

well as those in charge of the laboratories and the animals. The building of the animal houses and the experimental laboratories has not yet begun. A brief service of dedication was held by the dean of Westminster, who, after Lord Moynihan had laid the stone in place, pronounced the words: "Here may knowledge be increased; study fostered; skill developed; to the prevention and relief of suffering, the service of our fellow men, and the good of the human race throughout the world."

Lord Moynihan made the principal address. He said in part:

The Council of the Royal College of Surgeons, which properly regards itself as the custodian of surgical advance in this country, has now recognized that for the further expansion of surgery there must be a correlation of the various results from methods of inquiry in three directions: (1) clinical research carried out also in the wards and in the operation theaters of hospitals; (2) biological and pathological research carried out in hospitals and in special institutions, and (3) research upon animals. In accordance with the council's will, laboratories have been built and old laboratories extended in our buildings in Lincoln's Inn Fields; there men have been set to work upon lines which they themselves desire, and there men have learned "the religion of research," and the high value of the experimental method in connection with the science and art of surgery. Now, owing to the great beneficence of a fellow of our college, we are here laying to-day the foundation stone of an institute for experimental research, which will add the one remaining event required for the proper development of surgery in this country.

At the conclusion of this address Mr. Buckston Browne spoke briefly, calling attention to the "very interesting fact that they had been able to bring the great genius of John Hunter, who did so much for the alleviation of the suffering of the human body, alongside that great genius Charles Darwin, the emancipator—as I like to think of him—of the human mind. These two great men are brought together to-day on this really sacred spot in Kent."

After tea had been taken, the company made their way along the sand walk—Darwin's "thinking path"—to Down House, the property which was presented in 1927 by Mr. Buckston Browne to the British Association as a memorial of Charles Darwin, where they visited Darwin's study, kept as it was during his lifetime, with the little paraffin lamp on the table, and the dog (now a trophy of the art of the taxidermist) in its basket on the hearth.

#### THE SIXTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF GENETICS

THE sixth International Congress of Genetics will meet in Ithaca, New York, from August 24 to 31,

under the presidency of Dr. T. H. Morgan, director of the William G. Kerekhoff Laboratories of the Biological Sciences at the California Institute of Technology.

The New York entertainment committee, of which Dr. A. F. Blakeslee, of Cold Spring Harbor, is chairman, has completed a tentative program for the four days from August 20 to 23, intervening between the arrival of the *Pennland* and the departure of the delegates for Ithaca. The Eugenics Congress is in session in New York at this time and many of the delegates will desire to attend some of the sessions. During their four-day stay foreign members of both congresses will be entertained at Columbia University, through the cooperation of the university and the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Rooms will be provided in the Columbia dormitories, and breakfast will be served at the Faculty House.

According to the tentative program the scientific laboratories of Columbia University will be visited on August 20, after which a luncheon will be given. This will be followed by a sight-seeing trip around the city. At 7:30 p. m. there will be a formal complimentary dinner. During the time spent in New York there will be an excursion to Cold Spring Harbor to visit the Carnegie Station for Experimental Evolution and other scientific laboratories at Cold Spring Harbor, visits to the New York Botanical Garden, the Boyce Thompson Institute, the Cornell Medical School, the Rockefeller Institute and the Medical Center of Columbia University. One evening will be devoted to the addresses and reception of the Eugenics Congress at the American Museum of Natural History.

On August 23 there will be a trip to Princeton, members of the congress being the guests of the Walker-Gordon Laboratories. For those not taking the Princeton trip an opportunity will be given to visit the American Museum of Natural History, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and other places of interest in the city, with guides for groups if desired. Dr. Stockard has offered to guide a group to his dog farm near Peekskill and Dr. Davenport a group to the State Institution for Feeble Minded at Letchworth Village. Luncheon will be at the American Museum of Natural History and in the evening a smoker or informal reception will be given.

Tentative arrangements have been completed at Ithaca for a comprehensive exhibit of genetic material. The Carnegie Corporation of New York has appropriated \$5,000 for the general expenses of the congress. A grant of \$2,000 has been made by the Carnegie Institution of Washington for the Genetics and Eugenics Congresses, the sum to be used pri-

marily for the exhibit. Of this grant the Genetics Congress received one half.

It is planned to have an excursion to Niagara Falls during the Congress. The cost of a round trip on a special train is about \$3.00 per person. An excursion is also planned during the congress to the New York Agricultural Experiment Station at Geneva (about 50 miles north of Ithaca) where there will be exhibits dealing with fruit genetics and fruit breeding. Meetings of sections, interested in fruit work will be held at Geneva during this excursion.

It is expected that after the congress members from abroad will wish to take short trips in order to gain some impression of the scenery, the colleges,

universities, public institutions and agriculture of the parts of the United States which are easily reached from Ithaca. Arrangements for transportation and entertainment for two organized excursions will be made—one through southern New England, including visits to Harvard, Yale and other colleges, Woods Hole, and to farms and agricultural experiment stations; and one to Washington, including stops at other cities and universities *en route*. For those members who wish to take longer trips to the west and south the committee will be glad to provide information and help, but because of the greater time and expense involved, no organized excursions will be planned unless a large number of persons request it.

## SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

MME. MARIE CURIE received the gold medal and honorary fellowship of the American College of Radiology at a luncheon given in her honor at the third International Congress of Radiology, which opened at the Sorbonne, Paris, on July 26. The presentation was made by Dr. Albert Soiland, of Los Angeles.

DR. CHARLES L. PARSONS, of Washington, D. C., long secretary of the American Chemical Society, has been elected to honorary membership in the Society of Chemical Industry, the insignia of this distinction having been presented by Prince George at the jubilee meeting of the society in London. Chemists of other countries who were made honorary members are: H. W. Matheson, Canada; Georges Patart, France; S. P. L. Sorensen, Denmark; Heinrich Schiecht, Czechoslovakia; Fritz Haber, Germany; Mario G. Levi, Italy; Toyokichi Takamatsu, Japan; A. M. Llopis, Spain, and G. Engi, Switzerland.

DR. ARISTIDES AGRAMONTE, of New Orleans, has been elected president of the fourth Pan-American Medical Congress to be held next year in New Orleans. Vice-presidents elected are: Dr. Hugh S. Cumming, Surgeon-General, Washington, D. C.; Dr. Charles Mayo, of Rochester, Minn.; Dr. J. G. W. Greef, of New York; Dr. John M. McReynolds, of Dallas; Dr. L. H. Bauer, of New York; Dr. Charles Snyder, of Miami; Dr. Rafael Silva, of Mexico City; Dr. Nicholas A. Solano, of Panama; Dr. Luis Bazetti, of Venezuela; Dr. Fernando Rensoli, of Cuba; Dr. Carlos Paz Soldan, of Peru; Dr. Victoriano Rodriguez Barahona, of Cuba; Dr. Ulysses Valdez, of Mexico City, and Dr. Horacio Ferrer, of Cuba.

DR. JAMES R. ANGELL, president of Yale University, will receive the degree of D.Litt. from the University of Liverpool in December. The degree of

D.Eng. will be conferred on Dr. H. Hele-Shaw, emeritus professor of engineering at the University of Liverpool.

THE Remington Medal of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science has been awarded to Ernest F. Cook by the New York branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association. The medal is awarded annually to the person "who has done the most for American pharmacy during the preceding year, or during a longer period of outstanding activity and of fruitful achievement." The presentation will be made next fall.

DR. LOUIS J. RETTGER, dean of the science department of the Indiana State Teachers College, has been elected vice-president of the institution. Dr. Rettger has been a member of the faculty for forty years.

MR. JOHN G. BARRY, consulting mining geologist and engineer, has been appointed president of the Texas College of Mines and Metallurgy, El Paso.

MR. ASHER HOBSON, director of the foreign agricultural crop and market information service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, has been appointed professor of agricultural economics at the University of Wisconsin. He will be in charge of cooperative marketing. Mr. Hobson was for seven years American representative at the International Institute of Agriculture in Rome.

DRS. CECIL ROBERT BROLYER and DANIEL KATZ have been promoted to be assistant professors of psychology at Princeton University. Dr. Henry Eyring, lecturer in chemistry at the University of California, and Dr. Wendell W. Mayer, international research fellow at the University of Munich, have been appointed research associates in chemistry.

THOSE promoted to the rank of professor at the