

ing the enactment of the forest research bill now pending in congress.

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*Secretary-Treasurer*

### RESOLUTIONS ON THE DEATH OF DR. FRANCIS W. PEABODY

THE following resolutions on the death of Dr. Francis Weld Peabody have been passed by the trustees of the Boston City Hospital:

By the death of Dr. Francis Weld Peabody the Boston City Hospital has lost a distinguished member of its staff. As director of the Thorndike Laboratory, which was established to prove that the study of disease and research into its causes was as necessary a function of a municipal hospital as of one privately endowed, his success has become a part of the hospital's history and the Thorndike Laboratory, under his guidance, has occupied a foremost place among institutions of its kind. His scientific imagination, intellectual capacity, mental balance and persevering zeal brought him fame as an investigator, while his generous encouragement of his assistants and his appreciative support of their efforts created an organization which would reflect credit on any hospital. His brief seven years of service not only demonstrated the wisdom of the experiment, but it founded a tradition whose effect can not be lost. His interest never flagged during his long illness, and through it all he remained the directing force. He never lost his sense of values in his enthusiasm for research, and in his relations with his patient he was preeminently the good physician. He healed when it was possible, but always he comforted. He was an eminent teacher for he sensed the difficulties of his students. Never didactic, he showed them the way to solve their own problems. Meanwhile he instilled the highest ideals of the art of medicine. His life was one of steady growth, and ever widening influence. His attractive personality and forgetfulness of self, his sympathy and understanding helpfulness, bound his colleagues to him with the strongest ties of affection. Young men found in him an inspiration, while the older leaders of the profession, in which he had become a master, saw in him the bearer of the torch which they were laying down. His life must be measured not by the number of his years, but by the record of his accomplishments, and by the heritage of his example. His character combined the strong qualities of his New England ancestry, softened by tolerance and charity, and nowhere was it better shown than in the courage with which for months he faced the inevitable end.

The trustees of the Boston City Hospital, in placing on record their appreciation of the high qualities of the man, and of his work, wish to express their realization of the great loss which the community has suffered. They share the sorrow of the multitude of his friends, and extend to his family their heartfelt sympathy.

### THE NINTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF PSYCHOLOGY

AN International Congress of Psychology will be held at Yale University, New Haven, in the late summer of 1929. After eight European congresses, beginning in Paris in 1889, it has been decided to meet in America, following an invitation extended by the American Psychological Association at the time of the Philadelphia meeting a year ago. This having been accepted by the international committee, plans for the conduct of the congress were drawn up by a committee of the association, and these were finally adopted at the recent Columbus meeting.

The control of the arrangements for the conduct of the meeting has been delegated to a national committee of twenty-one psychologists, eighteen of whom, including the three principal officers, were elected by a nominating committee and a formal ballot from members and associates of the Psychological Association. Three further members were coopted by the elected committee and eighteen of the twenty-one members were present at the meeting for organization at the Ohio State University.

At that time other officers were elected, and the general plans for the congress were considered and in part decided. The possibility of meeting consecutively in Cambridge, New Haven and New York with a visit to Princeton was considered, and the relative advantages of different universities, including Cornell and Chicago. Yale University was selected owing to its convenient location, the social advantages of meeting in a smaller city and the recent notable development of psychology in that institution.

It is hoped that there will be a large attendance of foreign delegates from all parts of the world. Plans have been initiated by which as many exchange and other professorships and lectureships, summer-school positions, etc., as possible will be filled that year by foreign psychologists, and it may be possible to arrange lectures and conferences in different cities. This will have the advantage of increasing appreciation of scientific psychology and in the promotion of international information and good-will, while at the same time assisting to defray the cost of travel for foreign members.

The American Psychological Association now has about 600 members and 200 associates, all of whom are professional psychologists. Election to membership requires an advanced degree or its equivalent, the publication of research work of some consequence and under ordinary circumstances a permanent position in psychology. All members and associates of the association are invited and expected to become members of the congress. Others from North America can become

members only by invitation. Invitations will be sent to the leading psychologists of the world and it is hoped that psychological societies in foreign countries will cooperate in the arrangements.

The officers of the congress are:

*President:* J. McKeen Cattell, New York.

*Vice-president:* James R. Angell, Yale University.

*Secretary:* Edwin G. Boring, Harvard University.

*Foreign Secretary:* Herbert S. Langfeld, Princeton University.

*Executive Secretary:* Walter S. Hunter, Clark University.

*Treasurer:* R. S. Woodworth, Columbia University.

*Chairman of the Program Committee:* Raymond Dodge, Yale University.

*Additional Members of the National Committee:* John E. Anderson, University of Minnesota; Madison Bentley, University of Illinois; E. A. Bott, University of Toronto; Harvey A. Carr, University of Chicago; Knight Dunlap, The Johns Hopkins University; Samuel W. Fernberger, University of Pennsylvania; William McDougall, Duke University; W. B. Pillsbury, University of Michigan; Carl E. Seashore, University of Iowa; Lewis M. Terman, Stanford University; Edward L. Thorndike, Teachers College, Columbia University; Howard C. Warren, Princeton University; Margaret F. Washburn, Vassar College; Robert M. Yerkes, Yale University.

## SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

DR. CHARLES GREELEY ABBOT has been appointed secretary of the Smithsonian Institution to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Dr. Charles D. Walcott. Dr. Abbot was appointed assistant director of the institution in 1928, and during the past year has been acting director.

THE Perkin medal will be presented to Dr. Irving Langmuir, of the General Electric Co., on January 13 at a joint meeting of the Society of Chemical Industry, Société de Chimie Industrielle, American Chemical Society and American Electrochemical Society. Addresses will be made by Dr. E. Hendrick, Dr. W. R. Whitney, Wm. H. Nichols and Dr. Langmuir.

DR. SIMON FLEXNER, director of the laboratories of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, has been elected an honorary member of the Medical Society of Berlin.

DR. HIDEYO NOGUCHI, of the Rockefeller Institute, has been elected to membership in the Kaiserlich Leopold Deutsche Akademie der Naturforscher, of Halle.

DR. MAX WOLF, director of Heidelberg Observatory, distinguished especially for his originality and activity in observational astronomy, was elected an honorary member of the American Astronomical Society at its thirty-ninth meeting in New Haven. The constitution of the society permits the election of only one honor-

ary member at each annual meeting. There are but five other living honorary members and the last election was made in 1924.

DR. CHARLES D. MARX, professor emeritus of civil engineering at Stanford University, has been elected an honorary member of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

LLOYD E. JACKSON and George H. Johnson, senior industrial fellows of Mellon Institute of Industrial Research, University of Pittsburgh, have been elected to honorary membership in the National Association of Dyers and Cleaners.

THE Journal of the Washington Academy of Sciences notes that on the occasion of his seventieth birthday, August 13, 1927, the honorary degree of doctor of natural sciences was conferred upon H. Pittier by the University of Lausanne, Switzerland, "to distinguish the merits of his work concerning the natural history of Canton de Vaud (Switzerland) and Latin America and to acknowledge his efforts in the promotion of colonial agriculture."

THE court of the University of Wales will confer the honorary degree of LL.D. upon Sir Thomas Lewis, F.R.S., for his distinguished scientific work in medicine, particularly in cardiology; upon Sir Robert Philip, president of the British Medical Association, for his distinguished services to the science and profession of medicine, and upon Dr. H. B. Brackenbury, chairman of the council of the British Medical Association, for his distinguished services to the profession of medicine.

PROFESSOR CALMETTE, subdirector of the Pasteur Institute, has been elected a member of the French Academy of Sciences.

PROFESSOR F. MARES, head of the department of physiology of the medical faculty at Prague, recently celebrated his seventieth birthday and is shortly to retire.

THE title of emeritus professor of pathology in the University of London has been conferred on Sir Frederick Andrewes, who retired from the university professorship of pathology, tenable at St. Bartholomew's Hospital Medical College, last July.

DR. RUDOLPH MATAS, who recently retired from the professorship of surgery at Tulane University Medical School, has been made professor emeritus.

DR. ANSON HAYES, who is leaving Iowa State College at the end of the present quarter to become chief chemist of the American Rolling Mills Company, was the guest at a dinner in his honor given by the members of the chemistry faculty on December 19.

MEMBERS of the staff of the U. S. Bureau of Dairy Industry gave a dinner in Washington on December