

OBITUARY

RECENT DEATHS

DR. H. KARL WILLIAM KUMM, African explorer and geographer and former managing director of the Board for Medical Education and Research in Africa, died in California on August 23 at the age of fifty-six years.

MR. WASHINGTON B. LEWIS, assistant director of the National Park Service and formerly superintendent of Yosemite National Park, died recently in California at the age of forty-six years.

PROFESSOR CONRAD E. LINDBERG, since 1920 dean of Augustana Theological Seminary, Rock Island, Illinois, died on August 2.

DR. E. ALBERTA READ, assistant chief of the micro-analytical laboratory of the bureau of chemistry, Department of Agriculture, died on September 1.

THE death by suicide is announced of Dr. Emory G. Alexander, Philadelphia surgeon, assistant professor of surgery at the University of Pennsylvania and a major in the Medical Reserve Corps of the United States Army.

DR. JOHN ELDER MACILWAINE, formerly professor of materia medica and therapeutics at Queen's University, has died at the age of fifty-six years.

AFTER a short illness, Geheimrat Prof. Dr. Theodor Axenfeld, director of the university eye clinic in Freiburg im Breisgau, and for many years editor of the *Klinische Monatsblätter für Augenheilkunde*, died on July 29 at the age of 63.

MEMORIALS

THE *British Medical Journal* reports that on July 13 a tablet in memory of Sir William Osler was unveiled at Ewelme Church by the Bishop of Oxford. As Regius professor of medicine in the University of Oxford, Osler was Master of the Ewelme Almshouse, and whenever he could find time he loved to visit this secluded and picturesque spot. He had its mouldy old records cleaned, bound and preserved in a fire-proof safe in the muniment room. The tablet commemorates also Lady Osler and their son Revere.

A MEMORIAL to Drs. B. N. Peach and John Horne was unveiled at Inchnadamph, in the wilds of the northwestern highlands of Scotland, by Sir John Flett on July 25. Mr. H. M. Cadell, of Grange, presided over the company, which included many well-known Scottish scientific workers. In dedicating the memorial, Sir John Flett described its site as properly selected in the center of a remarkable area to which the discoveries and interpretations of Peach and Horne had given world-wide fame, a temple of geology to which geologists from all parts of the earth made pilgrimage. He paid a warm tribute to the work of his friends, to their spirit of cooperation and goodwill, and to the single-mindedness of their scientific endeavors. The memorial, a massive pillar of stone set on a height overlooking Loch Assynt, carries a bronze tablet with the inscription: "To Ben N. Peach and John Horne, who played the foremost part in unravelling the geological structure of the North-West Highlands, 1883-1897: An international tribute. Erected 1930."

SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

THE BEIT MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIPS

SIR JAMES K. FOWLER, trustee and honorary secretary of the Beit memorial fellowships for medical research, has issued his annual report in which he reviews the work of the foundation since its establishment in December, 1909.

Sir Otto Beit's gift of £230,000 was of a magnitude that had no precedent in English medicine and the annual income derived therefrom has ever since been applied to the endowment of men and women, and none of it has been spent upon the erection of buildings. In its first year the trust created ten new fellowships, and within three years there were thirty fellows engaged in medical research, the openings to which were thus increased almost threefold.

In the earlier years the value of a fellowship was £250 per annum, and the tenure three years, with a possible extension to a fourth year in cases where marked distinction had been shown. In 1922, to meet the objection that three, or possibly four, years was too short a time to enable a man to give such evidence of capacity for research as would be likely to attract attention and thus to open up a prospect of a career, the fellowships were reorganized providing for seven years of continuous research.

The values of the fellowships were then fixed at junior fellows, £350 per annum; fourth year, £400, and senior, £500. In 1927 the stipends were again revised and increased to £400, £500 and £700, respectively; at these values they have since remained.