

bia University, was opened with formal ceremonies on September 22.

The school, a post-graduate institution, to be maintained jointly by the University of Porto Rico and Columbia University, officially greeted a Columbia delegation consisting of Stephen G. Williams, representing the trustees; Dean Frederick J. E. Woodbridge, representing the university, and Dean William Darrach, representing the College of Physicians and Surgeons. The delegation welcoming them included Dr. Robert A. Lambert, director of the school; Antonio R. Barcelo, president of the trustees of the University of Porto Rico and president of the Porto Rican Senate, and Chancellor Benner.

The principal addresses at the inauguration of the school were given by Horace M. Towner, governor of Porto Rico; Don Barcelo and Dean Darrach.

Associated with Dr. Lambert for the year 1926-27 is a group of thirty-seven professors, instructors and resident and visiting lecturers, eight on full time and the rest on part time. Among them are Dr. Donald H. Cook, from Columbia; Dr. William A. Hoffman, from the Johns Hopkins; Dr. Pedro N. Ortiz, from Boston, Commissioner of Sanitation and Health of Porto Rico; Dr. Antonio Fernos Isern, from Maryland; Dr. Luis G. Hernandez, from Michigan; Dr. George C. Payne, from the Johns Hopkins and the International Health Board of the Rockefeller Foundation; Dr. Bailey K. Ashford, and Dr. Earl B. McKinley and Dr. Calvin B. Coulter, both of Columbia.

Twenty-two courses are being offered in bacteriology, mycology, pathology, chemistry, medical zoology, public health and transmissible diseases, and tropical medicine and surgery.

THE ERIC KNIGHT JORDAN FELLOWSHIPS IN GEOLOGY

DR. AND MRS. DAVID STARR JORDAN have lately established a fund for research fellowships to be known as the Eric Knight Jordan Research Fellowships in Geology. To the sum of \$5,000 already turned over to Stanford University the founders expect to add later, and they cherish the hope that friends of their son as well as of themselves may in time make further contributions.

With this gift, two stipulations only are made:

First: that the name of Eric Knight Jordan shall be perpetuated in the foundation, it being believed that he gave promise of becoming a rare worker in geology, his chosen subject;

Second: that the principal sum be forever kept inviolate, only its earnings to be used for any purpose whatsoever.

In accepting the original gift on behalf of the university, President Wilbur made the following comment:

As years go on Eric Jordan's name will be a source of inspiration to many workers in his own field of geology, in which he had already achieved signal successes, although a young man, and in which he gave promise of a brilliant future. The conditions of the gift are, I think, the wisest I have yet seen in any scholarship or fellowship foundation because they permit sufficient elasticity to meet changing conditions.

Knowing that among Stanford men and women there are some who will be glad to join with Dr. and Mrs. Jordan in the purpose specified, we would call attention to this foundation for geological research in memory of a son of Stanford's first president.

JAMES PERRIN SMITH,
ROBERT VAN VLECK ANDERSON,
LEO GEORGE HERTLEIN

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

THE University of Cambridge will commemorate on October 5 the tercentenary of the death of Francis Bacon. Dr. C. D. Broad will give an address and there will be a reception and dinner at Trinity College. Honorary degrees will be conferred upon Sir Ernest Rutherford and Professor William Holdsworth.

IN connection with the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Johns Hopkins University, a volume of the *Journal of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics* will be issued in honor of Dr. John J. Abel, its founder, who has since 1891 been identified with the university. The volume contains forty articles filling about 550 pages. The contributors are all colleagues, friends or students of Dr. Abel, including among foreign men of science the late Arthur R. Cushny, David I. Macht, Hans H. Meyer, Carl Voegtlin, Archibald V. Hill, P. J. Hanzlik, E. M. K. Geiling and Paul D. Lamson.

THE Russian Academy of Sciences is planning a celebration in honor of the twenty-fifth anniversary of Professor J. P. Pawlow's first announcement in regard to conditioned reflexes.

THE Chicago Chapter of the English Speaking Union arranged a luncheon for Sir James Colquhoun Irvine on September 16.

DR. FRITZ PANETH, professor of inorganic chemistry at the University of Berlin, has been elected non-resident lecturer in chemistry at Cornell University for the coming term.

PROFESSOR V. H. BLACKMAN, Professor F. G. Donnan and Professor F. A. Lindemann have been appointed by Order of Council dated August 20 to be members of the advisory council to the Committee of the Privy Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, in succession to members who have retired on the completion of their terms of office.