

exhibited a diabetogenic action. There is considerable controversy at the present time concerning the manner in which this diabetogenic substance acts. The controversy centers around the question of whether it works directly on the pancreas, directly on sugar metabolism in the muscles or whether its action is mediated through the thyroid gland or adrenal gland.

Dr. Houssay will give the address at the afternoon general session on Tuesday, December 31. He will speak on the hypophysis and metabolism at 4:30 in Assembly Room 4 of the Municipal Auditorium. He takes the period vacated by Dr. Karl F. Meyer, of the Hooper Foundation in San Francisco, who has been compelled to cancel his trip east and will not be able to deliver the address which was listed in the preliminary announcement recently published in *SCIENCE*.

DESPITE assurance that auditorium rooms were satisfactory for scientific sessions we find them unfinished and some without partitions. After careful study of the situation the local committee recommends and I agree that we must move all biological societies to Washington University Campus. This is unfortunate, since societies have mailed members programs showing auditorium assignments. All changes will be recorded in the official program available on registration at St. Louis.

HENRY B. WARD,
Permanent Secretary

THE ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION AND THE GENERAL EDUCATION BOARD

At the offices of the General Education Board it was announced on December 12 that Raymond B. Fosdick had been elected president of the board, to take office on July 1, 1936, on the retirement of Trevor Arnett, who has been associated with the board as trustees and president for a great many years.

At the offices of the Rockefeller Foundation it was announced that Mr. Fosdick had also been elected president of the foundation, to take office on July 1, 1936. Dr. Max Mason, the present president of the foundation, some time ago submitted his resignation to take effect on December 31, 1935, but at the earnest request of the trustees, through John D. Rockefeller, Jr., the chairman of the board, he has been persuaded to continue in office at least until next spring so that Mr. Fosdick may have opportunity to arrange for his own retirement from the law firm of Curtis, Fosdick and Belknap, of which he has been a member for many years, and from other corporations with which he is now connected and associations he now has.

In response to inquiry as to the significance of the election of Mr. Fosdick as president of both boards, it was stated that the General Education Board plans to

expend increasing amounts of its principal funds over a period of years; this may finally result in their complete exhaustion. Meanwhile, to avoid any overlapping in the activities of the two boards, it seemed wise to have one administrator for both.

In accepting Dr. Mason's resignation, the trustees of the Rockefeller Foundation expressed its deep appreciation of his services during the six years of his incumbency. He assumed the administrative burden at a time when, due to the consolidation of a number of programs in the Rockefeller Foundation, the organization was confronted with new and heavy responsibilities. It is said that under his leadership these programs in the various fields of knowledge have been brought together into a single unity, and harmonized in relation to a common objective, *i.e.*, the problem of human behavior.

RECENT DEATHS AND MEMORIALS

DR. HOWARD MCCLENAHAN, since 1925 secretary of the Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, previously professor of physics and dean of the college at Princeton University, died on December 17, at the age of sixty-three years.

PROFESSOR ARTHUR TAYLOR ROWE, associate dean and head of the department of prosthetics of the School of Dental and Oral Surgery of Columbia University, and Dr. Paul B. Wiberg, associate professor of dentistry, were shot and killed, and Dr. William H. Crawford, associate professor, wounded, on December 13. The assassin, Victor Koussow, a handyman in the laboratory, a Russian emigré who is assumed to have been insane, then killed himself.

DR. FREDERICK ROBERT ZEIT, professor of pathology of Northwestern University Medical School, died in Coronado, Calif., on December 5 at the age of seventy-one years. Dr. Zeit had been a member of the faculty for thirty-seven years.

DR. LEOPOLDO A. FAUSTINO, assistant director of the Philippine Bureau of Science, died on November 8. He was forty-three years old.

Nature reports the death of Professor Jakob Schetelig, professor of mineralogy and geology in the University of Oslo.

A MEMORIAL service in honor of the late Dr. Henry Fairfield Osborn was held at St. Bartholomew's Church, New York City, on December 18. Addresses were delivered by Dr. James Rowland Angell, president of Yale University; Dr. Harold Willis Dodds, president of Princeton University, and Dr. Henry Sloane Coffin, president of Union Theological Seminary.

A MEMORIAL lecture, sponsored by the University of

Wisconsin Medical Society and the Phi Chi medical fraternity, was given on November 26 for the late Dr. Charles R. Bardeen, dean of the medical school for many years. Dr. Anton J. Carlson, professor of physiology of the University of Chicago, gave an address entitled "Science, Medicine and the Common Life."

THE Board of Governors of the Institute of Medicine of Chicago has voted to enroll the late Edwin R. LeCount as a benefactor in recognition of his gift in 1931 of \$10,000 for a trust fund to bear the name of Joseph Almarin Capps, the income from the fund to be used to establish an annual prize for the most meritorious investigation in medicine in Chicago completed within two years after graduation by a graduate of a medical school in Chicago. Four prizes of \$500 each have been awarded since the fund was established.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

THE American Geographical Society, at its November meeting, awarded the Charles P. Daly Medal to Roy Chapman Andrews, director of the American Museum of Natural History; the Cullum Geographical Medal to Professor Douglas Johnson, of Columbia University, and the David Livingstone Centenary Medal to Lars Christensen, of Norway. The Cullum Medal bears a citation reading as follows: "Douglas Johnson, lucid interpreter of the forms of the land and its coastal fringe. Revealer of geographical truth to soldier and statesman."

THE first Francis J. Clamer Medal for the most meritorious achievement in the field of metallurgy was presented on December 7 by the Technical Society of Philadelphia to Dr. Charles H. Hertzy, Jr., research metallurgist of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation.

Nature reports that the Symons Gold Medal of the Royal Meteorological Society for 1936 has been awarded to Professor Wilhelm Schmidt, director of the Central Institution for Meteorology and Geodynamics, Vienna. The medal is awarded biennially for distinguished work in connection with meteorology and will be presented at the annual general meeting of the society on January 15.

THE Petrie Medal of the University of London was presented by the university on Foundation Day, November 10, to Abbé H. Bréuil, in recognition of his services to archeology.

SIR GILBERT BARLING, who was pro-chancellor of the University of Birmingham for twenty years and at one period dean of the faculty of medicine, has been presented with the Birmingham Civic Society's gold medal in recognition of his services to the intellectual and esthetic life of the city.

Dr. LeCount was professor of pathology in Rush Medical College from 1892 until his death in August, 1935. Dr. Capps is clinical professor of medicine in the division of biological sciences, University of Chicago.

ON the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the first inoculation for rabies on July 20, a bust of Pasteur was unveiled at Havana in a square to which his name had been given, on the initiative of the Academy of Sciences of Havana, in conjunction with the Franco-American Committee of Paris.

Nature reports that on behalf of a body of subscribers an offer of £540 has been made to the University of Cambridge to form a fund in memory of Dr. J. E. Marr, Woodwardian professor of geology. This fund is to be used to provide grants for the study of geology in the field.

THE Earl of Clarendon, Governor-General of the Union of South Africa, has been elected president of the South African Association for the Advancement of Science for the year 1935-36. He succeeds Dr. M. M. Rindl, professor of chemistry in Grey University College, Bloemfontein.

DR. GEORGE D. BEAL, assistant director of Mellon Institute, has been elected president of the American Pharmaceutical Association for the year 1936-1937. This association, which was organized in 1852, has about 4,500 members, including the leading pharmaceutical manufacturers, research workers and teachers of the United States. Dr. Beal has been a member of the executive staff of Mellon Institute since 1926 and since 1930 has been a member of the Revision Committee of the U. S. Pharmacopoeia whose eleventh edition is just off the press. Prior to joining Mellon Institute Dr. Beal was professor of analytical and food chemistry in the University of Illinois. He is an authority on quantitative organic analysis, alkaloids, fatty acids and anthraquinone drugs.

THE following officers were elected at the annual meeting of the American Society of Agronomy on December 5 and 6: *President*, Professor R. M. Salter, Wooster, Ohio; *Vice-president*, Dr. F. D. Richey, Washington, D. C.; *Chairman*, Crops Section, Professor H. B. Sprague, New Brunswick, N. J.; *Chairman*, Soils Section, Dr. W. A. Albrecht, Columbia, Mo.; *Editor*, Professor J. D. Luckett, Geneva, N. Y.; *Secretary-treasurer*, Dr. P. E. Brown, Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa.

AT the thirty-fifth annual meeting of the Botanical Society of Washington, D. C., held on December 3, following the two hundred and sixty-ninth regular