

psychiatry in the State University of Iowa, and is being carried out by two groups of workers, a mobile clinical or field group and a scientific or laboratory group.

The function of the field unit is to hold psychiatric clinics in various of the smaller communities of the state where adequate psychiatric service has not been available, and to locate problem material, referring selected cases to the laboratory group for more intensive study. The field unit includes a psychiatrist who is in charge of the clinical examinations, a psychiatric social worker, a psychometrist and a secretary. It is thus equipped to offer consultation in cases of true mental disease and in medico-legal cases of psychiatric bearing, in cases of social maladjustment arising from mental factors and in problems of behavior and intellectual development in school children.

The laboratory unit consists of the director, an executive assistant who also serves as field organizer for the mobile unit, an associate in neuro-anatomy and neuro-pathology, an assistant in neuro-physiology, a teacher to work on experimental methods for correction of special disabilities, a research associate of the National Research Council and a secretary. With the exception of the director all these collaborators are to give their full time to the research program.

The general plan is that of an attack on some of the problems of cerebral dominance through the study of cases of special disabilities in reading, writing and speech, by an analysis of the literature of cerebral anatomy and pathology and by animal experiment.

AMERICAN SCHOOL OF PREHISTORIC RESEARCH

THE American School of Prehistoric Research, of which Professor George Grant MacCurdy, of Yale University, is director, was incorporated recently under the laws of the District of Columbia. Its by-laws provide that the Archaeological Institute of America, the American Anthropological Association, and Section H—Anthropology—of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, shall be represented on its board of trustees.

The purpose of the school is to train students, to assist them as well as other investigators in the prosecution of their work in the field of prehistoric research, and to enrich museums, both in America and in the lands where researches are conducted with the material results of exploration. The board of trustees is authorized to maintain fellowships, instructorships, instruction and research stations, publications, as well as to raise funds for the support of the same and for the endowment of the school; it collaborates with

universities and other scientific organizations both at home and abroad in the advancement of our knowledge of man's cultural and physical evolution.

During the five years of the school's existence, forty-two students have been enrolled, some on full time and others on part time. The students have come from thirteen states (Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Illinois, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Wisconsin), the District of Columbia, and three foreign countries (Australia, England and Mexico).

The sixth summer session of the school will open in London on June 25. The program is so arranged as to combine lectures and work in museums with excursions and actual experience in excavating. In addition to the lectures by the director, conferences will be given on special topics by a number of distinguished specialists.

Dr. MacCurdy will represent the Smithsonian Institution and Yale University as well as the School at the Archaeological Congress to be held in Syria and Palestine from April 2 to 23.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

ARTHUR L. FLAGG, consulting engineer of Phoenix, Arizona, has been elected president of the southwestern division of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Dr. Forrest Shreve, of the Carnegie Institution, was elected vice-president and Dr. D. S. Robbins, of the New Mexico Mechanical and Agricultural College, a member of the executive committee.

PROFESSOR EDWARD S. DANA, of Yale University, has been elected honorary president of the Mineralogical Society of America for life.

DR. CHARLES F. MARVIN, chief of the United States Weather Bureau, has had conferred upon him the decoration of Knight of the first class of the Royal Order of St. Olav by the King of Norway.

DR. J. C. ARTHUR, professor emeritus of botany at Purdue University, has been made an honorary member of the Russian Botanical Society, in the section of mycology, in recognition of his researches on the rust-fungi.

THE Institution of Mining and Metallurgy has awarded the premium of the Consolidated Gold Fields of South Africa, Ltd., amounting to forty guineas, to the paper by Dr. H. C. Boydell, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, on "The Rôle of Colloidal Solutions in the Formation of Mineral Deposits." This premium, which is awarded annually, will be presented at the annual general meeting of the institution on April 15.