

search. The speakers will be Mr. George E. Vincent, president of the Rockefeller Foundation, 1916-1929; Dr. David L. Edsall, dean of the Harvard University Medical School; Dr. Howard T. Karsner, professor of pathology at Western Reserve University, and Dr. Simon Flexner, director of the Rockefeller Institute.

THE Senate has adopted a resolution authorizing the erection of a monument costing \$50,000 in Washington to Major-General William Crawford Gorgas, formerly surgeon-general of the army, in honor of his work on yellow fever at Havana, the Panama Canal Zone and Guayaquil, Ecuador.

A PORTRAIT of the late Professor Rolla C. Car-

penter, of Cornell University, painted by Professor Oiaf Brauner at the instance of a group of alumni headed by Eugene C. Sickles, has been accepted by the trustees and hung in the office of the Sibley School of Mechanical Engineering.

A HARVEY MEMORIAL FUND is being raised by English physicians as a token of respect for the demonstrator of the circulation of the blood and the founder of modern physiology. Americans who desire to contribute may do so by sending a check made out to the fund to Dr. Arnold W. Stott, 58 Harley Street, W.I., London. It is planned to erect a tower on Hempstead Church, where William Harvey is buried.

SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

THE CENTENARY OF THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE¹

WHEN the British Association for the Advancement of Science holds its centenary meeting in London next year it is practically assured that the presidential address will be given by General Smuts. The council of the association has resolved to nominate the South African statesman as president for 1931, and General Smuts has accepted the nomination, which in the ordinary way will be submitted to the general committee.

The British Association, since its foundation in 1831, has never held its annual meeting in London. The first meeting was held at York, which was chosen as being "the most central city in the three kingdoms." Consideration was given to the possibility of returning to York for the centenary gathering, but in view of an expectation that this meeting will be unusually large there was doubt if the necessary accommodation could be found in the Yorkshire city, and the general committee decided unanimously at the Glasgow meeting in 1928 that it would be suitable and appropriate to hold the centenary meeting in London, the center of the Empire.

It is interesting to note in connection with the matter of hotels and other facilities for housing members of the association, that in 1831 Sir David Brewster wrote to John Phillips, the secretary of the Yorkshire Philosophical Society, asking him to ascertain "if York will furnish the accommodations for so large a meeting, which might perhaps consist of above 100 individuals." The hospitality apparently proved to be satisfactory, as later meetings were held at York in 1844, 1881 and 1906. It is likely, however, that several thousands of members will attend in London.

If General Smuts becomes the president of the London meeting he will be the first president elected from

one of the great Dominions of the Empire. British statesmen have on several occasions held the position. The first president was Viscount Milton, M.P. for Yorkshire, and a supporter of Parliamentary reform and free trade. The third Marquess of Lansdowne presided at Bristol in 1836; the Duke of Northumberland was president in 1838; the Marquess of Salisbury between two periods of office as prime minister presided at Oxford in 1894, and at the Cambridge meeting in 1904 the late Lord Balfour was the president. The Prince of Wales gave the presidential address at Oxford in 1926. General Smuts took a prominent part in the South African meetings of the association last year and expounded at Cape Town his theory of "Holism."

The British Association this year will meet at Bristol under the presidency of Dr. F. O. Bower, Regius professor of botany in the University of Glasgow.

REFORESTATION IN NEW YORK STATE

ACCORDING to the New York *Times* the state's project for spending \$20,000,000 in the next fifteen years to plant new forests on abandoned farm lands won almost unanimous approval at a public hearing on March 12 on the proposed constitutional amendment sponsored by the State Reforestation Commission.

The only opposition came from the Association for the Protection of the Adirondacks, in a letter signed by John G. Agar, its president, and filed with the Senate Judiciary Committee, before which the hearing was held.

The objections set forth in Mr. Agar's letter were as follows:

1. Because the proposed constitutional amendment, sponsored by Senator Hewitt, of Cayuga, called for a definite amount to be expended annually over a period of years, and this might cause embarrassment to the state treasury.

2. Because the prohibition against lumbering or inter-

¹ From the London *Times*.