

Under this is the inscription: "Erected by his fellow-employees of the Baltimore City Health Department, 1930."

IN the presence of relatives and friends, among whom were members of the faculty and many former students, a portrait of the late Dr. Henry P. Talbot, dean of students from 1921 to 1927, was recently shown for the first time in the office of Dean H. E. Lobdell, at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Dr. Talbot, whose death occurred in 1927, was a professor in the department of chemistry at Technology from 1892 to 1927, and he was head of the department from 1901 until 1922. The portrait was painted by E. Pollak-Ottendorff, of Boston. It is a gift to the institute from a group of former students, and its title plate bears this legend: "As *alumnus*, teacher, and administrator for forty years, he gave conscientiously and unselfishly of his brain and heart to the upbuilding of the institute."

At the annual meeting of the Michigan Section of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, held at Ann Arbor on November 11, the following memorial to Herbert H. Dow, founder of the Dow Chemical Co., was adopted: "The death of a leader brings to our minds a feeling of pride over his achievements as well as grief at our loss. It is with these mingled feelings that we pay tribute to the memory of Herbert H. Dow, recognized the world over as a brilliant leader in the field of chemical manufacture, but known to us also as a sincere and helpful associate and friend, willing to give freely from his store of knowledge and experience. We extend our deep sympathy to the family, and to those who labored so intimately with him in the great plant which will stand as a monument, not of dead stone, but of living service continuing as it did in his life time."

THE College of Physicians of Philadelphia held a meeting on October 23 to commemorate the anniversary of the birth of Galen, called the founder of experimental physiology. Ninety-three of the ninety-eight Galen publications, the property of the college library, were on exhibition. The meeting was ad-

dressed by Drs. William H. Welch, Charles W. Burr, Burton Chance and Giuseppe Franchini, of Bologna, Italy.

PROFESSOR ALBERT EINSTEIN made an address before the Prussian Academy of Sciences on November 26, in commemoration of the three hundredth anniversary of the death of Johann Kepler.

### RECENT DEATHS

JAMES H. EMERTON, an authority on spiders, illustrator of scientific books and constructor of zoological and anatomical models, died on December 5 in his eighty-fourth year. From 1906 to 1919 Mr. Emerton was secretary of the New England Federation of Natural History Societies. He was a brother of Professor Ephraim Emerton, of Harvard University.

WILLIAM PENN RICH, botanist, for twenty-one years secretary and librarian of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, died on November 30, at the age of eighty-one years.

PROFESSOR ALFRED ELY DAY, professor emeritus of natural sciences at the American University of Beirut, Syria, died on December 3.

DR. ERNEST ELLSWORTH SMITH, a specialist in experimental medicine and clinical pathology and president of the Medical Association of Greater New York, died on December 5 at the age of sixty-two years.

THOMAS G. GERDINE, engineer in charge of the Pacific division of the U. S. Geological Survey, with headquarters in Sacramento, has died at the age of fifty-eight years.

HEINRICH GUSTAV ADOLF ENGLER, long professor of botany at the University of Berlin and director of the botanical garden and museum, died on October 10, at the age of eighty-six years.

THE death is announced of Dr. Rudolf Disselhorst, professor of comparative anatomy at the University of Halle.

## SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

### THE LIBRARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

INCREASED appropriations made possible the addition of 16,563 books, pamphlets and maps to the Library of the U. S. Department of Agriculture in the fiscal year 1929, according to the annual report to Secretary of Agriculture Hyde, of Miss Claribel R. Barnett, librarian. This was 2,209 more than the number added the previous year. On June 30 the

library contained 218,038 volumes on agricultural and scientific subjects and was receiving 4,080 periodicals. It receives 128 daily newspapers. More than 268,000 books and periodicals were circulated in this period. In addition to the main library, branch libraries are maintained in the various bureaus of the Department of Agriculture, dealing with the subjects of special interest to these bureaus.

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