

He laid the foundation of the National Park Service, defining and establishing the policies under which its areas shall be developed and conserved unimpaired for future generations. There will never come an end to the good that he has done.

A plaque is being placed on the south rim, near Yavapai Point, of Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona, and another may be placed along the north rim. Sites are being chosen for plaques in Yosemite, Yellowstone and Zion National Parks and officials hope that unveiling ceremonies may also be held in these parks on July 4.

Plaques will be placed during the summer at Logan Pass in Crater Lake National Park in Oregon; Grand Teton in Wyoming; Rocky Mountain and Mesa Verde in Colorado; Lassen and Sequoia in California, and Mount McKinley in Alaska.

The plaques will be placed in the national parks by the Park Service. The Stephen T. Mather Appreciation is prepared to provide plaques for all the twenty-two parks and to provide and place one in each of the thirty-four national monuments included in the National Park System.

Placement of a plaque near Chinook Pass at the highest elevation of the Mather Memorial Highway, which crosses the Cascade Range east of Rainier National Park, is awaiting choice of a site, and arrangements are being made to put another in Mather Grove on Redwood Highway between Miranda and Dyer-ville, California.

Friends of Mr. Mather are to plant a grove of trees on the campus of the University of California, of which he was a graduate, and for this memorial also, at the request of officials of the university, a plaque will be provided.

#### MEMORIAL TO THOMAS ALVA EDISON

A DESIGN for an Edison Memorial Museum and eternal light at Menlo Park has been approved by the Edison Parkway Commission of Perth Amboy, New Jersey, and was presented by its chairman, Joseph F. Deegan, to the Edison Pioneers at their annual dinner on February 11 in New York City.

According to the plan, the building, designed by Colonel Hugh A. Kelly and Mr. John B. Peterkin, would cost \$850,000. It would be circular in shape, measuring 180 feet across, and would be surmounted by a shaft reaching to a height of 175 feet. This would be surmounted by a translucent globe with the hemispheres indicated upon its surface and lighted internally and externally.

Not only would the building serve as a memorial and tribute to Mr. Edison, but as a museum to preserve for posterity objects associated with his life and works.

The plans show four entrances to the building. They lead into a rotunda which would be centered by an Edison statue. Murals depicting dramatic scenes from the inventor's life would cover the surrounding circular walls. In style the building would be a modern adaptation of the Greek, simple and dignified, but with an expression of rising strength in the shaft supporting the illuminated globe. The exterior would be of marble and limestone.

#### MEMORIALS

FORMER students in chemistry at the Johns Hopkins University, including non-graduates, have organized the Chemistry Alumni of the Johns Hopkins University with Dr. Henry N. Holmes, of Oberlin College, as president and Dr. Lyman C. Newell, of Boston University, as secretary. Two meetings are held each year, ordinarily at the time of the meetings of the American Chemical Society. At the last meeting it was voted to establish "The Remsen Memorial Collection," and a committee consisting of Dr. Lyman C. Newell, *chairman*; Dr. John C. Olsen, Polytechnic Institute, Brooklyn, New York, and Dr. E. Emmet Reid, of the Johns Hopkins University, was appointed to take charge of the matter. The committee at present is anxious to obtain early portraits of Dr. Remsen, autograph letters on scientific subjects and inscribed copies of the first, or an early, edition of his books, particularly books in a foreign language. Colleagues, associates, students and friends of Dr. Remsen who have memorabilia of this kind are requested to write the chairman of the committee, Dr. L. C. Newell, 688 Boylston St., Boston, Massachusetts.

THE Medical Society of the District of Columbia held exercises on January 13, in memory of Dr. George Martin Kober, a former president of the society and for many years dean of the Georgetown University School of Medicine. Dr. Kober died on April 24, 1931. Addresses were made by Dr. Henry C. Macatee for the medical society; Rev. W. Coleman Nevils, S.J., for Georgetown University; Mrs. Ernest R. Grant, for the Washington Tuberculosis Association; Surgeon General Robert U. Patterson, for the medical corps, U. S. Army; Mr. George S. Wilson, for the board of public welfare of the District; Dr. Aleš Hrdlička, for the Anthropological Society of Washington. Dr. Arthur C. Christie, president of the society, was chairman of the meeting, which was open to the public.

IN the presence of a distinguished gathering of American and French officials and airmen a monument was dedicated on January 30 to the memory of Wilbur Wright at the field of Pontlong, five miles