

President Mason said:

Perhaps the most striking feature of the whole program is the establishment on the campus of the university of clinical departments which are to function in the graduate school of science. This makes the medical sciences a definite and integral part of the university, tying them up in a very effective way with premedical sciences which have been highly developed in University of Chicago laboratories.

Buildings rapidly nearing completion will provide laboratories for physiology, physiological chemistry and pharmacology, medicine, surgery and pathology, the Albert Merritt Billings Hospital, and the Max Epstein clinic. These units, according to Dr. Franklin McLean, head of the department of medicine, will give the University of Chicago facilities for teaching and research in these subjects second to none in America.

As an integral part of the medical program will be conducted the work of the Douglas Smith Foundation for Medical Research, supported from the income of this \$1,000,000 fund.

SMITHSONIAN RADIO TALKS

As a result of the taking over by the Radio Corporation of America during the summer of Station WEAJ in New York and the discontinuance of Station WCAP in Washington, the radio situation in Washington became somewhat involved.

From Station WCAP Station WRC in Washington acquired the scientific talks of the National Research Council and of Science Service, as well as the interesting talks on natural history subjects arranged by Mr. Percival S. Ridsdale.

As WRC was already running the regular Smithsonian series of talks and the nature talks from the National Zoological Park some readjustment was necessary, as it was not practicable to give out so many more or less similar talks from a single station.

The situation was still further complicated by the fact that WRC had now become the Washington outlet for Station WEAJ as well as for WJZ in New York.

The closest cooperation has from the first existed between the managers of all these series of scientific talks. Station WRC was having considerable difficulty in arranging its program, and especially in satisfying the demands for time from the two stations in New York.

The representatives of the Smithsonian Institution, the National Research Council and Science Service therefore asked the station to regard all the scientific talks collectively as a single unit and to allot to them

such time as they wished, which allotment they would divide up among themselves.

Mr. Ridsdale's talks were of a somewhat different nature from the others, and could not well be combined with them. But in order to show the cooperation that existed between him and the managers of the other series, the director of the Smithsonian talks accompanied him to the station and introduced him to the staff on his first appearance over WRC.

The National Research Council decided to discontinue its series, and after a few talks Mr. Ridsdale also discontinued his. Science Service shortly after transferred its talks to Station WMAL, from which station they will be given beginning on Thursday, November 18, under the management of Dr. James Stokely.

This leaves the situation as it was heretofore, with the Smithsonian Institution the only organization giving scientific talks from WRC.

For the present the regular Smithsonian series and the nature talks from the National Zoological Park will be combined in a single weekly series which will be given on Wednesday evenings beginning on November 24.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA

THE thirty-ninth annual meeting of the Geological Society of America will be held Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 27 to 29, 1926, at Madison, Wis., by invitation of the University of Wisconsin and the State Geological Survey.

The headquarters for registration and rooms will be in agricultural hall, University of Wisconsin. Members of the local reception committee will meet incoming trains and direct arriving fellows and visitors to their rooms and headquarters. The scientific sessions will be held in the auditorium of agricultural hall. Conversation, smoking and exhibition rooms will be provided.

The address of the retiring president, Andrew C. Lawson, will be delivered in agricultural hall, on Monday, December 27, at 8 p. m. A complimentary smoker will be held in the university refectory, on Monday, December 27, at 9 p. m. The regular annual dinner of the society will be held on Tuesday evening at 7 p. m., in the university refectory.

Accommodations for 250 or more guests will be provided in Tripp hall, one of the new dormitories for men. All rooms are single. Meals will be served for these guests at the university restaurant.

All sessions are open to the general public, but the council requests that the names and addresses of persons who are interested in geology and are de-

serving of recognition as visitors be sent to the secretary. The council will then invite them to attend the meeting.

The Paleontological Society will hold its eighteenth annual meeting at Madison, in room 305, agricultural hall, in conjunction with the Geological Society of America. The Mineralogical Society of America will hold its seventh annual meeting at Madison, in Room 206, agricultural hall, in conjunction with the Geological Society of America. Full information regarding this meeting may be obtained from the society's secretary, F. R. Van Horn, Case School of Applied Science, Cleveland, Ohio. The Society of Economic Geologists will hold a meeting for the presentation of technical papers in association with the Geological Society of America. The sessions will be held in Room 314, Agricultural Hall.

Further information may be obtained from the secretary, Professor Charles P. Berkey, Columbia University.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

DR. JAMES FURMAN KEMP, professor of geology at Columbia University, died on November 17, aged sixty-seven years.

ON the occasion of the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of its foundation, the Royal Geographical Society of Antwerp has conferred its gold medal on Sir Francis Younghusband. Sir Francis was present and spoke on "British Colonization in South Africa."

DR. KARL DIENER, professor of paleontology at the University of Vienna, has been elected a foreign member of the Geological Society of London and Dr. Otto Jaekel, professor of geology and paleontology at the University of Greifswald, has been elected a corresponding member.

DR. ARNOLD SOMMERFELD, professor of theoretical physics at the University of Munich, has been elected a foreign corresponding member of the Royal Society of London and an honorary member of the Manchester Literary and Philosophical Society.

THE Darmstädter prize of the Institute for Experimental Chemotherapy is to be awarded this year for the first time. The recipient is Professor R. Pfeiffer, of the University of Breslau, discoverer of bacteriolytins, of the influenza bacillus and of Pfeiffer's phenomenon.

DR. OTTO KNOPF, professor of astronomy at the University of Jena and director of the observatory, recently celebrated his seventieth birthday.

FORMER students of Dr. Edward Orton, pioneer in the field of ceramics and former dean of the college

of engineering at the Ohio State University, have made an initial gift of \$3,524 to establish a fellowship to be known as the "Edward Orton Fellowship in Ceramic Engineering." When through accrued interest and additional gifts the amount reaches \$10,000 the income will be awarded annually to promising students in ceramics.

DR. GUIDO H. MARX, professor of machine design at Stanford University, has been chosen chairman of the Northern California Division of the American Civil Liberties Union.

HENRY H. HENLINE, associate professor of electrical engineering at Stanford University, has been appointed assistant national secretary of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers and will join the headquarters staff of the institute in New York City about January 1.

DR. F. C. FORSBECK, formerly of the Rockefeller Foundation, has been appointed to the position made vacant by the resignation of Dr. W. G. Weber as epidemiologist in the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

DR. HENRY S. SIMMS has been transferred from the division of chemistry of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research in New York City to the department of animal pathology of the same institute, Princeton, N. J., where he has charge of the division of chemistry.

DR. C. JUDSON HERRICK, professor of neurology in the University of Chicago and managing editor of the *Journal of Comparative Neurology*, expects to spend the months of December, January and February in Europe. During his absence correspondence relating to the *Journal of Comparative Neurology* should be addressed to one of the other members of the editorial board of the journal or to the publication office. All proofs should be returned directly to the publication office at the Wistar Institute, Philadelphia.

DR. BAILEY WILLIS, professor of geology at Stanford University, is making a trip around the world.

DR. A. S. WILLARS, National Research fellow in photochemistry at Harvard University, has gone to Germany to spend a year working at the Institute of Physics at Göttingen under the direction of Professor J. Franck.

DR. ALICE HAMILTON, assistant professor of industrial medicine in the school of public health at Harvard University, will be on sabbatical leave for the academic year 1926-27. Her course in industrial toxicology is given by Professor Edgar L. Collis, from the University of Wales, Cardiff.