

Detroit, died on July 24, aged sixty-six years. Dr. Murbach had been instructor in zoology at the University of Michigan and at Woods Hole and is known for his work on invertebrate zoology.

WALTER DEANE, botanist and ornithologist, known for his work on the flora of northeastern North America, died on August 3. He was in his eighty-third year.

DR. ASA BARNES DAVIS, chief surgeon at Lying-in-Hospital, New York City, known for his work in obstetrics, gynecology and abdominal surgery, died on August 13. He was sixty-eight years old. Dr. Davis was one of the founders of the American College of Surgeons.

W. J. GREENSTREET, formerly headmaster of Marling School and for thirty-one years editor of the *Mathematical Gazette* of the British Mathematical Association, died on June 28 at the age of sixty-nine years.

DR. CORNELIO DOELTER, of Vienna, an expert in precious stones, died on August 12 at the age of eighty years. He was a professor of the University of Vienna, where he lectured on mineralogy and the chemistry of minerals.

MEMORIALS

FRIENDS and associates of the late William Stanley, inventor of the electrical transformer, gathered at Fairview Hospital, Great Barrington, on August 6 to dedicate to his memory an elaborately equipped X-ray room. Forty-four persons and corporations, including the General Electric and Westinghouse Companies, gave \$35,000 to equip the room and endow it. Mr. Cummings C. Chesney, of Pittsfield, a vice-president of the General Electric Company, made the presentation address. Mr. Chesney and Frederick Darlington went to Great Barrington in 1888 as the two original assistants to Mr. Stanley in his early laboratory work there. T. Ellis Ramsdell, president of the Fairview Hospital Corporation, accepted the gift, which had been suggested by the late Ralph W. Pope. Mrs. William Stanley and four of six sons were present at the ceremony.

THE *British Medical Journal* writes: "The Osler Club celebrated, on July 12 at its headquarters in London, the eighty-first anniversary of the birthday of Sir William Osler. Professor Harvey Cushing,

having been welcomed as a friend of the club and as orator, gave an informal address, full of the charm and the whimsicality of his subject. He told of the early Weston days, of Father Johnson and of James Bovell, and of how under their influence Osler turned from the church to medicine. Professor Cushing, in his address, revealed some of the secrets of the writing of 'The Life,' and much else besides, to the delight of his audience. Dr. Arnold Klebs took up the tale, to be followed by Sir Arthur Keith. Between the three, with occasional help from Sir D'Arcy Power, Dr. Henry S. Wellecome and Mr. Philip Franklin, a lively discussion continued, until Mr. W. R. Bett, foreign secretary of the club, remembered that it was long past Osler's bedtime, and with a graceful tribute to the orator and to the influence of 'The Life' upon the growing generations of medical men, brought the meeting to a happy conclusion. Before the oration the club entertained Professor Harvey Cushing to dinner at the Langham Hotel."

THE *Journal* of the American Medical Association reports that Professor Paul Krause, Münster, president of the Rheinisch-Westfälische-Röntgen Society, has announced a plan to erect a monument to Röntgen in the birthplace of Lennep. The plan is to raise one fourth of the cost of the monument or \$2,500 from American röntgenologists. So far \$900 has been raised and it is hoped that the remaining \$1,600 will be contributed by 1,200 röntgenologists who have not yet responded. Contributions are to be sent to Dr. Otto Glasser, 2050 East Ninety-Third Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

THE offer of Professor S. Smiles and Professor A. J. Allmand to found a medal at the University of London to commemorate the services rendered to King's College and to chemical education by Professor John Millar Thomson, LL.D., F.R.S., has been accepted with thanks by the university. Professor Thomson first became a member of the staff of the department of chemistry at King's College in 1871, and retired in 1914, after having served for twenty-seven years as Daniell professor and head of the department of chemistry. The medal will be known as the John Millar Thomson Medal for Chemistry and will be awarded annually to the student of King's College who most distinguishes himself in the final year of the special honors course in the department of chemistry.

SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

THE FARADAY CENTENARY

THE following account is given by the London *Times* of arrangements being made by the Royal Institution for the celebration in September, 1931,

of the discovery by Michael Faraday of electromagnetic induction, in which lies the origin of the dynamo and which is the starting point of the utilization of electric power for the purposes of man.