

## OBITUARY

## ROY LEE MOODIE

DR. ROY LEE MOODIE, anatomist and paleontologist, died on February 16 at the Hollywood Hospital, Los Angeles.

Dr. Moodie was born on July 30, 1880, in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Receiving his early university training in the University of Kansas, his doctor's degree from the University of Chicago, he associated himself in his early life with the science faculties of leading midwestern colleges and universities, where he devoted his special talents to teaching and research. For many years he directed his interests to the study of the problems of paleopathology, a subject dealing with the ancient evidence of disease in man and animals, and a department of endeavor in which he stood preeminent.

Dr. Moodie came to Los Angeles in 1923 from the department of anatomy in the University of Illinois, where he had been associated for several years. In his work in paleontology he had become especially attracted by the exceptional opportunity presented by the Rancho La Brea Collection of Pleistocene Fossils in the Los Angeles Museum, with which institution he has been continuously connected, since his arrival in California as a research associate, serving under the patronage of the Wellcome Research Institution of London, England, as well as being connected, for a time, as professor of paleontology in the College of Dentistry of the University of Southern California.

A tireless and productive research student in a rare and difficult field of study, his bibliography of important contributions to the natural sciences would far exceed a hundred titles, the best known, perhaps, being his monograph of the "Coal Measure Amphibia" (1916); "Studies in the Paleopathology of Ancient Egypt" (1921), being a memorial volume prepared by Dr. Moodie for Lady Ruffer and dedicated to Professor Marc Armand Ruffer; "The Antiquity of Disease" (1923); "Study of the Ancient Evidence of Disease" (1923). Only a few days prior to his untimely death he had completed, ready for publication by the Wellcome Historical Medical Museum, of which he was paleopathologist, his monumental work of three large volumes on the "Paleopathology of the California Saber-tooth; and other Felidae," largely based on material in the Los Angeles Museum collections.—W. A. B.

## MEMORIALS

THE plans of the International Edison Foundation for the erection of a memorial to Thomas Alva Edison on Eagle Rock, West Orange, which juts out from the Orange Mountains and overlooks the greater part of the lower Hudson Valley, are reported to have been

approved by his family. The plans call for a marble obelisk 350 feet in height, which tapers off into the outline of two hands holding an incandescent electric light globe. At the base of the obelisk is to be a bronze statue of Edison. The architects are John B. Peterkin and Hugh A. Kelly. Charles Keck is the sculptor. Behind the tower there is to be a landscaped park. The project includes a permanent resting place for the body of the inventor, which is now in a temporary grave in Rosedale Cemetery, West Orange. Although final decision has not yet been made by the foundation, its officers recently announced that the plans of Keck, Peterkin and Kelly were being favorably considered. Funds for the project, for which \$2,000,000 are required, will be raised by subscription.

BECAUSE of the depression and the consequent difficulty of collecting funds, plans for the erection of a memorial in memory of the late Professor Stephen Moulton Babcock, of the University of Wisconsin, have been changed. Instead of the statue, whatever funds are collected will be used for a bronze plaque to be placed on the campus of the Agricultural College. Lorado Taft will be commissioned to design the plaque. More than 200 contributions from individuals and firms in Wisconsin and throughout the nation have been made to the fund during the past two years. Dr. E. H. Farrington, emeritus professor of dairy husbandry, is secretary-treasurer of the fund.

THE Olive M. Lammert Laboratories in the Sanders Chemical Laboratory of Vassar College were dedicated in February to the memory of the late Professor Olive M. Lammert in the presence of many of her former colleagues and students. President MacCracken spoke briefly of Professor Lammert's attainments as a scholar. He also announced the gift by two of her former students, Elizabeth Travers Palmer and Isabel Mills, of a bookcase for these laboratories and of a book-plate for books from Professor Lammert's library and such others as shall be added from time to time by her friends. These books will form a library for collateral reading for students in the field of physical chemistry. There followed the unveiling of a bronze tablet, the inscription of which concludes with the words "Her brilliant joyous teaching was an inspiration."

VISCOUNT FALMOUTH presented on January 18 to the Institution of Electrical Engineers a copy of Sir William Orpen's painting of the late Sir Charles Parsons.

## RECENT DEATHS

DR. AUGUSTUS TROWBRIDGE, professor of physics and since 1928 dean of the Graduate School of Prince-