

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