W. RICHARDS, professor of chemistry at Harvard University and director of the Gibbs Memorial Laboratory, has been decorated with the insignia of an officer of the Legion of Honor by the French government.

PROFESSOR S. W. PARR, of the University of Illinois, was awarded the honorary degree of doctor of science by Lehigh University on October 7. The occasion was the sixtieth Founder's Day exercises of the university at which Professor Parr was the principal speaker.

DR. E. V. MCCOLLUM, professor of biochemistry in the school of hygiene and public health of the Johns Hopkins University, and Dr. George Sarton, associate of the Carnegie Institution and editor of *Isis*, have been elected to membership in the Kaiserliche Deutsche Akademie der Naturforscher Halle.

THE Russian Geographic Society has elected Dr. William Bowie, chief of the division of geodesy of the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, a corresponding member of the society in recognition of his work in isostasy and other branches of geodesy.

PROFESSOR ARTHUR M. MILLER, for thirty-four years head of the department of geology at the University of Kentucky, by action of the board of trustees of the university, on June 30 was retired as professor emeritus of geology. Continued ill health for the past three years, rendering him unable to engage in active teaching was the reason for the board's action. As the university has no pension system, Professor Miller is retired without pay.

PROFESSOR W. CARMICHAEL M'INTOSH, F.R.S., emeritus professor of natural history in the University of St. Andrews, celebrated his eighty-seventh birthday on October 10.