

As soon as possible the work of tearing down the old buildings will be started and their sites will be landscaped or used for other purposes. The site of Budd Hall will be utilized for the Eshleman Memorial Building to house student publications. Aside from these eleven structures, other obsolete buildings which new construction is replacing are: the old student infirmary, replaced by the new \$450,000 Cowell Memorial Hospital; the old power house, replaced by a new \$400,000 heating plant capable of supplying the augmented needs of the campus.

The Life Sciences Building, in addition to its more than 400 laboratory and office rooms and the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, has an auditorium seating 500, and a library with a capacity of 90,000 volumes.

### HONORARY DEGREES FROM YALE UNIVERSITY

THE citations on the occasion of the conferring of honorary doctorates of science at the recent commencement of Yale University were as follows:

EDWIN GRANT CONKLIN, Sc.D.

*Professor Phelps:* Biologist. Bachelor of Science, Ohio Wesleyan University, 1885. B.A. 1886, M.A. 1889. Ph.D. Johns Hopkins, 1891, and recipient of many honorary degrees. Held the chair of biology at Ohio Wesleyan, and since then has been professor of zoology at Northwestern, University of Pennsylvania, and since 1908 at Princeton. He is a member of many learned societies in Europe and in America. His publications are numerous and important; including "Heredity and Environment," "Mechanism of Evolution," "Direction of Human Evolution," "Biology and Democracy" and other works on heredity and education. The range of his interest is as wide as life itself. He is a great scholar and a great citizen. His investigations have been largely in the fields of cytology, particularly cell division, and of embryology, both descriptive and experimental. In his work on the development of mollusks and ascidians he has followed closely the changes from the single-celled egg through all successive cell divisions, to the formation of the principal organs of the adult body. His work has all been done with great attention to detail, with extraordinary accuracy and with completeness. His papers have always been finished with artistic perfection. He has been

willing to spend a fair portion of his time in making his science comprehensible to the general reader. In this he has been most successful, as his popularity as lecturer and author testify.

*President Angell:* Everywhere recognized as one of the distinguished biologists of your time, you possess two qualities rarely conjoined in eminent scientific men—a genius for sound and exhaustive work of the greatest precision, issuing in fruitful and striking discoveries, combined with a broad and profound outlook on the whole field of biological science, especially in its remoter human implications, about which you write so lucidly that even the interested layman may understand. In recognition of these remarkable gifts, Yale University is proud to confer upon you the degree of Doctor of Science, admitting you to all its rights and privileges.

CHARLES SCHUCHERT, Sc.D.

*Professor Phelps:* One of the most distinguished of the scientists of Yale, in the front rank of paleontologists, and the world's leading authority on paleo-climatology. A youth in Cincinnati, while belonging to the younger generation, he was paradoxically a collector of fossils. He taught paleontology in Kentucky, New York and Minnesota, coming to Yale in 1892. He has done work for the U. S. Geological Survey, for the U. S. National Museum, and in 1904 was appointed at Yale professor of paleontology and historical geology, becoming professor emeritus in 1923, since when he has, if possible, worked harder than ever. He may be seen at an early hour every morning entering the Peabody Museum. He is the author of a standard work, "Historical Geological Paleogeography of North America." His services to Yale University have been and are now invaluable. Although his professional interests are concerned with prehistoric time, he is held in the warmest affection by contemporary men; every one who knows him is his friend.

*President Angell:* You have long served Yale with fidelity and distinction. She has been proud of your leadership in the field of your special study, a leadership which no one challenges. In token of the high respect in which your scientific work is held and in affectionate remembrance of your long years of devoted service to her interests, Yale University gladly confers upon you the degree of Doctor of Science, admitting you to all its rights and privileges.

## SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

A TRIBUTE to President W. W. Campbell, who retired from office at the University of California on July 1, was paid by the regents at their last meeting. Prepared by Regent Chester A. Rowell, the following resolution of appreciation was adopted: "On the eve of the retirement of President William Wallace Campbell, after nearly forty years of distinguished service to the University of California, the regents

hereby record their appreciation of a great scholar, an outstanding administrator and an inspiring character. After a long and notable career as astronomer and director of Lick Observatory, Dr. Campbell came to the presidency at a time of many and difficult problems. Already eminent in the world of intellect and of knowledge, his high ideals, fine spirit, clear vision, decisive judgment and administrative efficiency as an ex-