

York Academy of Medicine, the Weir Mitchell lecture at Philadelphia, and other similar addresses. His last visit was arranged by the University of Illinois in December, 1926. By invitation he attended the fifth Philadelphia meeting of the American Association, addressed one of the evening general sessions, gave the annual public address before the Entomological Society of America and a special lecture for the American Society of Parasitology on piroplasms; in the last he paid tribute to the pioneer work in this field done in the United States. After the Philadelphia meetings he visited and lectured at several other places. At the University of Illinois he delivered the Gehrmann lecture on January 11, 1927, at the College of Medicine and a series of University and Graduate School lectures in Urbana during the next three days under the auspices of the department of zoology.

After his retirement Dr. Nuttall carried on his scientific work at his home in the country near Cambridge. His wife died several years ago. The last photograph received from him showed the family group, including grandchildren, gathered in the delightful garden of the home where he spent the closing years of his life.

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RECENT DEATHS AND MEMORIALS

DR. GEORGE BIRD GRINNELL, naturalist, explorer, anthropologist and conservationist, died on April 11, in his eighty-ninth year.

DR. WALTER THOMAS TAGGART, professor emeritus of chemistry at the University of Pennsylvania, died on April 11 at the age of sixty-six years.

DR. BERTHA KAPLAN SPECTOR, research associate in medicine at the University of Chicago, known for her work in amebic dysentery, died on March 26 at the age of forty-one years.

THE death is announced of Dr. Gustav Jäger, professor of physics at the University of Vienna, and of

Dr. Max Wien, professor of physics at the University of Jena.

DR. FELIX LENGFELD, of San Francisco, died on February 22. A correspondent writes: "Dr. Lengfeld received the degree of Ph.D. in chemistry for his work with Remsen at Johns Hopkins in 1888, and a little later spent eight or ten years in the University of Chicago with Nef and Stieglitz, having the rank of associate professor of chemistry. Shortly after the turn of the century his eye-sight failed him and he had to retire from active work. He was a man of remarkable mind and a fine sense of humor."

Nature reports the death of Sir Raymond Crawford, registrar of the Royal College of Physicians, London, known for his work on the history of medicine, on March 9, aged seventy-two years; of Major A. D. Lumb, of the Scientific and Technical Department of the Imperial Institute, known for his work on the geology and mineral survey of southern Nigeria and the Udi Okana coalfield; of A. Magnan, professor of animal mechanics applied to aviation in the Collège de France, aged fifty-seven years, and of Melville Hilton-Simpson, the distinguished traveler and ethnologist, on March 17, aged fifty-seven years.

A SERVICE to mark the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of John Shaw Billings, surgeon and librarian, was held at 8:30 p. m. on April 12 at the Hurd Memorial Hall of the Johns Hopkins Hospital. The commemoration services were sponsored by the Johns Hopkins Medical Society and the Johns Hopkins Medical History Club. Former Judge Henry D. Harlan, of the Baltimore Supreme Bench, presided. Those who spoke included: Lieutenant Colonel Edgar Erskine Hume, Medical Corps, U. S. A.; Dr. Alan M. Chesney, dean of the Medical School; Dr. Sanford V. Larkey, librarian of the William H. Welch Medical Library; Dr. Raymond Pearl, professor of biology in the School of Hygiene and Public Health, and H. M. Lydenberg, director of the New York Public Library.

SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

MEDICAL RESEARCH COMMITTEE FORMED BY NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL OF CANADA

APPOINTMENT of a committee to study the organization of medical research in Canada has been made by the National Research Council. This action was taken on the recommendation of a nation-wide conference on medical research held in Ottawa four weeks ago, which was attended by representatives of all the medical schools, organizations and institutions concerned in medical research including the provincial

departments of health, the Department of Pensions and National Health and the National Research Council. Sir Frederick Banting, discoverer of insulin and director of the department of medical research at the University of Toronto, has been named by the council as chairman of the new committee. Four *ex-officio* officers suggested by the conference and approved by the council are: the president of the National Research Council, the deputy minister of the Department of Pensions and National Health, the president of the Canadian Medical Association and the president of