

He was consulting geologist for the city of Detroit in establishing a suitable location for the Detroit River tunnel, and many shorter papers and reports are found in geological publications.

Professor Sherzer did his postgraduate work at the Universities of Michigan and Berlin. The doctorate was conferred on him by the former in 1901. Born at Franklin, Ohio, he died at his summer home near Ann Arbor at the age of seventy-two years.

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### RECENT DEATHS

DR. HUGH A. BROWN, director of reclamation economics in the Interior Department, died suddenly on August 13.

W. H. SCHUERMAN, dean of the school of engineering at Vanderbilt University, died suddenly on August 11 at the age of seventy-three years.

DR. EDWARD W. TAYLOR, emeritus professor of neurology at Harvard University, one-time editor of *The Boston Medical and Surgical Journal* and associate editor of *The Journal of Nervous and Mental Diseases*, died on August 17 at the age of sixty-six years.

THE death is announced of Charles C. Conser, associate professor of physiology at the University of Maryland.

DR. JOHN CHARLES FIELD, head of the department of mathematics at the University of Toronto, died on August 10 at the age of seventy years.

GEORGE BARVOW, late of the British Geological Survey, died on July 24, at the age of seventy-eight years.

CAPTAIN POULETT WEATHERBY, of Bournemouth, England, geographer and African explorer, who discovered the source of the Congo, has died at the age of seventy-two years.

THE death is announced of Dr. Ludwig Haberlandt, professor of physiology at Innsbruck.

THE death is announced, at the age of sixty-three years, of Dr. Rudolf Kraus, of the State Serum Institute in Santiago de Chile.

JOHN R. F. SEBELIEN, formerly professor of chemistry in the Agricultural College, Aas, Norway, known for his contributions to the chemistry of milk and dairy feeding and artificial manures, has died at the age of seventy-four years.

## SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

### INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CENTERS IN PARIS

*Nature* reports that La Maison du Savant, which is to be built in Paris, will be a well-appointed meeting-place for French and foreign men of science, if the present plans come to fruition. Lecture rooms, a restaurant, a winter-garden, etc., will be at the disposal of members and visitors. In addition, it will possess an extensive office of information which will study projects for the erection of up-to-date laboratories and research institutions, and organize congresses, exhibitions, conferences and all publicity necessary to attain the organization's aims. An illustrated periodical will also be published eventually, to inform the public of the general progress of science. Other activities include a benevolent fund and the provision of scholarships. The Maison du Savant is under the patronage of M. Lebrun, President of the French Republic; it has received government support, and its honorary committee consists of a distinguished group of academicians, including MM. le Chatelier, Charcot, le due de Broglie, Riehet, etc. Its founder and president is M. Georges Lecuyer, president of the International Union of Decorative Arts, and its active director is M. Jean de Chappedelaine. The organization hopes to raise fifty million francs in the near

future for its extensive program. Through the official support of the Chamber of Deputies and the Municipality of Paris, a beginning has been made with convenient office rooms at 5 Avenue de l'Opéra, Paris.

"La Maison Internationale de la Science" is a project put forward on the occasion of the Colonial Exhibition of last year, during an International Congress of Men of Science and Research Workers, for the furtherance of their interests. Its temporary headquarters are at the Institut Marey, Avenue Gordon-Bennett, Paris. It has not been very active, owing to the absence of its director, M. Pélissier, on a government mission to the island of Réunion; in all probability it will join forces with the Maison du Savant. "Le Foyer International Universitaire" is a center planned by the University of Paris. It was to be housed in part of the hôtel de la Rochefoucauld d'Estissac; this, however, has been bought by the "Maison de la Chimie" for three million francs, which will be used by the "Foyer International Universitaire" to acquire another building in rue de la Four (the former École de Bouffémont). "Le Cercle Universitaire International" is a club projected by the Associations of University Students to receive visiting colleagues and university men and to organize meet-