

OBITUARY

WILLIAM EMILIUS PRAEGER

WITH the sudden death of Dr. Wm. E. Praeger on August 13, the State of Michigan lost one of its well-known and distinguished biologists. Until his retirement as professor emeritus in 1934 at the age of seventy-one years, Dr. Praeger for twenty-nine years was head of the biology department at Kalamazoo College. During these many years he exerted a great influence alike in civic affairs and in various academic fields. The writer, as a close associate of Dr. Praeger, first as instructor in the department and later as his successor, always found him a loyal and good friend, his presence ever keenly inspiring.

Dr. Praeger's scientific affiliations were numerous; they included being a fellow in the American Association for the Advancement of Science, a life member of the American Genetic Association, an honorary associate of the American Ornithological Union and a member of the Ecological Society. He also was counted among the oldest members of the Michigan Academy of Science and served that organization as president in 1911. He had been a member of the Michigan Schoolmasters' Club since 1906, having been its president in 1921. Dr. Praeger was a graduate of the University of Illinois and of Chicago. He was born and received his early education in Ireland. Living there he has a sister, Rosamond, who is a well-known Irish sculptress

and painter, and a brother, R. L. Praeger, who is professor of botany at the University of Dublin.

FRANCES DIEBOLD

RECENT DEATHS

EDWARD WESTON, distinguished for his invention and development of electrical measuring instruments of precision, chairman of the board of the Weston Electrical Instrument Company, died on August 20 at the age of eighty-six years.

DR. CHARLES GILBERT CHADDOCK, professor emeritus of diseases of the nervous system at St. Louis University, died on July 20 at the age of seventy-four years.

WILLIAM JOHN SQUIRELL, head of work in field husbandry at the Ontario Agricultural College, died as the result of an automobile accident on July 25. He was fifty-six years old.

DR. H. A. D. JOWETT, manager of the Wellcome Chemical Works at Dartford, England, died as the result of an automobile accident on August 10, at the age of sixty-six years.

DR. PIETRO ROMUALDO PIROTTA, professor of botany in the University of Rome, died on August 4 at the age of eighty-three years.

SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

THE BLACKPOOL MEETING OF THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION

IN the issue of *SCIENCE* for May 15 there was given a forecast of the Blackpool meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, to be held from September 9 to 16. The issue of *Nature* for August 15 contains some further details in regard to the meeting. Public lectures have been arranged as follows:

- "The Scope of Photography," Dr. Olaf Bloch.
- "Science and the Glass-house Industry," Dr. W. F. Bewley.
- "Who Were the Greeks?" Professor J. L. Myres.
- "Some Recent Advances in Astronomy," Sir James Jeans.
- "Applications of Science to Poultry Farming," P. A. Francis.
- "Common Shore Animals," Professor C. M. Yonge.
- "Joy in Scientific Discovery," Dr. D. F. Harris.
- "Splashes and What They Teach," Professor Allan Ferguson.

There will be lectures for school children by H. S. L.

Winterbotham on "How Maps are Made" and by D. Seth-Smith, on "Favorites of the London Zoo."

The evening discourses, to be delivered by C. C. Paterson and by Captain F. Kingdon Ward, on "Science and Electric Lighting" and on "Plant-hunting and Exploration in Tibet" are open to members only.

In addition to sectional excursions and the social events that have already been announced, the Mayor and Mayoress of Blackpool (Alderman W. Newman and Miss Newman) invite members to a reception in the Winter Gardens on Thursday, September 10. The head master of Rossall School (Mr. H. G. M. Clarke) will entertain four hundred members at a garden party at the school on Tuesday, September 15. The Rotary Club will hold a luncheon on Thursday, September 10, when the president will address the members and their guests. The official service will be held at St. John's Parish Church on Sunday, September 13, when the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Blackburn will preach the sermon.

Thirty sectional excursions and visits have been arranged, of geological, botanical, antiquarian, engineering and educational interest. Their range in