

to biological societies, foundations and individuals who wish to send such sets to one or more of the above South American institutions. The Union of American Biological Societies, at a recent meeting, approved the above plan.

"Organizations or individuals interested in this plan can secure a list of the South American institutions from Dr. John E. Flynn, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. I think such action on our part would certainly constitute one of the many seeds that will sprout into international good will, understanding and respect, so necessary for our mutual peace and freedom."

THE GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA

THE fifty-third annual meeting of the Geological Society of America was held at the University of Texas on December 26, 27 and 28.

More than seven hundred geologists, mineralogists and paleontologists registered. Eighty-five titles were listed on the program of the scientific sessions. The Mineralogical Society of America and the Paleontological Society, holding their twenty-first and thirty-second meetings, presented thirty-two papers and thirty-eight papers, respectively.

Professor Eliot Blackwelder, of Stanford University, retiring as president of the Geological Society, addressed the combined societies on the evening of December 26. His address was entitled "Science and the Human Prospects." On Thursday morning, December 26, Professor Carl O. Dunbar, of Yale University, retiring as president of the Paleontological Society, delivered an address on "The Permian Faunas: a Study in Facies." On Friday morning Dr. W. F. Foshag, of the U. S. National Museum, retiring president of the Mineralogical Society, spoke on "Problems in the Study of Meteorites."

The annual dinner was held on December 27. Dr. Nelson Horatio Darton, of the United States Geological Survey, was awarded the Penrose Medal of The Geological Society of America following a presentation address by Professor Douglas Johnson, of Columbia University, vice-president and member of the Medal Award Committee. At the close of the dinner program a fifteen-minute address by Past-president Charles K. Leith was brought to the banquet room from Washington by radio through the cooperation of the National Broadcasting Company. Professor Leith's subject was "Strategic Minerals in War and Peace."

Officers of the society for the year 1941 were elected as follows:

President, Charles P. Berkey.

Past-president, Eliot Blackwelder.

Vice-presidents, George S. Hume, Douglas Johnson, Raymond C. Moore, William F. Foshag.

Secretary, H. R. Aldrich.

Treasurer, Edward B. Mathews.

Councilors, Joseph Stanley-Brown, A. F. Buddington, B. S. Butler, Charles H. Behre, Jr., Kirk Bryan, Carl O. Dunbar, Charles E. Weaver, E. L. DeGolyer, William W. Rubey.

RECENT DEATHS AND MEMORIALS

DR. DAVID HILT TENNENT, research professor of biology at Bryn Mawr College, died on January 14 in his sixty-eighth year.

DR. PAUL NICHOLAS LEECH, director of the division of drugs, foods and physical chemistry of the American Medical Association, died on January 14 at the age of fifty-one years.

REAR ADMIRAL WILLIAM CLARENCE BRAISTED died on January 17 at the age of seventy-six years. From 1914 to 1921 he was surgeon general of the United States Navy and chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery.

CARLETON ELLIS, research chemist and inventor, died on January 13. He was sixty-four years old.

HENRY GOLDMARK, of Nyack, N. Y., a civil engineer, who designed and supervised the construction of lock gates for the Panama Canal as a member of the staff of General George W. Goethals from 1906 to 1914, died on January 15 as the result of injuries received when he was struck by an automobile. He was eighty-three years old.

CLINTON A. LUDWIG, associate plant physiologist of the Division of Soil Microbiology of the Bureau of Plant Industry, U. S. Department of Agriculture, died on January 7 at the age of fifty-four years.

DR. EDWARD JOHN VON KOMOROWSKI MENGE, lecturer in biology at the College of St. Francis, from 1935 to 1937 head of the department of biology at the college, died on January 8, at the age of fifty-eight years.

SALVADOR HOSPITAL, Santiago, Chile, dedicated on November 7 a new wing in honor of the late Dr. Harvey Cushing. A full-length portrait of Dr. Cushing was unveiled by United States Ambassador Claude G. Bowers. The president of Chile, the minister of health and other officials were present.

It is reported in the *Journal* of the American Medical Association that the Milwaukee Sanitarium at Wauwatosa has named its twentieth building the Billings House and has dedicated it in honor of the late Dr. Frank Billings of Chicago, who for twenty-five years was a director of the sanitarium.

A BUST of Hippocrates has been given to the Division of Medical History and Bibliography of the Medical School of the University of California by Dr. Pan S. Codellas and other members of the Greek colony of San Francisco. Formal presentation was made at exercises commemorating the birth of Hippocrates