

TRIBUTE TO PROFESSOR CHARLES SCHUCHERT

UPON Professor Charles Schuchert's recent return from a sojourn in Texas, he was presented with an engrossed copy of the following tribute from his colleagues:

The curators of the Peabody Museum gladly avail themselves of the opportunity afforded them by Professor Schuchert's retirement to place on record their appreciation of his long and devoted service to the Museum and to Yale.

Coming to Yale from the United States National Museum in 1904 to succeed Professor Beecher as professor of paleontology and curator of the geological collections, Professor Schuchert's museum duties at once became threefold, for this curatorship carried with it the administrative direction of the museum and in addition he was elected secretary of the board of trustees.

As curator, Professor Schuchert's interests lay chiefly in the field of invertebrate paleontology, and through his efforts the collections along these lines have been more than doubled. Many of these were secured in connection with his own studies, notably those from the early Devonian of Europe, the early Silurian of Ontario, the Devonian of Gaspé Peninsula, the Silurian of New Brunswick, the vast collections from the Ordovician of western Newfoundland, and those from the Pennsylvanian of the oil fields of Oklahoma and Texas. Other collections made under his direction by graduate students have formed the basis of monographic studies pursued under his guidance, such, for example, as the great collections from Anticosti Island, from the Silurian strata of Arisaig, and from the Devonian of Oklahoma and of Tennessee. Still other collections have been secured for projected studies. In many instances these were obtained at slight or no cost to the museum, and frequently at Professor Schuchert's own personal expense, for when funds were lacking to make desirable purchases or to send good students into the field, his generosity met the need. In addition to this material increase in the way of collections, his researches have brought honor and distinction to the institution he has so faithfully served.

As an administrator, Professor Schuchert has been an equally devoted and able leader, always interested in the several departments of the museum and sympathetic toward their needs. His never-failing enthusiasm and his singular devotion to the pursuits of science have always been an inspiration to students and to colleagues alike. During his administration, he never ceased to keep before the university authorities the need for a new museum, and when this building became a probability, he devoted much time to consideration of plans for it. It was one of the many unforeseen results of the great war that it did not fall to his lot to carry those plans into execution, for the two years that were expected to elapse between the demolition of the old museum and the construction of the new lengthened into seven. He therefore relinquished his administrative duties in 1922, but at the urgent request of his colleagues retained his curatorship

and his trusteeship until the new museum was completed.

In his retirement from the service of the museum, Professor Schuchert carries with him the affectionate esteem of his fellow-workers and their wish that he may have many more years of joyful labor upon the researches to which he is now devoted.

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SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

DR. FREDERICK P. GAY, professor of bacteriology in Columbia University, College of Physicians and Surgeons, has accepted appointment as American visiting professor to Belgium for 1926-1927. The appointment was made by the C. R. B. Educational Foundation, Inc., established by the commission for relief in Belgium. Professor Harlow Shapley, director of the Harvard College Observatory, is the visiting professor for the present year and is now in Belgium.

DR. JABEZ NORTH JACKSON, of Kansas City, president of the Southwest Medical Association, has been elected president of the American Medical Association, succeeding Dr. Wendell Phillips, of New York. The next annual meeting is to be held in Washington, D. C.

THE honorary degree of doctor of laws will be conferred upon Professor Niels Bohr, of Copenhagen, by the University of Edinburgh in June.

SIR JAMES FRAZER, professor of social anthropology at the University of Liverpool, has been made a commander of the Legion of Honor by the French government.

THE Bessemer Gold Medal for 1926 of the British Iron and Steel Institute has been awarded to Sir Hugh Bell. We learn from *Nature* that the medal, the award of which is made in recognition of outstanding services in the advancement of the art of the manufacture of iron and steel, will be presented to Sir Hugh Bell at the annual meeting of the institute on May 6, by the incoming president, Sir W. Peter Rylands.

THE proceeds of the Daniel-Pidgeon Fund of the Geological Society of London for 1926 have been awarded to Dr. David Williams, who proposes to investigate the geology of the country between Snowdon and the Carneddys.

DR. L. FREDERICQ, Liège, has been elected to fill the vacancy from the death of Bergonié in the list of corresponding members of the French Academy of Sciences.