

ine pleasure I confer upon you our degree of Doctor of Laws.

HONORARY DEGREES CONFERRED BY COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

At the commencement of Columbia University the doctorate of laws was presented to the Marquess of Lothian, British Ambassador to the United States; Associate Justice Stanley F. Reed, of the United States Supreme Court; Dr. Robert L. Stearns, president of the University of Colorado, and Cupertino del Campo, president of the Instituto Cultural Argentino-Norteamericano, Buenos Aires, and the doctorate of letters to Carl Van Doren, editor and author; Harry M. Lydenberg, director of the New York Public Library, and Sidney B. Fay, professor of history at Harvard University.

The degree of doctor of science was conferred on Dr. Alfred E. Cohn, of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research; on Dr. Arthur H. Merritt, president of the First District Dental Society of New York; on Dr. Charles K. Leith, professor of geology in the University of Wisconsin; on Dr. Ross G. Harrison, Sterling professor of biology in Yale University; on Dr. Harvey N. Davis, president of Stevens Institute of Technology, and on Dr. William O. Hotchkiss, president of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

The citations were made in the absence of Dr. Butler by Frederick Coykendall, chairman of the board of trustees. For the recipients of the degree of doctor of science they were as follows:

ALFRED EINSTEIN COHN

Member of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research; graduated from Columbia College in 1900 and from the College of Physicians and Surgeons four years later; associated since 1911 in most important scientific work at the Rockefeller Institute; counselor and guide for medical research in many fields and under many different authorities, particularly in respect to the treatment of chronic human ailments, notably those of the aging heart and circulatory system; distinguished for the training and guidance of men as well as for the study of disease.

ARTHUR HASTINGS MERRITT

President of the First District Dental Society of New York; graduated with highest honors from the New York College of Dentistry in 1895 and entering at once upon the practice of his chosen profession; giving particular attention to research in the field of periodontia with most fortunate and helpful results for his fellow men; highly honored both at home and abroad for his scientific achievements.

CHARLES KENNETH LEITH

Professor of geology at the University of Wisconsin; a distinguished son of Wisconsin and graduate of its university; turning at once to geology as a field of instruction and research; putting his rich knowledge at the

service of the government on many important occasions; notably honored at home and abroad for his scientific leadership and inspiration in the field of economic geology, especially in all that relates to the economic aspects of the vast iron industry.

ROSS GRANVILLE HARRISON

Sterling professor of biology in Yale University; trained at Johns Hopkins University in its early years and then at the University of Bonn; entering at once upon that vitally important field of study and research which he has since cultivated with brilliant distinction; climbing one rung after another of the ladder of scientific advancement until he is now hailed on both sides of the Atlantic as one of the world's outstanding biologists and leaders of scientific thought.

HARVEY NATHANIEL DAVIS

President of Stevens Institute of Technology; after student days at Brown and Harvard Universities, choosing a career in which he has been highly successful as a teacher and research worker in the field of mechanical engineering, especially as to all which deals with the properties of steam; president of Stevens Institute of Technology since 1928; who well illustrates the saying of Oliver Wendell Holmes that science is a first-rate piece of furniture for a man's upper chamber if he has common sense on the ground floor.

WILLIAM OTIS HOTCHKISS

President of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; another distinguished son of Wisconsin and educated at its honored State University; working successfully in mining, his chosen field of geological study; made state geologist of Wisconsin in 1909, and elected president of the Michigan College of Mining and Technology in 1925; now serving with distinction as president of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, our oldest school of engineering.

DINNER IN HONOR OF PROFESSOR McCLUNG

A DINNER in honor of Dr. C. E. McClung, professor of zoology and director of the zoological laboratory of the University of Pennsylvania, was held on the evening of June 1 at the Hotel Philadelphian, in Philadelphia. The dinner was attended by more than a hundred and fifty colleagues, former students and other friends. Dr. George William McClelland, provost of the university, acted as toastmaster. The speakers included: Professor Wyman Green, of Drew University; Dr. John C. Johnson, director of the Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory, and the following from the University of Pennsylvania: Provost Emeritus J. H. Penniman; Emeritus Professors of Zoology P. P. Calvert and J. P. Moore; Emeritus Professor of History E. P. Cheyney; H. Lamar Crosby, formerly dean of the Graduate School; and Dr. A. N. Richards, vice-president in charge of medical affairs. Presentations were made by D. H. Wenrich, professor of zoology. To Dr. McClung were presented a bound copy of Volume 66 of the *Journal of Morphology*,

which has been published in his honor, a "McClung Model" research microscope and a book of greetings. His portrait was unveiled and presented to the university.

The book of greetings was bound by hand in a hand-tooled leather cover and had an illuminated frontispiece bearing the inscription: "Greetings and Felicitations to Clarence Erwin McClung from Those Who Consider it a Privilege to Know Him as Teacher, Colleague and Friend." It contained more than two hundred letters sent from all parts of this country and from South America, Japan, China, India, South Africa and various European countries.

In his response Dr. McClung spoke briefly and feelingly of his appreciation of the sentiments and events of the evening.

RECENT DEATHS

JOANNES GREGORIUS DUSSER DE BARENNE, since 1930 Sterling professor of physiology at Yale University, died on June 9 at the age of fifty-five years.

DR. DAVID RIESMAN, professor of the history of medicine in the Graduate School of Medicine of the University of Pennsylvania, died on June 3, at the age of seventy-three years. He had been connected with the medical school since 1897.

DR. WILLIAM E. HARPER, director of the Dominion Astrophysical Observatory at Victoria, B. C., died on June 4. Dr. Harper was sixty-two years old.

DR. C. L. BOULENGER, professor of zoology at Bedford College, University of London, died on May 19 at the age of fifty-five years.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

THE honorary degrees conferred by the Johns Hopkins University at its commencement on June 4 included the doctorate of laws on Dr. Vannevar Bush, president of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, and on Dr. Edwin Grant Conklin, executive vice-president of the American Philosophical Society and professor emeritus of zoology at Princeton University. Dr. Isaiah Bowman, president of the university, delivered the commencement address.

DR. CHARLES F. KETTERING, president of the General Motors Research Corporation, was prevented by work for the War Defense Board from being present to receive the honorary degree of doctor of science at the commencement exercises on June 9 of Rutgers University.

THE doctorate of science was conferred on Jason John Nassau, professor of astronomy and director of the Warner and Swasey Observatory of the Case School of Applied Science at Cleveland, at the commencement of Syracuse University. Owen D. Young, honorary chairman of the board of directors of the General Electric Company, who made the commencement address, received the degree of doctor of laws.

DR. LUTHER P. EISENHART, professor of mathematics and dean of the Graduate School of Princeton University, received the doctorate of laws from Duke University on June 3.

AT the one hundred and fifth commencement of Albion College held on June 3 Harvey Newton Ott, for twenty years president of the Spencer Lens Company, was awarded the honorary degree of doctor of science. The citation by President John L. Seaton read in part as follows: "Leader with another honored Albionian in the development of the great Spencer Lens Company of Buffalo; noted as an inventor of

many mechanical improvements on microscopes; known to laboratory workers everywhere as a highly skilled designer of microtomes and other instruments of precision indispensable in research and the progress of science."

IN recognition of the services that David Sarnoff, president of the Radio Corporation of America, has rendered in the advancement of the science and industry of radio, the president of the French Republic has conferred upon him the decoration of Officer of the Legion of Honor, elevating him from the rank of chevalier which he has held since 1935. The decoration was presented to Mr. Sarnoff on June 6 by the French Consul General in New York, Count Charles de Ferry de Fontnouvelle, in whose office the ceremony took place.

THE 1940 Trudeau Medal of the National Tuberculosis Association has been awarded to Dr. Wm. Charles White for distinguished service in tuberculosis. Dr. White is chairman of the Division of Educational Relations of the National Research Council and consulting pathologist of the United States Public Health Service.

DR. GEORGE W. CORNER, professor of anatomy at the University of Rochester, was presented on June 10 with the first Squibb award of \$1,000 for research in endocrinology at the annual dinner of the Association for the Study of Internal Secretions meeting in New York City. The award was established by E. R. Squibb and Sons.

AT the New York meeting of the American Association of Industrial Physicians and Surgeons on May 27, the annual William S. Knudsen award "for outstanding achievement in industrial medicine" was presented in recognition of advances in the knowledge of silicosis resulting from research directed by him to