

traders, the missionaries to the Esquimaux and the Alaskan Signal Service of the United States Army; instructions were broadcast from the more powerful American radio stations."

MEMORIALS

A STATUE of Benjamin Franklin, believed to have been executed from life by the French sculptor, François Marie Suzanne, was presented to the Franklin Institute by A. Atwater Kent, president of the Benjamin Franklin Memorial, on July 16. The statue was discovered about fifteen years ago in an obscure shop in New York.

FUNDS are being solicited to establish a memorial in honor of the late Dr. Charles Spencer Williamson, professor of medicine at the University of Illinois College of Medicine. It is hoped to accumulate a fund of \$500 for a suitable portrait of Dr. Williamson, to be hung in the library of the university, and a sum between \$5,000 and \$10,000 to establish a lectureship in internal medicine.

A MEMORIAL bronze plaque, in memory of Luther Marion Defoe, has been hung under his picture in the Engineering Library of the University of Missouri. This plaque, about 12 by 18 inches, was placed there by the members of the faculty of the College of Engineering. It bears the following inscription: "In memory of Luther Marion Defoe, A.B., 1860-1933. Professor of mechanics, University of Missouri, 1892-1933. Inspiring Teacher—Wise Counsellor—Just Judge."

A MONUMENT to John Lamont, the Scottish astronomer, who died in 1879, was unveiled at Inverary, his birthplace, on September 10, during the meeting at Aberdeen of the British Association for the Advancement of Science. Professor Lamont is known for his pioneer work in terrestrial magnetism. He was for many years director of the Royal Observatory at Munich.

RECENT DEATHS

DR. KARL FREDERIC KELLERMAN, associate chief of the Bureau of Plant Industry at the U. S. Depart-

ment of Agriculture, died on August 30, at the age of fifty-four years.

HARRY CREIGHTON PEPPER, chemical engineer and founder of the School of Chemical Engineering at Purdue University, died from heart failure on July 17. Professor Pepper had been at Purdue since 1911, building up the School of Chemical Engineering to its present prominence. He also developed a number of research projects in chemical and industrial processes, building materials, etc.

DR. GEORGE C. BRANDENBURG, head of the department of education at Purdue University and director of its summer school, died on September 3. He was fifty-five years old. He is known for his work on child development and personality.

DR. MAURICE FISHBERG, specialist in tubercular disease, chief physician of Montefiore Hospital and Bedford Sanitarium, known for his work on the physical anthropology of the Jew, died suddenly on August 20. He was sixty-two years old.

DR. WILLIAM CAMPBELL POSEY, ophthalmologist, president of the College of Physicians, Philadelphia, died suddenly on September 6. He was sixty-eight years old.

CHARLES FREDERIC AUGUST SCHAEFFER, entomologist and for twenty-nine years until his retirement last March associate curator of coleoptera at the Brooklyn Museum, died on August 30. He was seventy-four years old.

WELLESLEY CURRAN CLINTON, professor of electrical engineering at University College, London, died on August 18 at the age of sixty-three years.

THE death is announced of Dr. William Mitchinson Hicks, emeritus professor of physics and first vice-chancellor of Sheffield University, at the age of eighty-three years.

PROFESSOR CARL OLAF JENSEN, director of the Danish Agricultural and Veterinary School, died on September 3, at the age of seventy years.

SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

COOPERATION AMONG LONDON MEDICAL SCHOOLS

PLANS are announced, according to an article in the London *Times*, for the closer cooperation for educational purposes of three medical schools in London in order to extend facilities for their students. Similarly, the London Voluntary Hospitals Committee and the Hospitals and Medical Services Committee of the London County Council have agreed upon plans for a greater degree of cooperation, one result of which

is the linking up of twelve undergraduate teaching hospitals with a number of municipal hospitals.

The public importance of the decision of the governing bodies of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Medical College, St. Thomas's Hospital Medical School and Guy's Hospital Medical School to establish a closer cooperation for the advancement of medical education is emphasized in a statement issued by the deans of the college and schools concerned. They write: