pean medical students studying abroad to New York medical licensing examinations have been announced by Dr. Ernest E. Cole, acting commissioner of education. These requirements are in harmony with regulations recently promulgated by the Federation of State Medical Boards of the United States. The federation has announced that students proposing to study medicine in Europe will be subject to the following regulations for admission to the various state medical licensing examinations:

- 1. No American student matriculating in a European medical school subsequent to the academic year 1932–1933 will be admitted to any state medical licensing examination or to the examination of the National Board of Medical Examiners, who does not, before beginning such medical study, secure from a state Board of Medical Examiners or other competent state authority, a certificate endorsed by the Association of American Medical Colleges or the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals of the American Medical Association showing that he has met the premedical educational requirements prescribed by the aforementioned associations.
- 2. No student, either American or European, matriculating in a European medical school subsequent to the academic year 1932–1933 will be admitted to any state medical licensing examination, or to the examination of the National Board of Medical Examiners, who does not (a) present satisfactory evidence of premedical education equivalent to the requirements of the Association of American Medical Colleges, and the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals of the American Medical Association, and graduation from a European medical school after a medical course of at least four academic years, and (b) obtain a license to practise medicine in the country in which the medical school from which he is graduated is located.

## NEW MEXICO MEETING OF THE SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCE-MENT OF SCIENCE

THE thirteenth annual meeting of the Southwestern Division will be held from Monday to Thursday, May 1, 2, 3 and 4, at Las Cruces, New Mexico. The host institution will be the New Mexico College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, the post office address of which is State College, New Mexico.

Officers of the division are: Charles T. Vorhies, University of Arizona, president; F. E. E. Germann, University of Colorado, vice-president; Edwin F. Carpenter, Steward Observatory, University of Arizona, secretary-treasurer. Officers of the New Mexico Association for the Advancement of Science are: S. B. Talmage, president, New Mexico School of Mines, Socorro; H. C. Graham, vice-president, State Teachers College, Silver City; H. G. Fisher, treasurer, New Mexico Museum, Santa Fe; E. R. Harrington, secretary, High School, Albuquerque.

The general meetings will include the opening session on Monday morning; a symposium on problems relating to erosion, on Tuesday evening; and the annual banquet at which the retiring president of the division will deliver his address, on Wednesday evening. In addition there will be a luncheon symposium devoted to the historical interest of the region, in Old Mesilla, near Las Cruces, site of the signing of the Gadsden Purchase of 1853. The John Wesley Powell Lecture, now partially endowed by recent vote of the executive committee, will be delivered, probably on Monday evening, May 1, by Aldo Leopold, consulting forester, of Madison, Wisconsin.

Las Cruces lies at an elevation of 3,800 feet on the El Paso-Albuquerque branch of the Santa Fe Railroad, 40 miles north of El Paso.

Excursions and entertainment are being planned by the local committee under the chairmanship of Professor D. S. Robbins. Thursday, the last day of the meeting, has been set aside for the excursions. The points for which visits have been definitely planned are (1) White Sands, a large area of drifting dunes of gypsum sand, about 40 miles from Las Cruces; (2) the Jornada Experimental Range, about 23 miles from Las Cruces, and (3) El Paso, 40 miles southward, for its mining and metallurgical industries, its cement and electrolytic copper plants, several oil refineries, and, across the border, Juarez.

## SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

THE bicentenary of the birth of Joseph Priestley occurred on March 13. He was born in Yorkshire and came to the United States on June 4, 1794, living in Northumberland, Pennsylvania, until his death on February 6, 1814.

Dr. Hugo de Vries, the distinguished Dutch botanist, celebrated his eighty-fifth birthday on February 16.

Dr. Frank Burr Mallory, until his retirement in 1932 professor of pathology in the Harvard Medical

School, having reached the age of seventy years, has also retired as chief of the department of pathology at Boston City Hospital. Dr. Mallory has been connected with the hospital since 1891.

SIR ROBERT HADFIELD, metallurgical engineer, managing director of Hadfield's Limited, Sheffield, has been elected an honorary member of the Academy of Sciences at Leningrad, in recognition of his work for metallurgy. The Soviet Ambassador in London, I. Maisky, gave a luncheon in honor of the occasion on February 28.