

of the laboratory and was developed during three summers at Cold Spring Harbor with great practical results.

During his administration he ran the business of the laboratory smoothly, not only as director but also as assistant treasurer and assistant secretary. His administrative ability appealed to business men of means. He was able to meet the wealthy contributors to the work of the laboratory as easily as he could meet primitive peoples in their natural countries. With nothing human was he out of contact.

Personally, he was slender, lithe, with a walk that was alert and springy. Having a direct approach, he inspired confidence and loyalty. With his active and understanding mind he could lead discussion on almost any biological paper that had been delivered. His presentation of the needs of the laboratory before the board of directors was a model, not too detailed to bore, but enough to interest the intelligent listener. He got the board to become biologically minded. His fine presence and agreeable manners excited such confidence that he was unusually successful at the difficult task of securing support for the laboratory in time of depression.

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#### RECENT DEATHS AND MEMORIALS

PROFESSOR ROBERT FLETCHER, since 1871 until his retirement in 1918 with the title emeritus director of the Thayer School of Civil Engineering at Dartmouth College, died on January 7 at the age of eighty-eight years.

MISS ANNA MARGUERITE PABST, junior bacteriologist at the National Institute of Health of the United States Public Health Service, died on Christmas Day from meningococcus meningitis. For the last five years she had been taking part in studies being done in the institute on this disease. On December 17, while she was immunizing a rabbit in order to prepare a serum for laboratory use, the animal jumped and some of the culture she was injecting spurted into her eye. She became ill suddenly on December 21 and died four days later.

DR. F. B. ALLAN, professor of organic chemistry

and dean of the faculty of arts at the University of Toronto, died on January 9 at the age of sixty-eight years.

DR. CARL W. FISHER, who had been in veterinary practice in San Mateo, Calif., for the past thirty-four years, died on November 26. A correspondent writes: "During the years of his practice Dr. Fisher achieved success not only in the treatment of diseases but particularly in disease prevention. His success in developing and maintaining herds free from infectious diseases has long been recognized. The efficiency and sincerity of his work is held in high esteem by his veterinary colleagues throughout California."

A MEDALLION has recently been affixed to the house at Confolens in the Department of Charente, in which the late Dr. Emile Roux, the director of the Pasteur Institute of Paris, was born.

A MEMORIAL exhibition was opened on December 20 at the Science Museum, London, which will last till April 19 to commemorate the bicentenary of the birth at Greenock on January 19, 1736, of James Watt, the engineer and inventor. Many objects are shown, including three original beam engines, two of which were erected in Soho Manufactory in 1777 and 1788, respectively, and the third in London in 1797, and various original experimental models, including the separate condensers of 1765 which led to his most important contribution to the development of the steam engine. The Garret Workshop, where Watt frequently worked from 1790 till his death in 1819, and which was moved with its contents from Heathfield Hall, near Birmingham, to the Science Museum in 1924 for permanent preservation, will be on view. A large number of drawings, some by Watt himself, have been lent by the Birmingham Public Libraries Committee and form a detailed survey of the progress in steam-engine design from 1775 to 1800, the period of Watt's partnership with Boulton. There are also numerous portraits of Watt, Boulton and their scientific friends which have been lent for the occasion by the National Portrait Gallery, the Victoria and Albert Museum, the Royal Society, the City of Birmingham Art Gallery and others.

## SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

### THE KAISER WILHELM SOCIETY FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE

THE Kaiser Wilhelm Society for the Advancement of Science, Berlin, celebrated on January 11 the silver jubilee of its foundation by the German emperor twenty-five years ago.

In an account of the proceedings given by Otto D. Tolischus, correspondent of *The New York Times*, it

is stated that the society has now 675 members; it controls thirty-four separate institutes, in which research is carried on by 1,100 investigators.

The official celebration opened with a reception by Dr. Julius Lippert, State Commissar for Berlin, in the City Hall, followed by a festive jubilee session in Harnack House. At the reception the Hitler body-guard band provided music and Dr. Lippert in ad-