

## RECENT DEATHS AND MEMORIALS

DR. ERNEST C. DICKSON, professor of public health and preventive medicine at the School of Medicine of Stanford University, San Francisco, died on August 23 at the age of fifty-eight years.

DR. MILTON A. BRIDGES, assistant professor of medicine in the New York Post-Graduate Medical School and Hospital, with which he had been associated since 1922, died on August 19 at the age of forty-five years.

DR. OTTO WOLFGANG WICHELHAUSEN, research bacteriologist in the Hospital of the Johns Hopkins University, died on August 14, at the age of thirty-five years.

PROFESSOR CHARLES PEABODY, formerly curator of European archeology at the Peabody Museum of Harvard University, died on August 17. He was in his seventy-second year.

DR. JAMES A. SHAW, director of the minerals division of the Conservation Department of Louisiana, died by suicide on August 20. Dr. Shaw was to have been a witness in the federal trial of former Governor Richard W. Leche and Seymour Weiss.

HENRY PARK HOLLIS, assistant at the Royal Observatory at Greenwich from 1881 to 1912, died on August 8 at the age of eighty-one years.

A CORRESPONDENT writes: "D. LeRoy Topping died on July 20 in Honolulu, after a long illness. He was born in North Harpersfield, N. Y., on November 2, 1861. Mr. Topping was interested in botanical field

work, particularly in ferns, assembling large and important collections not only from various parts of the United States, but also in the Philippines, where he served for many years; in Siberia, where he served with the American Red Cross following the World War; in British North Borneo, particularly on Mount Kinabalu, and in the Hawaiian Islands, where he has lived since his retirement in 1922."

THE fiftieth anniversary of the death of Henry Shaw, who gave the Missouri Botanical (Shaw's) Garden and Tower Grove Park to the City of St. Louis, was commemorated on August 25, when a wreath was placed in the mausoleum at the garden where Shaw is buried. The ceremonies were conducted by Dr. George T. Moore, director. Henry Shaw was born in England and went to St. Louis in 1819. He established a hardware business from which he amassed a fortune. He died in 1889 at the age of eighty years. Mr. Shaw, after his retirement from business, established Shaw's Garden and provided for its maintenance in his will.

ACCORDING to *The New York Times*, the villa at Pontecchio, a small village near Bologna, where Marconi made his first experiments in radio transmission, has been presented by his heirs to the Guglielmo Marconi Foundation, created by Il Duce at the Royal Academy of Italy to perpetuate his memory. On the front of the house a monument will be erected. Inside relics will be preserved with documents concerning his inventions and of the technical and scientific progress derived from them. The memorial will be completed by next Marconi Day, April 25.

## SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

DR. GERALD B. WEBB, research director of the Foundation for Research in Tuberculosis at Colorado Springs, received the Trudeau Medal of the National Tuberculosis Association during the annual meeting of the society in Boston, in recognition of his attempts "to produce specific immunity against tuberculosis by the inoculation of animals with very minute numbers of tubercle bacilli."

THE Ebert Prize for pharmaceutical research of the American Pharmaceutical Association has been awarded to Dr. B. V. Christensen, director of the University of Florida School of Pharmacy, in recognition of his paper on "biological assaying" presented at the 1938 convention of the association. Dr. Christensen will become director of the Ohio State School of Pharmacy at the opening of the academic year.

DR. GUSTAV EGLOFF has been elected a fellow of the Institute of Petroleum of London.

DR. LUDWIG JOST, professor of botany in the University of Heidelberg, has been awarded the Charles

R. Barnes honorary life membership of the American Society of Plant Physiology.

DR. FRIEDRICH-KARL KLEINE, honorary professor of hygiene in the University of Berlin, known for his work on tropical diseases, has been awarded the shield of nobility of the German Reich.

THE University of Edinburgh has conferred the degree of doctor of laws on Dr. G. N. Watson, professor of mathematics at the University of Birmingham.

A DINNER in honor of Dr. Roy W. Wright, professor of surgery at the Medical School of the Louisiana State University, who has been elected director of the Charity Hospital, New Orleans, was given on August 24 by his colleagues and by leaders in business and education. A desk set was presented to him by Dr. Spencer B. McNair, chairman of the dinner committee, in behalf of the hospital staff. The speakers included Dr. C. C. Bass, retiring dean of the Medical School of Tulane University, and Dr. Maxwell Lapham, dean-elect; Dr.