

striking comments which he made at various times in relation to the germ theory and the antiseptic system, and, in fact, upon things in general, have been grouped in a chapter under the heading "Obiter dicta." A section of particular interest is that dealing with the lives of Lister's fellow residents in the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary during the summer of 1854, a group which included Beddoe, Christison and Kirk—men who won distinction in widely differing fields. This chapter has been contributed by Dr. Logan Turner. A chapter entitled "Surgery Prior to Lister's Time" is written by Mr. Alexander Miles, while an article on the influence of Lister's work on surgery is contributed by Professor Fraser; Professor Sharpey-Schafer deals with Lister's work as a physiologist. The volume, which will contain from 180 to 200 pages quarto, is illustrated, and, except in so far as reproduction of certain letters and published articles is concerned, the matter is original.

The residences which Lister occupied while in Edinburgh have hitherto been undistinguished by any memorial inscription. The committee considered the present a suitable opportunity to remedy what may have seemed to many an omission. With the generous consent of the proprietors concerned, short indicatory inscriptions are being placed upon the wall of 11, Rutland Street, and 9, Charlotte Square.

A donation of £25 was received by the committee, the donor desiring that this sum should be awarded as a prize for the best essay submitted on the subject "The Influence of Lister on Surgery." To the original prize the committee has added a gold medal, and this award is open to students and graduates of not more than one year's standing of any medical school in the British Empire. It is intended that the award of the prize and medal shall be made by Lord Balfour at the Lister centenary meeting on July 20.

YALE-IN-CHINA

THE trustees of Yale-in-China have issued a statement announcing the resignation of President Edward H. Hume, to take effect in July. They report:

The trustees and Dr. Hume have long felt that executive control of the colleges at Changsha should pass into Chinese hands as early as possible. With this thought in mind every encouragement was given to the creation of a Chinese board of managers for the Medical College, the new board taking complete control in the spring of 1925, when Dr. F. C. Yen, a distinguished Chinese medical graduate of Yale University, became principal.

In order to make Chinese leadership effective in the College of Arts and Sciences as well, a policy in which the trustees and Dr. Hume are fully in accord, the resignation of President Hume was offered to the board of trustees on June 24, 1926, and was accepted in October. Negotiations for a Chinese successor were in progress, and

it was hoped that announcement of an election could be made at the same time as that of Dr. Hume's resignation. The unfortunate events of the past few months have interrupted these efforts, but it is hoped to renew them as soon as practicable.

President Hume was called from a post with the United States Public Health Service in Bombay to lay the foundations of the medical work at Changsha in 1905. Until 1910 he was the only medical member of the staff, being joined in the latter year by Dr. F. C. Yen.

On October 18, 1915, the corner-stone of the new hospital at Yale-in-China was laid by Professor William H. Welch, of the Johns Hopkins Medical School, the building being opened to patients in February, 1918. Dr. Hume continued as dean of the Medical College and professor of medicine from 1914 to 1923, when he was elected president of the colleges of Yale-in-China.

In accepting President Hume's resignation, the trustees placed on record their appreciation of his conspicuous service during the past twenty-two years, in a special resolution:

Dr. Hume was among the first to put into effect a policy of partnership with the Chinese in medical education. Through his efforts he has been instrumental in developing one of the outstanding medical schools in the Far East. With a remarkable knowledge of the Chinese language and eloquence in using it, he has won for Yale-in-China many needed friendships. His Christian character, his strong faith, and ceaseless activity have kindled the enthusiasm of his colleagues and other workers throughout China.

ORGANIZATION OF A LOUISIANA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

A LOUISIANA Academy of Sciences was recently organized by Dr. I. Maizlish, head of the physics department at Centenary College, Shreveport, La. The object of the organization is to unite the scientists of the state, to foster scientific development and to encourage scientific research. The organization meeting was held conjointly with that of the Louisiana-Mississippi Section of the Mathematical Association of America at Centenary College, March 5, 1927. Those attending the meeting were very enthusiastic about the academy.

The officers elected are as follows:

President: Dr. I. Maizlish, Centenary College, Shreveport, La.

Vice-President: Dr. H. L. Smith, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, La.

Secretary: Professor Geo. Williamson, Louisiana State Normal College, Natchitoches, La.

Treasurer: Mr. F. M. Witherspoon, care of Louisiana Oil Refining Corporation, Shreveport, La.

Members of the Executive Council: Dr. H. V. Howe, Louisiana State University; Professor S. T. Sanders, Louisiana State University; Dean C. C. Bass, Tulane University; Professor H. E. Buchanan, Tulane University; Professor G. C. Hilman, Louisiana Polytechnic Institute; Professor A. C. Maddox, Louisiana State Normal College; Professor A. M. Alvarado, Loyola University; Professor Geo. M. Reynolds, Centenary College; Dr. Hubert G. Shaw, Louisiana College; Professor D. J. McNaspy, Southwestern Louisiana Institute; Mr. W. C. Spooner, Shreveport, La.; Mr. C. D. Evans, Shreveport, La.; Mr. Chas. Shutts, Lake Charles, La.; Dr. A. A. Herold, Shreveport, La.; Mr. F. J. Mechlin, Shreveport, La.

Membership Committee: President A. B. Dinwiddie, Tulane University; Dr. D. V. Guthrie, Louisiana State University; Dean Jno. A. Hardin, Centenary College.

SCHOOL OF FORESTRY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

THE 1927 State Legislature is to be asked to appropriate sufficient funds to establish a separate school of forestry at the University of Michigan, and if this is granted, Samuel T. Dana, director of Northeastern Forest Experiment Station, will be appointed dean. In making this announcement, Dr. Little made the following statements:

It is high time that the University of Michigan should assume its proper rôle in the program of work in conservation which the state is to undertake. The university always has attempted to do its share in this matter but now feels, as never before, the very great importance of placing all such work on a very much more firm and extensive basis than it has hitherto occupied.

The conservation, reproduction and economic utilization of forests for industrial, recreational and educational purposes is one of the cornerstones of a permanent program of constructive general conservation and economy for the state.

It is believed that the state rightly will demand and provide the opportunity for leadership in this field from its university. Conservation of natural resources will insure adequate raw products to stabilize economic conditions, investigation of the problems of tree reproduction both under controlled and under natural conditions, the reforestation of waste areas by planting the proper development of the forest with its wild life as recreational factors in a highly industrialized state, and the utilization of the forests as sites for summer camp and educational work, are all of them phases of conservation in which the university can and should serve the state. Research work and the training of leaders in these fields will be necessary. The utilization of wood and wood products should be made the object of further investigation and of instruction.

To do this the university hopes next September to be able to establish as one of its branches a new school with S. T. Dana, now director of the Northeastern Forest Experiment Station, as its head. Mr. Dana is splendidly

qualified as a scholar and executive to take charge of this work. He believes in service to the state and it is fair to assume that with adequate financial support the school, under his guidance, will set a standard for the state and I most earnestly hope for the country as a whole.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

WILLIAM HEALEY DALL, paleontologist of the U. S. Geological Survey since 1885 and honorary curator of the Division of Mollusks of the U. S. National Museum since 1869, died in Washington on March 27, aged eighty-two years.

PROFESSOR CHARLES SPRAGUE SARGENT, director of the Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University since 1872 and professor of arboriculture since 1879, has died on March 22 at the age of eighty-six years.

DR. WILLIAM H. WELCH, who resigned his position as director of the School of Hygiene and Public Health at the Johns Hopkins University to accept the chair of history of medicine, established last November by the General Education Board, will be in charge of a new library of medical history. This library, which is to contain 400,000 volumes, is being equipped with the aid of \$750,000 received by the university from the General Education Board.

PROFESSOR JULIAN LOWELL COOLIDGE, of the division of mathematics of Harvard University, has been appointed exchange professor to France. He will lecture on algebraic plane curves and conduct a seminar in the Sorbonne.

PROFESSOR VICTOR C. VAUGHAN, of the University of Michigan, has been chosen by a committee representing the Medical Corps of the Army, Navy, Public Health Service and the American Public Health Association as the lecturer of the Kober Foundation at Georgetown University, and delivered a lecture on "The Chemistry of Living Substances and its Adaptability to its Environment," on March 28.

DR. LIBERTY HYDE BAILEY, retiring president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, has been awarded the George Robert White medal of honor for 1927 by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society in acknowledgment of his achievements in horticulture.

DR. HUBERT WORK, secretary of the interior, was the principal speaker at the charter day exercises of the University of California on March 23. Dr. Work was accompanied by Dr. Elwood Mead, head of the United States reclamation service. They plan to go from San Francisco to Honolulu to attend the Pan-American Congress.