

DEAN DEXTER S. KIMBALL, of Cornell University, gave the principal address on the occasion of the hundredth anniversary of the Ohio Mechanics Institute, which was celebrated on November 23 and 24.

ON December 17 and 18 there will be held at the Gayley Chemical and Metallurgical Laboratories of Lafayette College, Easton, Pennsylvania, the third "Plasticity Symposium," with ten papers on various problems of flow. The speakers are expected to include Dr. Albert E. Dunstan, of London, and Dr. Markus Reiner, of Jerusalem.

DR. JOSEPH S. ILLICK, state forester of Pennsylvania, represented the commonwealth at the fourth New England Forestry Conference held at Portland, Maine, on November 15 and 16. Dr. Illick spoke on the "Recreational Opportunities of the State Forests of Pennsylvania."

AT the tercentenary celebration of the birth of Marcello Malpighi, held on October 19 at the Academy of Medicine of Cleveland, Professor Giuseppe Franchini, director of the institute of tropical medicine of the University of Bologna, spoke on "The Life and Work of Marcello Malpighi." Another feature of the celebration was an exhibit of Malpighi's discoveries by the department of anatomy of Western Reserve University School of Medicine, including the alveoli of the lung, Malpighian tufts in the kidney, the Malpighian bodies in the spleen, the pigment layer of the skin and the capillary circulation. Professor Franchini exhibited early books, medals and autographs.

A MEMORIAL meeting for Captain Roald Amundsen, Arctic and Antarctic explorer, will be held under the auspices of the Geographic Society of Chicago in Orchestra Hall, December 14, at 8:00 P. M. Addresses will be made by President Charles Hull Ewing, Dr. Horace Bridges and others. December 14, the anniversary of Amundsen's discovery of the South Pole, has been named the official day of mourning and memorial by the Norwegian government.

AT the inauguration of Dr. Harvey Nathaniel Davis, former professor of mechanical engineering at Harvard University, as third president of the Stevens Institute of Technology at Hoboken, New Jersey, a bronze tablet was unveiled of Dr. Alexander Crombie Humphreys, second president of the institute, who died last year.

DR. FRANK C. WAGNER, president of the Rose Polytechnic Institute, was killed on November 21 when his automobile was struck by an Indianapolis train. Dr. Wagner had been a member of the engineering department since 1896 and became president of the institute in 1923.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NOTES

THE Agricultural Engineering Building at the University of California's Branch of the College of Agriculture at Davis, erected at a cost of \$140,000, was dedicated on November 12.

HARRIMAN DORMITORY, the fourth structure to be erected in Wesleyan University's \$1,250,000 building program on the Johnston quadrangle, was recently dedicated.

EDWARD F. ALBEE, president of Keith-Albee-Orpheum, has given \$100,000 towards the \$2,500,000 endowment sought by St. Stephen's College to enable it to develop adequately as a unit of Columbia University.

Nature reports that the new buildings for the departments of physics and chemistry of University College, Cardiff, Wales, have been completed and the transference of classes and equipment to the new quarters is practically accomplished. Dr. Norman Thomas has been appointed professor of engineering in succession to Professor A. J. Sutton Pippard (resigned). In the Welsh National School of Medicine, Professor J. H. Dible has been appointed professor of pathology and bacteriology in succession to Professor E. H. Kettle (resigned).

DR. GEORGE RAYMOND GAGE, who has lately been associate professor of botany at De Pauw University, is now at Vanderbilt University as associate professor of biology.

FRANCIS M. DAWSON, for the last six years professor of hydraulics at the University of Kansas, has resigned to accept a professorship of hydraulics at the University of Wisconsin.

DISCUSSION

THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

As president of the International Union of Biological Sciences I should like to suggest some considerations about this union in order to inform those countries which up till now have not yet become members.

As I know that several countries have not joined for the reason that the scientists of the Central Powers were excluded, I might begin with the statement that this exclusion has been completely withdrawn. In its meeting of June 29, 1926, the International Research Council not only took away the former barrier, but it *invited* Germany, Austria, Hungary and Bulgaria to become members of the council and of the unions attached to it. Also it may be fit to mention that at the last meeting of the council on July 13,