

### RECENT DEATHS AND MEMORIALS

CHARLES RUSSELL RICHARDS, formerly director of Cooper Union, New York City, and of the department of science and technology of the Pratt Institute, one of the founders of the New York Museum of Science and Industry, died on February 21, at the age of seventy years.

HIRAM PERCY MAXIM, the inventor of the Maxim silencer and of other implements of warfare, died on February 17. He was sixty-seven years old.

DR. MARCUS ADOLPHUS ROTHSCHILD, of the Beth Israel Hospital, New York City, specialist in heart diseases, died on February 16, at the age of forty-eight years.

DR. LYNNE HOAG, associate professor of pediatrics at the Cornell University Medical School, died on February 16. He was forty-three years old.

MISS GEORGIA COOPER, for twenty-one years a bacteriologist of the Department of Health, New York

City, died on February 19, at the age of fifty-one years.

DR. P. P. VON WEIMARN, formerly of Empress Catharina Mining Institute of St. Petersburg, more recently head of the Dispersoidological Department of the Imperial Industrial Research Institute, Osaka, Japan, died in Shanghai on June 2, 1935, after a long illness. He was well known for his contributions to colloid chemistry.

As a memorial to the late Professor James H. Breasted, who died on December 2, the building housing the Oriental Institute at the University of Chicago has been named "James Henry Breasted Hall." The institute, erected at a cost of \$1,500,000, was dedicated on December 5, 1931. It houses five museum halls, administrative quarters for the expeditions of the institute in the Near East, classrooms and offices for the department of Oriental languages and literatures and for such research projects as the compilation of an Assyrian dictionary, library and storage and preparators' quarters.

## SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

### COMMISSION ON NUTRITION OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

THE Expert Commission on Nutrition appointed by the Health Committee of the League of Nations met on November 25 at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Those present were:

FRANCE.—Professor J. Alquier, directeur de l'Institut d'Hygiène Alimentaire, Paris; Professor L. Lapique, professor of physiology at the Laboratory of Physiology, Sorbonne, Paris.

SCANDINAVIA.—Professor Axel Hojer, generaldirektor, Medicinalstyrelsen, Vallingatan 2, Stockholm.

UNITED KINGDOM.—Professor Cathcart, professor of physiology, University of Glasgow; Professor E. Mellanby, professor of physiology and biochemistry at the University of Sheffield, and secretary-general of the Medical Research Council, London; Sir John Boyd Orr, director of the Imperial Bureau of Animal Nutrition, Reid Library, Rowett Institute, Aberdeen.

UNITED STATES.—Professor E. V. McCollum, professor of biochemistry, the Johns Hopkins University; Dr. Mary Swartz Rose, Columbia University; Dr. W. Sebrell, chief of the Department of Nutrition, National Institute of Hygiene, Washington, D. C.

U. S. S. R.—Professor Sbarsky, director of the Central Nutrition Institute, Moscow.

The commission elected Professor Mellanby as chairman and Dr. McCollum as vice-chairman.

A statement was presented on the origin of the studies of the question made under the auspices of

the League of Nations. After a general exchange of views the commission decided to draft a statement on scientific principles governing dietaries of certain population groups—namely, women during pregnancy and lactation, infants, school-children and adolescents up to the age of twenty-one years.

Two subcommittees—one on energy-producing substances, under the chairmanship of Professor Cathcart (members: Professors Alquier, Lapique, Sbarsky and Sebrell, with Dr. McGee of the Ministry of Health as secretary), and the other on non-energy-producing substances (such as minerals, salts, vitamins, etc.), under the chairmanship of Professor McCollum (members: Professors Hojer and Mellanby, Sir John Boyd Orr, and Dr. Swartz Rose, with Dr. Harriet Chick of the Lister Institute as secretary)—were entrusted with the task of drawing up detailed recommendations which will be submitted to the plenary commission at a later meeting.

### THE NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY OF MARYLAND

ON the work of this society a correspondent writes as follows:

The Natural History Society of Maryland is an institution devoted solely to the natural sciences and is one of two institutions engaged primarily in scientific work in this state. The other, the Maryland Academy of Sciences, is a separate and distinct organization.

At present the Natural History Society of Maryland