

Young, bow and arrow expert; Robert E. Peary, son of Admiral Peary, discoverer of the North Pole; Carl Dunrud, cowboy of Sweet Grass, Montana; Maurice Kellerman, of Pathé; Edward Manley, radio-operator; Fred Linekiller, taxidermist, and David Binney Putnam, thirteen-year-old son of the director.

#### GRANTS FROM THE LAURA SPELMAN ROCKEFELLER MEMORIAL

APPROPRIATIONS made by the Laura Spelman Rockefeller Memorial during 1925 included the sum of \$787,800 in the field of child study. Appropriations made in the field of the social sciences were listed in the last issue of *SCIENCE*. In child study appropriations were made to the University of Iowa of \$148,500 over a five-year period; to the University of Minnesota, \$250,000 over a five-year period; and in Canada, to McGill University, \$51,500 over a five-year period; and to the University of Toronto, \$52,000 over a five-year period. In each of these institutions the plan of research on child problems involves interdepartmental collaboration, and the research program is closely articulated with experiments in methods of instruction of parents. The funds voted by the memorial to these institutions are used primarily to provide research assistance and research facilities, the principal research personnel having been already available at these centers.

Other appropriations for research in the field of child development include the Bureau of Educational Experiments, \$9,000 to complete a series of investigations which have continued with support from other sources for many years; Yale University, \$1,800 for research assistance in connection with Dr. Gesell's experiments. To Smith College, \$36,000 over a three-year period was voted to promote study in the co-ordination of women's interests, under the direction of Dr. Ethel Puffer Howes.

A number of appropriations have their particular emphasis on problems of parental instruction rather than research. Funds were voted to Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, \$22,500 over a three-year period, for instruction of state extension agents; to Cornell University, \$62,000 over a four-year period; to the State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, University of Georgia, \$12,000 over a three-year period, for assistance to the Georgia Parent-Teacher Association; to the Child Study Association, \$4,000 toward the preparation of teaching materials, and to the American Home Economics Association, \$34,000 over a five-year period, to examine the trend in home economics teaching, particularly in relation to content bearing on problems of child development.

To Teachers College, Columbia University, \$50,000

was voted in addition to sums hitherto reported in behalf of the Institute of Child Welfare Research.

To the Institute J. J. Rousseau of the University of Geneva, \$15,000 over a three-year period was voted to provide research assistance and facilities in connection with the institute's researches on child problems.

Provision was made for fellowships to the amount of \$38,000 for individuals for research in this field, or for instruction in methods of parental education. Such fellowships will be handled in the future through the Committee on Child Development of the National Research Council.

#### SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

DR. WILLIAM H. WELCH has resigned the directorship of the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health to accept a full-time chair in the history of medicine in the medical school, which has been endowed by a gift of \$200,000 from the General Education Board. Dr. William H. Howell, professor of physiology and assistant director of the school, will succeed Dr. Welch as director.

IN connection with the recent Johns Hopkins half-century celebration a dinner was given to Dr. John J. Abel, professor of pharmacology in the university, by his former pupils and some of the other contributors to a *Festschrift* recently published in his honor. On this occasion took place the formal presentation of a Morocco bound copy of the volume, which had been issued as Volume XXIX of the *Journal of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics*, which Dr. Abel founded in 1909 and which he continues to edit. Among the contributors to the volume are some of the leading scientific men of Europe and the United States. Congratulatory telegrams and cables were received from Dr. Abel's many friends and colleagues in this country and in Europe.

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY has announced plans to raise a fund of \$50,000 for research in vertebrate paleontology, in honor of Professor William Berryman Scott, senior member of the Princeton faculty and head of the department of paleontology.

ON the occasion of the opening exercises of its new building, the New York Academy of Medicine will give a dinner on November 17 at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, in honor of twenty-two newly elected honorary fellows, each of whom has been selected on account of his contributions to medical science in the last twenty years. The new honorary fellows are: Robert Barany, Upsala; Charles James Martin, London; Sir Charles Sherrington, Oxford; Marin T. Tuffier, Paris; Josef Jadassohn, Breslau; Friedrich Neufeld, Berlin;