

the sight of one eye, he overcame this handicap to such a remarkable extent that it rarely appeared to affect any of his activities.

In 1937 Ellerman retired from active duties at the observatory, but he retained his interest in the work to which he had devoted his life and was often a valued consultant. His friendly presence will be greatly missed by his associates of many years.

WALTER S. ADAMS

MOUNT WILSON OBSERVATORY

RECENT DEATHS

DR. JAMES STACY STEVENS, until his retirement in 1932 professor of physics and dean of the College of Arts and Sciences of the University of Maine, with which he had been associated since 1891, died on March 24 at the age of seventy-five years.

GEORGE ANDREW LOVELAND, for ten years before his retirement in 1933 chief meteorologist of the Boston Weather Bureau, died on March 30. He was sev-

enty-six years old and had been in the Weather Bureau for fifty-one years.

OWEN CATTELL, business manager and assistant to the editor of *SCIENCE* and the other journals of The Science Press, died of pneumonia on March 26 at the age of forty-two years. He was also director of the annual Exhibitions of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Mr. Cattell was a fellow of the American Ethnological Society and had taken part in scientific expeditions in New Mexico and South America.

NOTICE has been received of the death on March 9 of Dr. Robert Theodore Gunther. Dr. Gunther was born in 1869, the eldest son of Dr. Albert Gunther, F.R.S., and was educated at University College School, London, and at Magdalen College, Oxford, of which he was for a long time fellow and tutor. He was also university reader in the history of science. He was an honorary doctor of laws of St. Andrews.

SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

THE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

THE Medical School of the University of Queensland at Brisbane was officially opened on August 11 by the Honorable W. Forgan Smith, Premier of Queensland. This is the final achievement in the campaign for the provision of facilities for medical education in the state. According to *The British Medical Journal*, when in October, 1936, the Faculty of Medicine within the University of Queensland was inaugurated that function marked the successful issue of representations which began as long ago as the foundation of the university itself. The first proposals in 1913 were interrupted by the outbreak of war. In 1922 arrangements were made for anatomical demonstrations to be given to some of the dental students, who received two years' training at the dental school in George Street. In 1925, largely as the result of the work of a subcommittee of the Queensland Branch of the British Medical Association, a conference of delegates was called by the Home Secretary to discuss the subject. Two years later, with the cooperation of the Brisbane and South Coast Hospitals Board, a small school of anatomy for the teaching of dental students was established. In 1934 the activities of the anatomy school were transferred to a building given to the university for the purpose by the Freemasons of Queensland. In the following year a faculty of dentistry was established within the university and the Premier of Queensland appointed a select committee to report upon the practicability or otherwise of establishing a faculty of medicine and a faculty of veterinary science. The committee strongly advocated the institu-

tion of these faculties, and stated that the faculty of medicine should include particularly tropical medicine and public health as parts of routine medical education, and should be based upon recognition of the essential nature of the practical and clinical side of medicine. Meanwhile the College of Pharmacy was made available for the purpose of physiology. With the establishment of schools of anatomy and physiology it became possible to provide medical courses for students of the second and of the third year. The next step was to provide further accommodation to include the departments of pathology, social and tropical medicine, and other clinical departments. The Government undertook the cost and decided to provide buildings.

The new Medical School of the Queensland University occupies a commanding position at Herston on a site of over six acres adjoining the western boundary of the Children's Hospital and within a few minutes' walk of the Brisbane General Hospital. The building, in the Renaissance style, is three stories in height, and surmounted by a copper dome rising from a flat roof. If future extensions are required these can be added in the form of projecting wings at either end of the central block, which measures 222 feet in length. It is intended that fourth-, fifth- and sixth-year students shall receive in the school the whole of their training in all branches of medical and surgical science and that the third-year students shall receive their training in anatomy there, while first and second and the remainder of the third-year work will be carried out at the present university, and later on at the new building in course of erection at St. Lucia.