

HERBERT FRANKLIN DAVISON

HERBERT F. DAVISON, assistant professor of inorganic chemistry at Brown University, suddenly stricken with a cerebral hemorrhage, passed away at his home in Providence, April 28, 1926.

Professor Davison was born in Pawtucket, R. I., in 1881. He was graduated from the Churchill grammar school in 1897, Pawtucket high school in 1901 and Brown University in 1905, subsequently receiving the master of arts degree from his alma mater. Since that time he was a teacher of elementary chemistry—first at a private school in Concord, Mass., and then for many years at the Pawtucket high school. There he was assistant principal when he resigned in 1918 to come to Brown, where he had charge of the courses in freshman chemistry.

He was a member of the University Glee Club, the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, the Society of the Sigma Xi and the American Chemical Society.

In July, 1924, Professor Davison was married to Miss Daisy Capron, of Pawtucket, who was previously a teacher of domestic science in the Pawtucket high school. They made their home in the east side section of Providence.

As assistant professor of chemistry at his alma mater he won marked distinction as a demonstrator of the facts, utility and beauty of the science, and had the rare ability of exciting and sustaining in his students a love for scientific study. Many have been the careers in chemistry that had their beginning in his class room.

Professor Davison felt that teaching is one of the highest callings, and if enthusiasm, high ideals, command of his subject, hard work and ability to interest his students, are necessary in that calling, he certainly qualified as one of the best. He was perfectly happy when advising and helping his students, or when devising and trying out a new lecture table experiment to illustrate a principle in chemistry. At such demonstrations he was an adept, and many of his experiments with simple apparatus have been shown in his inimitable way to clubs and societies throughout New England. In this way he acquainted a large number of people with the meaning and workings of chemistry in daily life.

He worked just as hard and faithfully at his avocation—the growing of perfect apples. At his country home in Dudley, Mass., he had a splendid young orchard that gave him recreation and satisfaction in creative work.

One outstanding trait of his Christian character was positiveness. The doubting or negative side did not appeal to him. He was a positive ion, always charged, always pushing forward, always seeking the eternal truth. Stricken in the prime of life, in one

short moment after a day of pleasant labor, he leaves a host of friends who deeply mourn his passing.

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SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

THE SCIENCE EXHIBITION AT THE PHILADELPHIA MEETING OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

PREPARATIONS are in progress for the next annual science exhibition of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, which is to be an important part of the fifth Philadelphia meeting of the association, to occur next winter in convocation week, shortly after the close of the Sesqui-centennial celebration. It is planned that the main exhibition will be housed in the gymnasium of the University of Pennsylvania, in close proximity to the meeting places of the sections and societies. The registration offices and the offices of the publicity service for the meeting are to be in the same building, so that all who register, as well as the press representatives who attend the meeting, will find the exhibition conveniently located. It is hoped that the exhibition will be visited by every person in attendance at this meeting, which promises to be exceptionally large and comprehensive.

The exhibition will include recently developed scientific apparatus, materials and methods and recently published books in scientific fields. It is safe to predict that it will be even more successful than was the exhibition at the Kansas City meeting last year. The exhibits will be of three general kinds according to the method of entry: (a) commercial exhibits (including apparatus, materials and publications shown by manufacturers and dealers), (b) formally invited exhibits and demonstrations, from individual men of science and research laboratories and institutions, and (c) voluntary exhibits of non-commercial character contributed by individuals and research laboratories.

Assignments are now being made to commercial exhibitors, who will pay a reasonable charge in proportion to the space taken; inquiries and applications for space should be made as soon as possible to Major H. S. Kimberley, manager of the Philadelphia Exhibition of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Smithsonian Institution Building, Washington, D. C. As at the Kansas City exhibition, the fees paid by commercial exhibitors are to go into a special exhibition fund from which all expenses of the main exhibition are to be paid. Remittances for space are to be made to the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the permanent secretary's office will keep the accounts and make all disbursements from the exhibition fund.

Prominent places in the exhibition will be given to the formally invited exhibits. It is hoped that this

feature will constitute a striking and representative demonstration of recent progress in the main scientific fields. Each section of the association is asked to make suggestions and recommendations as to the most important recent achievements in its field and invitations to individuals or laboratories will be issued from the permanent secretary's office after the suggestions have been examined and selections have been made by the committee on the Philadelphia exhibition. From the viewpoint of individual workers in scientific research this feature of formally invited demonstrations will be of paramount importance and it is specially necessary that well-considered section recommendations for the use of the exhibition committee be made just as promptly as may be. Each section secretary is asked to take up this very important matter with his section committee and to send the recommendations of the section to the permanent secretary's office before October 1. Suggestions as to possible invitations are requested from members of the association or of associated organizations; they should be sent to the proper section secretary or to the permanent secretary, who will forward them to the proper section secretary in each case. With adequate cooperation by men and women of science and by the section officers it will be possible for the invitations to be restricted to research workers or laboratories that have previously received recommendations from the sections. Of course the aim is to consider as possible exhibitors by formal invitation those who have recently made the most outstanding contributions to scientific progress.

Voluntary exhibits, of non-commercial character, will be accommodated as far as possible and no fees will be charged for their entry. Research institutions and individual scientific workers who are members of the association are asked, if they wish to take part, to make application for needed space just as soon as possible, addressing these applications to the permanent secretary. A concise and informing account of the proposed exhibit should accompany each application, stating the kind and nature of the objects to be displayed and the sort and amount of space required. The use of charts, diagrams and ordinary photographs, which require wall space and are not generally very attractive in an exhibition of this kind, should be avoided or restricted as far as possible, excepting in special cases. General attractiveness and scientific importance are both to be considered. Assignments of space for voluntary exhibits will be made by the exhibition committee about October 1 and all applications for space should be in the permanent secretary's hands considerably before that date. It is hoped that one or more exhibition prizes may be awarded to voluntary individual exhibitors whose contributions are of special merit.

The helpful cooperation of all association members and all members of other American scientific organizations, as well as others who are interested in the advancement of science and scientific education, will be needed in order that the Philadelphia science exhibition may be properly successful. The exhibition feature has gained remarkably in importance and value and attractiveness at recent annual meetings of the association and this development of association activity promises to continue. With the excellent and cordial publicity now given to the association meetings by the daily press throughout the country, the annual science exhibition bids fair to become very far-reaching in its influence.

BURTON E. LIVINGSTON,
Permanent Secretary

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE FOUNDING OF THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY

PLANS for the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Johns Hopkins University on October 22 and 23 have been announced. The main events of the celebration will be the dedication of the new \$1,000,000 building of the School of Hygiene and Public Health, a series of conferences to be addressed by leaders in the social and natural sciences, exercises commemorating the fiftieth anniversary and an alumni banquet.

Representatives of England, France and Germany will take part in the celebration. Dr. Andrew Balfour, director of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, will speak at the dedication of the School of Hygiene and Public Health Building. Professor F. Neufeld, of Berlin, director of the Institute for Infectious Diseases, will deliver the De Lamar memorial lecture. M. L. Levy-Bruhl, professor of the history of modern philosophy at the Sorbonne, is to make the principal address at the exercises commemorating the foundation of the philosophical faculty in 1876.

Newton D. Baker, former secretary of war; Edwin G. Conklin, professor of biology at Princeton University; Gordon J. Laing, dean of the graduate school of arts and literature at the University of Chicago, and Charles R. Bardeen, dean of the medical school of the University of Wisconsin, will be the speakers at the alumni banquet.

Dr. Ira Remsen, the only survivor of the seven professors who were members of the faculty when the university was opened in 1876, will attend the celebration. He was the first professor of chemistry and the second president of the university. William M. Burton, president of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, one of Dr. Remsen's students in the early