

director of the San Diego Natural History Museum, and widely known field naturalist, died in San Diego on October 5, as the result of a street-car accident on September 25. He was in his eighty-ninth year, having been born in Livingston County, New York State, on April 2, 1849. Driving a yoke of oxen, he first arrived in California in 1876. Thereafter he lived most of the time in southern California, and since 1897 made his permanent home in San Diego. A fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, fellow of the San Diego Society of Natural History, member of the American Ornithologists' Union, the American Society of Mammalogists, the Cooper Ornithological Club and other scientific organizations, he was originally known as an ornithologist, although he later became remarkably versatile in his interests. Among his publications are "Life Areas of California" (1905); "California Mammals" (1906); "An Annotated List of the Birds of San Diego County, California" (1919); "An Annotated List of the Mammals of San Diego County, California" (1921); "An Annotated List of the Amphibians and Reptiles of San Diego County, California" (1921); "Notes on the Marine Pleistocene Deposits of San Diego County, California" (1929). In 1910 he donated to the San Diego Society of Natural History his private collection of some 2,000 birds and mammals, thereby laying the foundation of its subsequent continuous activity in these departments. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Kate Stephens, who has been his close collaborator and companion in his scientific work.

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At the Founders' Day exercises of Lehigh University on October 6, honor was paid to the memory of the late Dr. Henry S. Drinker, '71, president of the university from 1905 until 1921, and to the late Dr. Natt M. Emery, formerly instructor, registrar, acting president, vice-president and controller during his forty years' service for the university. Eugene G. Grace, '99, president of the board, spoke in honor of Dr. Drinker, and a 16-foot oak tree was planted on the campus. In memory of Dr. Emery, a bronze tablet, recently placed in Packer Memorial Chapel, was unveiled. The speaker was Dean Philip M. Palmer.

Nature states that in commemoration of the birth of J. D. v. d. Waals on November 23, 1837, an international conference on interaction between molecules will be organized by the "van der Waals Fonds" and the "Nederlandsche Natuurkundige Vereeniging." The ordinary sessions will be held in the van der Waals laboratory in Amsterdam on November 25 and 26, and an official celebration will take place on November 27. The object of the conference is to give a survey of some of the recent work connected with the idea of van der Waals forces. The program will be published later. Sufficient time will be left for general discussion. A special number of *Physica* will appear during the conference; it is hoped to be able to publish in this issue a number of papers on a variety of questions having some relation to the work of van der Waals. Members of the organizing committee are Professor J. D. v. d. Waals, Dr. A. Michels, Professor J. A. Prins and Dr. H. B. G. Casimir.

SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

CAMPAIGNS FOR FUNDS TO FINANCE MUSEUMS

The Museum News states that plans calling for the raising of large additional funds have been adopted by the American Museum of Natural History, the Pennsylvania Museum of Art and the University of Pennsylvania Museum.

The American Museum is proposing to raise ten million dollars for a ten-year development program in all departments and to provide increased annual income of \$431,000. The plan includes an increase in the museum staff, salary adjustments, completion of present exhibit programs and development of new exhibit halls, and expansion of the educational work. A committee to direct the campaign includes F. Trubee Davison, general chairman; A. Perry Osborn, executive chairman; Mrs. Winthrop W. Aldrich, vice-chairman, and E. Roland Harriman, treasurer.

The Pennsylvania Museum of Art has announced a

ten-year program which will involve the addition of \$10,428,000 to the funds for the museum and \$5,117,000 for the museum's textile and industrial schools. The funds for the museum would include \$368,298 to complete payment for the Foulc Collection, \$2,500,000 for completing the interior of the museum, and \$7,560,000 for endowment for purchases, operation and education. The school funds would include \$2,825,000 for a new building, \$500,000 to pay off a mortgage and the remainder for endowment.

The University of Pennsylvania Museum has announced a plan for raising a fund of \$500,000 in connection with the university's bicentennial celebration. Out of this fund \$287,000 is needed to carry on research programs in the field—in the Near and Far East, the Iranian Valley, the Indus Valley, the Mediterranean area and North and South America. The remainder would be used for the museum's educational program, including a publication fund.