

Syracuse has become one of the most important institutions of its kind in America. The effect of the college instruction under his supervision has been felt through its graduates not only in this State but in every part of the country which is actively engaged in the rebuilding of our depleted forests. The State has suffered a great loss in the passing of Dean Moon in the prime of his usefulness."

THE deaths are announced of Dr. Louis Lejeune, professor of radiology and electrotherapy at Liège, and of Dr. Georg Kassner, professor of pharmaceutical chemistry at Münster.

MEMORIALS

A MEMORIAL service in memory of the life and work of the late Henry C. Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture in the Cabinets of Presidents Harding and Coolidge, will be held at Iowa State College, Ames, on October 18, as one of the features of the twelfth annual conference of the American Country Life Association. The memorial program will include the dedication of a group of trees on the campus and the placing of a stone among the trees bearing a plate stating briefly some of the main features of the service rendered to agriculture by Mr. Wallace.

The British Medical Journal writes that Drs. Fernand Bezançon, André Lemierre, Pierre Abrami,

Marcel Brulé, Edouard Joltrain and Louis Pasteur Vallery-Radot have addressed a letter to Sir Almroth Wright inviting his cooperation in a memorial to Professor Fernand Vidal, who died on January 14. The letter announced the setting up of a committee for the purpose of placing medallion portraits of Professor Vidal in the Paris Faculty of Medicine and the Hôpital Cochin, and of publishing a collected edition of his works, a number of his colleagues in other countries having stated their desire to associate themselves with this project.

UPON request of Commander Richard E. Byrd, sent by radio through the *New York Times*, the National Geographic Society has forwarded the following message to Peter Scott, son of the English explorer, Captain R. F. Scott: "We hoisted the American flag here upon the return of the sun to Antarctica and in honor of your father and his comrades we unfurled the British flag alongside the American. All members of this expedition join me in best of good wishes to you and your family."

THE Italian government has caused a gold medal to be struck in memory of Finn Malmgren, and has also granted his mother a yearly pension of 2,000 Swedish crowns. Documents collected by the investigation committee on the *Italia's* catastrophe, which concerned the explorer, have been sent to his mother.

SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

THE KING PRIZES OF THE PEKING SOCIETY OF NATURAL HISTORY

THE King junior prize, consisting of a bronze medal and the sum of \$20 local currency, is founded by Mr. Soitsu G. King in memory of his brother, Mr. Kung-pao King, a charter member and former counselor of the Peking Society of Natural History. This prize will be awarded for the best collection of Chinese natural history objects with description notes made by any one under twenty years of age. The award shall be made annually by a committee of the society under the following conditions:

1. The prize shall be awarded for the best collection of plants or animals made by any one under twenty years of age.

2. The prize committee of the society shall adjudicate on the merit of the collections and notes.

3. It shall be within the powers of the committee:
 - i. To define from year to year the character of the collection eligible for the prize;
 - ii. To substitute or accept a description of the behavior or mode of life of particular plants or animals in place of a collection;
 - iii. To make such alterations to these conditions as they may deem necessary in order to further the object of the

founder, namely, the promotion of the observation of natural phenomena among young people in China.

4. The committee shall advertise these regulations and any amendments which they may make at least six months prior to the award of the prize. They shall also indicate the last date for the reception of collections or papers submitted for the prize.

The King senior medal, consisting of a gold medal, is founded by Mr. Soitsu G. King in memory of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sung-yuan Daw King, with the object of encouraging original investigations in the field of natural history, in which subject his parents took the greatest interest. The medal is to be awarded annually, under the following conditions, for the most meritorious work on the flora or fauna of China:

1. The work shall be selected by a prize committee appointed by the executive council of the Peking Society of Natural History, who shall adjudicate its merits upon the basis of originality and its significances in the furtherance of knowledge concerning the flora or fauna of China.

2. Preference will be given to papers appearing in the society's publications, but the prize committee is at