

in which Dr. Clarke took an active part, a compromise proposal of the New York Society was adopted. This was, that if the chemists of the country would accept the name and charter of the New York organization, that society would form a local section of a truly national society, the Washington society to take the same action. This national society has now become the largest chemical society in the world, with eighty sections and over 17,000 members. Dr. Clarke was elected to the presidency of the society in 1901.

The numerous articles from his pen upon a wide variety of subjects that appeared in divers journals and magazines furnish abundant evidence of the breadth of his interest and the scope of his knowledge and of his gift of felicitous and convincing expression. The high esteem in which he was held by scientists both in this and foreign countries is shown by the number of honorary degrees that were conferred upon him, and by his election to honorary membership or emeritus life membership in American, English and Russian scientific societies.

Dr. Clarke was one of the most kindly and lovable of men, simple in his tastes and of a modesty that is so generally a characteristic of the really great. His sense of humor and ready wit gave to his conversation a delightfully piquant flavor and it was a most entertaining experience, which the writer often had the privilege to enjoy, to listen to his reminiscences, sometimes keenly critical, sometimes highly amusing, but always sympathetically appreciative, of the noted men whom he had known and of their scientific work. His was a long life, a happy and useful life, a life of helpfulness to others and of high achievement.

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### MEMORIALS

THE dedication of Fine Hall, Princeton University, will be held in the early fall at a time when it will be convenient for Miss Gwethalyn Jones, of Chicago, who, with her uncle, the late Thomas D. Jones, '76, of Chicago, gave the building to the university, to attend the exercises. The building, which was recently completed at a cost of \$500,000, was given in memory of Dean Henry Burchard Fine, '80, who organized and developed the present department of mathematics of the university. It will contain all classroom and research work in mathematics. It is the seventh scientific building on the campus.

WE learn from the *Journal* of the American Medical Association that Dr. Cornelius A. Harper, Madison, president of the State Medical Society of Wisconsin, will dedicate a bronze tablet to the memory of Dr. William Beaumont on the site of Fort Crawford, near Prairie du Chien, on August 30. Speakers at the dedication ceremonies will be Dr. William Snow Miller, on "Beaumont the Man"; Dr. Walter J. Meek, "Beaumont the Physiologist," and Dr. Peter L. Scanlan, "Old Prairie du Chien." The site for the monument was presented to the medical society by the Daughters of the American Revolution. The inscription on the tablet is as follows: "William Beaumont, M.D., Pioneer in Physiology, born Lebanon, Conn., 1785; died St. Louis, Mo., 1853. At old Fort Crawford, one and one half miles northwest of this spot, one hundred years ago, Doctor Beaumont, a surgeon in the U. S. Army, performed those experiments on Alexis St. Martin which laid the foundation for our knowledge of digestion. In honor of his pioneer work this memorial has been erected by the State Medical Society of Wisconsin, 1931."

### RECENT DEATHS

DR. ARISTIDES AGRAMONTE, professor of bacteriology and experimental pathology at the University of Havana and well known for his work on yellow fever, died on August 17, at the age of sixty-two years.

DR. WILLIAM H. HUNTER, chief of the division of organic chemistry in the school of chemistry at the University of Minnesota, died on August 19, aged forty-nine years.

DR. CHARLES H. SHATTUCK, vice-president of the Howard Pulp and Paper Company, and formerly professor of forestry at the University of California, died on August 13 at the age of sixty-four years.

MORGAN P. SWEENEY, for twenty-two years a member of the division of chemistry at the New York State Experiment Station at Geneva, died on August 6, following a brief illness.

DR. J. D. ROBERTSON, formerly commissioner of health and president of the board of education in Chicago, died on August 20, at the age of sixty years.

DR. ARCHIBALD BARR, chairman of the engineering firm of Barr and Strand, Ltd., and formerly Regius professor of civil engineering and mechanics at the University of Glasgow, died on August 6, at the age of seventy-six years.

## SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

### DISSOLUTION OF THE ROYAL BOTANIC SOCIETY

ACCORDING to an article in the *London Times*, the dissolution of the Royal Botanic Society at the end

of this year was accepted as inevitable by a meeting of fellows held recently at the Royal Botanical Gardens. The lease of the gardens from the Crown does not expire until April, 1932, but the finances of the