

Foundation. This provision will not be retroactive.

7. Engineering Foundation reserves the right to require from committees or other organizations or individuals assisted, satisfactory progress reports as a condition of continued support.
8. Engineering Foundation will cooperate with the several founder or other national engineering societies in raising funds for the prosecution of approved researches.
9. It will endeavor to prevent conflict or overlap of research effort among the agencies which it supports or assists.
10. It will cooperate in securing information of the state of the art for use of committees of the Founder Societies or other agencies.

By adopting this platform Engineering Foundation believes it has forestalled queries which might arise as to whether its acts were always impartial and judicial in the allotment of funds. A double safeguard is thrown around the funds put at its disposal. The interest of the Founder Societies and their research committees will be quickened.

Engineering Foundation is entering its second decade, therefore, with increased assurance of support, with brighter prospects of greater resources, with greater faith in the purposes for which it was created, and with higher appreciation of the foresight of its founder. With much confidence it now looks to those who profit from the work of the engineering profession (and who does not?) to make its funds sufficient to do more nearly the volume of services expected of it "for the furtherance of research in science and in engineering, or for the advancement in any other manner of the profession of engineering and the good of mankind."

ALFRED D. FLINN,
Director.

ENGINEERING FOUNDATION

THOMAS ALLISON SMITH¹

WE have met to unveil a memorial to one who for twenty-seven years was a loyal and devoted servant to Bellevue Hospital. It is fitting that service such as was rendered by Dr. Smith to this institution should be recorded on a tablet of bronze, exposed to the public gaze, which shall carry its message of inspiration, let us hope, far down into posterity.

Deeds of men whose lives have been well spent continue to live and exert their influence, after the eyes of their enactors are forever closed and their lips speak no more.

Monuments to commemorate worth are like a con-

¹ Address at the unveiling of the memorial tablet to Dr. Thomas Allison Smith, at Bellevue Hospital, January 13, 1926.

tinuous expression of "glad tidings and good will toward men," in a world in which the highest good of mankind is attained through the consistent practice of usefulness and the exercise of a kindly spirit.

[The tablet, adorned with fresh gladiolas, was then unveiled, the inscription on which was the following:

IN AFFECTIONATE REMEMBRANCE OF

THOMAS ALLISON SMITH, M.D.
1872—1924

FOURTH SURGICAL DIVISION OF BELLEVUE HOSPITAL
1895 — INTERNE — 1897

1899—ASSISTANT-VISITING AND VISITING SURGEON—1924

THIS TABLET IS ERECTED BY THE VISITING STAFF OF HIS DIVISION, TO WHOM HE HAD ENDEARED HIMSELF BY HIS DEVOTION TO THE DIVISION AND HIS SPIRIT OF JUSTICE IN THE MANAGEMENT OF ITS AFFAIRS, AND BY MANY OTHERS AT BELLEVUE HOSPITAL WHO APPRECIATE HIS FAITHFUL AND EFFICIENT SERVICE OF TWENTY SEVEN YEARS, INCLUDING THE VISITING STAFFS OF THE FOURTH MEDICAL DIVISION AND THE FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD SURGICAL DIVISIONS, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE MEDICAL BOARD, INTERNES AND MEMBERS OF THE TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NURSES.

A STAUNCH FRIEND OF HUMANITY, A DEVOTEE TO DUTY, AN ABLE SURGEON AND EXECUTIVE AND A MAN OF KINDLY PRESENCE.]

I would have you note on this tablet the gladiolas in relief, crossed above the inscription. They are a token of the pastime of Dr. Smith, whose delight it was to personally cultivate a great abundance of these beautifully colored flowers at his country home in Stamford, and bring them on summer mornings to the hospital wards, to gladden and to cheer the lives of the sick.

This tablet is erected by appreciative friends to perpetuate in Bellevue Hospital the memory of Dr. Thomas Allison Smith.

Thomas Allison Smith, a man who took an active part in helping to bring Bellevue Hospital up to its present state of high efficiency.

Thomas Allison Smith, a man who grew up under the influence of the "old school," having spent his earlier years in close friendship with his father, Brigadier-General Andrew Kingsbury Smith, an army surgeon of distinction.

Thomas Allison Smith, a rigid disciplinarian, but with it all a gentleman who enforced the right and truth with simple justice, without rancor. His denunciations were never spoken without justification. His views on discipline must have been influenced by his father's army training, as well as his own training for three years as a cadet at West Point, before he took up the study of medicine.

His relations with the visiting staff of his division are indicated in the words of the inscription: "The

visiting staff . . . to whom he had endeared himself by his devotion to the division, and his spirit of justice in the management of its affairs."

Outstanding characteristics are noted in the inscription below: "A staunch friend of humanity, a devotee to duty, an able surgeon and executive, and a man of kindly presence."

It is in such terms that we well recall to mind our former colleague, Tom Smith.

Tom Smith, a man whom children loved.

Let us say, our ever faithful friend, Tom Smith.

The fourth division now takes pleasure in tendering this memorial tablet into the keeping of the trustees of Bellevue Hospital.

WILLIAM C. LUSK

NEW YORK, N. Y.

SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

THE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF PLANT SCIENCES

INVESTIGATORS and teachers in the plant sciences, representing all aspects of botany, plant chemistry, plant pathology and bacteriology, agronomy, horticulture and forestry, are invited to attend the International Congress of Plant Sciences (Fourth International Botanical Congress) to be held at Ithaca, August 16-23, 1926. This invitation is extended to all countries of the world. An announcement of the meeting was printed in *SCIENCE* for November 6, 1925.

This congress is scheduled to follow the usual academic sessions abroad, also the short summer session of the various universities and colleges in the United States. It is believed to offer the first opportunity ever arranged in the United States for a general conference of all those professionally engaged in plant work. It possesses the additional compelling interest accruing from unrestricted international representation.

In order that a part of the program may be representative of outstanding leadership, the congress will be divided into about one dozen sections, each section with an invitation program occupying about four morning sessions or a little more than one fourth of the available time. These formal programs will be supplemented by another feature that promises also to be of exceptional interest. Ample time will be set apart for round table or informal discussions, which in some cases may be scheduled in advance, and in others may be arranged both as to topics and participation after the congress actually convenes. This is intended to provide for the widest participation in sectional activities. Supplementary opportunities for individual contact and participation are made possible through the non-commercial exhibits and through the

provision for excursions and inspection tours of various types suited to the diverse needs of the different sections.

Although the congress is not to provide an occasion for *legislation* on regulatory matters of international significance (such as nomenclatorial rules) the organizing committee has expressly provided that "adequate opportunity shall be accorded all sections for the *discussion* of regulatory recommendations of international significance," in order that a better understanding may be reached for definite action at a subsequent international congress.

The sections thus far authorized and the secretaries representing these groups is contained in *SCIENCE* for November 6. Communications regarding the congress should be addressed as indicated below:

(1) Concerning round tables and other strictly sectional matters—to the appropriate sectional secretary.

(2) Concerning exhibits and general program matters—L. W. Sharp, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

(3) Concerning excursions, collecting trips, inspection tours, local arrangements, transportation, etc.—H. H. Whetzel, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

(4) Concerning the congress in general.—B. M. Duggar, Missouri Botanical Garden, St. Louis, Mo.

THE ASSOCIATION OF ASPHALT PAVING TECHNOLOGISTS

THE Association of Asphalt Paving Technologists met on January 14, 1926, in the Hotel LaSalle, Chicago. The constitution and by-laws were adopted, officers were elected and committees were appointed. Forty members were present.

In January, 1924, a small group met in Chicago informally for the purpose of discussing such an organization. In January, 1925, a considerably larger group met in Chicago and definitely organized. Francis P. Smith, of Dow & Smith, consulting engineers, New York City, served as chairman of the first meeting. Hugh W. Skidmore, of the Chicago Paving Laboratory, Inc., Chicago, Illinois, was chairman of the 1925 meeting, and Chas. A. Mullen, of the Milton Hersey Co., Ltd., of Montreal, acted as secretary of both meetings. Roy M. Green, of the Western Laboratories, Lincoln, Nebraska, was chairman of the committee which drafted the constitution and by-laws.

The association will collect and distribute technical data pertaining to asphalt paving, encourage and conduct cooperative research work and will serve as a clearing house of ideas presented by its members. The officers for the present year are:

President: Hugh W. Skidmore, president, Chicago Paving Laboratory, Inc.

First Vice-president: Leroy M. Law, chief chemist, New Orleans Refining Co.