

to England as best they could, and those who had the experience will never forget it.

The French Association, towards the end of July this year, again meets at Havre, and as the principal members of the British Association will then be at South Africa, our French colleagues have again extended the courtesy of inviting the other members of the British Association to attend its conference at Havre without any extra fee beyond the ordinary subscription to the British Association, which would be paid in any case.

In addition, the French Association has invited the delegates of the corresponding societies to hold their conference during the Havre meeting, and in connection with this a subcommittee was appointed consisting of the president of the Conference of Delegates, Dr. F. A. Bather; the secretary, Dr. C. Tierney, and the acting secretary for the Havre meeting, Mr. T. Sheppard. Sir Henry G. Lyons was also appointed the official representative of the British Association and chairman of the organizing committee referred to.

At the Glasgow meeting of the British Association, Dr. A. Loir, whose courtesy was so much appreciated in 1914, was present and gave an official invitation to the general committee of the British Association and was prepared to do the same for the conference of delegates, but apparently that body was too fully occupied to spare the necessary time. Mr. T. Sheppard has recently visited Havre and met the chairman of the local committee (the English consul, Mr. H. C. Swan), Dr. Loir, and others interested in the local arrangements. The Hôtel des Sociétés Savantes, next to the Lycée de Garçons, where the meetings of the French Association will be held, has been generously placed at the disposal of the British Association for any special meetings, etc. These rooms provide a general meeting room for the delegates, a committee room, and an exhibition room. During the conference, Dr. Bather will give an address on museum matters to a section of the French Association, and Dr. Pullein will speak on radiology at the request of the association. The conference of delegates will be held at 5 P. M. on July 26, when the question of the Channel Tunnel from both engineering and geological points of view will be discussed. The British committee is arranging an exhibition of air photographs, regional survey maps, etc.

The French Association commences its program on Thursday, July 25, at 11 A. M., when the opening session will be held at the Grand Theater. In the afternoon is the organization of the sections, and in the evening a reception by the corporation at the Town Hall. On Friday, July 26, there will be papers and discussions; visit to exhibitions organized at the

Lycée de Garçons of natural sciences by the Geological Society of Normandy and the Linnean Society of the Seine Maritime, and exhibits by the civil engineering, dentistry, meteorological sections, etc.; visit to the Port and a liner, and a conference at the Grand Theater. On Saturday, July 27, there will be a visit to the English exhibitions and museum; visit to the museum at Old Honfleur, and a public conference in the Franklin Hall. Sunday, July 28, will be occupied by a general excursion to Fécamp, and the unveiling of a monument to Dr. Léon Dufour. On Monday, July 29, further discussions, visits to various buildings, and in the afternoon an excursion to the Art Gallery and New Archeological Museum at Gravelle Abbey. In the evening there will be a soirée at the Municipal Casino or on a liner. Tuesday will be occupied by papers and discussions and the closing session. On Wednesday, July 31, and Thursday and Friday, August 1 and 2, there will be final excursions to Grouville, Lisieux, Caen, Bayeux, Mont St. Michel, and Rouen and district.

Inquiries in reference to the meeting should be addressed to Mr. T. Sheppard, at the Museum, Hull, or to Dr. A. Loir, Comité Local, Hôtel de Ville, Le Havre, France.

THE ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

At the annual dinner in London of the Royal Geographical Society held on June 24, Sir Charles Close, president of the society presided, and Prince George made the principal address.

The council of the society made the following awards:

MURCHISON GRANT to Mr. C. S. Elton, for his three seasons' study of the distribution of life in Spitsbergen, which has added materially to our knowledge of the geographical distribution of the flora and fauna of that country. Mr. Elton has taken an important part in the expedition from Oxford University which has been studying the distribution of life in Arctic regions.

BACK GRANT to Mr. C. P. Visser, for his exploration of the Hunza-Karakoram glaciers. This was described as a piece of geographical work long overdue. As Mr. and Mrs. Visser were believed to be on yet another expedition on the Indian border, it was not certain that they were yet aware of this recognition of their services.

GILL MEMORIAL to Mr. George Dyott, for his recent expedition in search of Colonel Fawcett, of whom nothing had been heard since a few weeks after he left Cuyaba in May, 1925, on his long-considered expedition in the most difficult region of Matto Grosso. What Mr. Dyott learnt on his journey goes very far, it was feared, towards establishing the fact that Colonel Fawcett and his son and Mr. Raleigh Rimell were killed by hostile Indians. The Gill Memorial was established by Miss Gill in memory of the gallant brother who lost his life in the Syrian Desert with Professor Palmer some 45 years ago.

CUTHBERT PEEK GRANT to Mr. Donald Cameron (Lieutenant, Royal Scots), for his journey across the Sahara from Nigeria to Algiers. He described himself modestly as an "ignorant though inquisitive traveller" who preferred to come home on leave from Nigeria by an unusual route. His journey demanded endurance and courage beyond the ordinary, for his party was lost and without water for 10 days. His description of the desert route east of Ahaggar Massif is described as a valuable contribution to our knowledge; and the council hope that the award may serve not only as a recognition of a fine journey performed, but a stimulus for further travel, as was the intention of its founder.

THE RETIREMENT OF DEAN VERANUS A. MOORE OF CORNELL UNIVERSITY

DEAN VERANUS A. MOORE, '87, of the college of veterinary medicine, concludes this year a teaching career of thirty-three years at Cornell University. He was a member of the first veterinary faculty as professor of veterinary pathology and bacteriology in 1896 and in 1908 became dean of the college.

In connection with his retirement, the faculty of the college voted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The age of retirement from the active duties of administration and instruction has been reached by Veranus A. Moore; and,

WHEREAS, His faithful and exemplary service as head of the department of pathology and bacteriology for twelve years, and his conscientious and effective service in the high office of dean of the State Veterinary College for twenty-one years, has resulted in the development of an institution second to none in research and instruction in veterinary subjects and has assisted materially in placing the veterinary profession on a plane with other learned professions; and,

WHEREAS, His devotion to the insistence on high ideals have been a potent factor in strengthening the college and uplifting the profession; and,

WHEREAS, His modest and unselfish personal attributes have endeared him to his colleagues, to the alumni and students, and to the profession at large; be it

Resolved, That we, his colleagues in the faculty, assure him of our appreciation of the invaluable service he has rendered in the fields of veterinary education, animal industry and public health, and that his indefatigable energy and sound judgment have brought honor and

prestige to the college—thereby reflecting credit upon his associates; and, be it further

Resolved, That while we regret his retirement from the official duties of the college, we trust his wise counsel and advice may still be available in the years to come. We further express the hope that his future may be peaceful and serene and he may feel that the burdens he has borne are compensated for, in part, by the respect and admiration of his friends. We are grateful for the example of his life, his career of usefulness and unselfishness, and assure him that, in our opinion, the world is better for his having lived in it.

GRANTS-IN-AID FUND OF THE NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL

THE Rockefeller Foundation has made available to the National Research Council a limited fund from which the council can make grants-in-aid of comparatively small amounts to help support the research work of individual American investigators and of special projects of restricted extent.

This fund will be administered by the National Research Council in much the same way that its funds for research fellowships are now administered. A special committee of the Council has been established, composed of the chairman, the treasurer and the permanent secretary of the Research Council, together with the chairmen of the council's seven divisions of science and technology. Dr. George K. Burgess will act as chairman of the committee and Dr. Vernon Kellogg as secretary.

The committee will hold occasional meetings beginning approximately October 1 to consider and pass on applications. Such applications should not be for fellowships, honoraria, nor publication costs, but may include field expenses. They should be made well in advance of the time of the intended use of the funds and should include detailed information as to the special qualifications of the applicant to pursue the investigations for which financial assistance is asked, and a statement of other support received or expected. The committee hopes that the universities and other interested organizations will cooperate with it in the proposed modest assistance of worthy research workers.

Correspondence should be addressed to the Secretary, National Research Council, Washington, D. C.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

PRESIDENT HERBERT HOOVER will be the honorary president of the First International Congress on Mental Hygiene which will be held from May 5 to 10, 1930, in Washington, under the auspices of the National Committees for Mental Hygiene in this country and in Canada, together with the national

societies for mental hygiene in all other countries in which the movement has been organized.

DR. SIMON FLEXNER, the director of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research in New York, was elected on June 6 a corresponding member of the Reale Istituto Lombardo di Scienze e Lettere of