

terms: "Dr. León M. Guerrero was a Filipino scientist who rendered invaluable services in science to his country and his people in different epochs of Philip-

pine history. Through his untiring efforts and painstaking research great achievements have been recorded in the study of Philippine medicinal plants."

## SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

### THE DEDICATION OF THE RICHARD T. FISHER MEMORIAL

ON June 9, beneath a cluster of ancient white pine, hemlock and hardwood—a most appropriate setting—President James B. Conant of Harvard University assisted in the dedication of a bronze memorial tablet to the late Professor R. T. Fisher. The ceremony was held at noon, on the Tom Swamp Tract of the Harvard Forest at Petersham, Mass. Despite the intermittent heavy rain, some one hundred and fifty friends, relatives, alumni of the Harvard Forest School and professional colleagues were present. The site for the memorial is a lovely woodsy spot, and is regarded as singularly fitting, inasmuch as Professor Fisher often came there to study and to photograph the interesting wild life in the game sanctuary of which this area is a part.

John S. Ames, '01, president of the Forest School Alumni Association and donor of the lands making up the Harvard Forest, presided, and in a brief address told how the tract was obtained and how it had become the oldest managed forest in the United States. He further mentioned how justly proud Professor Fisher was of its growth and of the increasing number of visits made by technical foresters from various portions of the world.

Henry H. Tryon, '12, director of the Black Rock Forest at Cornwall-on-Hudson, N. Y., and chairman of the Fisher Memorial Committee, spoke briefly of the well-nigh unanimous admiration and loyal affection which the alumni held for their former director, and added that there could be no more fitting place for the memorial than this spot, where he loved to come.

President Conant, before lifting the simple spray of spruce and larch which covered the tablet, touched perhaps the true dedicatory note: "Professor Fisher was the real creator of this forest. His untimely death prevented the completion of many well-laid plans that he had in the making. His death will even more closely unite the forest with Harvard University. Professor Fisher was continually laying plans for the advancement of this wonderful work; it was only a short time before his sudden death that he discussed with me at some length the future of the work here. These plans now rest with us to carry out. On behalf of the Governing Board of Harvard University I accept this memorial with a full sense of the responsibility which

is implied therein, and with a renewed gratitude for Professor Fisher's outstanding work."

Those present included Mr. and Mrs. Peter Frothingham, Mr. and Mrs. William James, Henry James, Dr. Thomas Barbour, Dr. E. G. Stillman, E. S. Bryant, Dean George H. Chase, A. H. Upham, Wm. G. Howard, state forester of New York, H. O. Cook, state forester of Massachusetts, Mrs. George R. Agassiz, Dr. R. H. Wetmore, Professor Henry V. Hubbard, Dr. John C. Phillips, Professor Irving W. Bailey, Professor Harlow Shapley, and many others.—*A Correspondent.*

### THE SAN FRANCISCO MEETING OF THE AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY

THE rise of the chemical industry on the Pacific Coast will be emphasized at the ninetieth meeting of the American Chemical Society, which will be held in San Francisco from August 19 to 23. Chemists from all over the country will participate. Petroleum, wine-making, vitamins and new uses for wood will be special fields of discussion.

Dr. Edward C. Franklin, professor emeritus at Stanford University, known for his researches in liquid ammonia solutions, which opened up a new field in organic chemistry, has been appointed honorary chairman of the convention. Professor Franklin is the holder of the Willard Gibbs Medal. Dr. Arthur Lachman, of the University of California, has been named general chairman.

Most of the professional divisions will hold sessions. The Division of Agricultural and Food Chemistry and the Division of Industrial and Engineering Chemistry will conduct a joint symposium on the chemistry and technology of wine.

A joint session of the Division of Petroleum Chemistry and the Division of Industrial and Engineering Chemistry will discuss "Solvent Extraction and Solvent Dewaxing of Lubricating Oils." The Petroleum and Gas and Fuel Chemistry Divisions will sponsor a symposium on the utilization of natural gas hydrocarbons.

Wood as the raw material for chemical commodities will be the subject of another symposium of the Division of Industrial and Engineering Chemistry. Joint symposia on vitamins and the minor elements of animal nutrition are planned by the Divisions of Medicinal Chemistry, Biological Chemistry and Agricultural and Food Chemistry. Professor Roe E. Rem-