

and his nephew, Lawrence Lewis. Characteristically, these facts meant little to him, and he so rarely mentioned them that they were known only to a few people.

This unassuming man studied for the pure love of learning and published only one paper, which concerned his discovery of fossil palm wood in the Jackson Eocene of Louisiana. He wandered at will through the fields of biology, geology and archeology. His knowledge was encyclopedic, and he has been correctly termed a true savant.

Professor Williamson won the silver medal for his Indian collection at the Louisiana Centennial in St. Louis in 1904. He was honorary curator of archeology of the Louisiana Museum of Natural History, formerly librarian of the Louisiana Academy of Sciences and a member of the Louisiana Historical Society. In 1927 he was given a testimonial of esteem by the Louisiana State Board of Education, the bestowal of such an honor being unique in the history of that body.

GORDON GUNTER

#### RECENT DEATHS

ROY JED COLONY, associate professor of geology at Columbia University, died on March 26 at the age of sixty-six years.

DR. TILGHAM B. MARDEN, professor of histology and embryology at the University of Maryland for

twenty-seven years, died on March 18. He was sixty-six years old.

DR. MELVIN ALBERT MARTIN, professor of psychology and head of the department at Newcomb College, Tulane University, died on March 27 in his sixty-fifth year.

DR. MALCOLM LA SALLE HARRIS, formerly professor of surgery at the Chicago Polyclinic Surgical School, president of the American Medical Association in 1928-29, died on March 22. He was seventy-three years old.

THE death is announced of Professor Harry Glenn Parkinson, head of the department of agricultural education at the Pennsylvania State College, who has been serving as acting dean of the College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts of the University of Puerto Rico, at the age of forty-six years.

MRS. FREDERICK BEDELL (Mary L. Crehore), wife of Professor Frederick Bedell, of Cornell University, herself a physicist, died on March 17.

THE death is announced of Harold Brown, for the past ten years principal of the Plant and Animal Products Department of the British Imperial Institute.

ALBERT BERZEVICZY, a former minister of Hungary and formerly president of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, died on March 22 at the age of eighty-three years.

### SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

#### COMMITTEE ON FORESTRY OF THE NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL OF CANADA

THE National Research Council of Canada has appointed a committee to study the requirements in respect to research in all branches of forestry, including measures for the better utilization of forest products. The committee is to function as an associate committee of the National Research Council and includes in its membership representatives of the Dominion Departments of the Interior and Agriculture, in addition to the National Research Council; the forestry department of each province; members of the forestry faculties of universities in which there are departments of forestry; the lumber, pulp and paper and allied industries throughout the Dominion, the forest engineering societies, the forest protective associations and the Canadian Forestry Association.

It is understood that the committee will base its preliminary program on the findings of the Conference on Forestry Research held in Ottawa in November, 1935, at which carefully prepared papers, pre-

sented by leading authorities in the various branches of forestry throughout Canada, were fully discussed. The conference recommended the appointment of a national committee in order to provide a permanent organization representative of government, industrial, technical and educational interests concerned in the promotion of forestry in all its branches.

Surpassed only by agriculture and mining, the forests of Canada rank third among the primary industries in their contribution to national production. Among the manufacturing industries, pulp and paper production holds first place, and official statistics show that more than four thousand manufacturing plants in Canada depend on wood and paper products as their raw materials. In foreign trade, "wood, wood products and paper" stand second to agricultural products in total value and show a greater excess of exports over imports than any other group.

Represented on the committee are:

*Department of the Dominion Government:*

Major-General A. G. L. McNaughton, president, National Research Council, Ottawa, Ontario.