

of physiology at the University of Liverpool since 1932, died on March 29 at the age of seventy-three years.

DR. WALTHER VOGT, professor of anatomy in the University of Munich, died on March 17. He was noted for his important work on the embryology of the Amphibia, particularly for the use of vital-strain markers in tracing the movements of cells during development.

A PORTRAIT of the late Professor Edward B. Titchener, formerly professor of psychology at Cornell University, has been hung in the Laboratory of Psychology, which he founded. The portrait was painted

by Professor Christian Midjo and was presented to the university by Mrs. Titchener.

THE American Pharmaceutical Association accepted on May 3 a bronze statue of William Procter, Jr., one of the earliest teachers of pharmacy in the United States, from James E. Hancock, chairman of the committee. The date of the unveiling is the hundred and thirty-fourth anniversary of Procter's birth. The exercises were held in the foyer of the American Institute of Pharmacy, Washington, D. C. Dr. Ivor Griffith, president of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science, where Procter taught, delivered the principal address. Charles H. Evans, president of the American Pharmaceutical Association, accepted the statue.

SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

AIR-RAID DAMAGE TO THE LABORATORY AT PLYMOUTH OF THE MARINE BIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION¹

DURING the recent air-raids on Plymouth, the Laboratory of the Marine Biological Association suffered severely. The buildings, though still standing, have sustained heavy damage. All windows except a few on the south side of the top floor of the main building have gone; ceilings are down, doors wrenched off, and much structural damage caused by the blast. The director's house was completely burnt out. The library, very fortunately, is intact except for the loss of windows and the skylight, and it has now been made waterproof. At the eastern end of the north building damage is most severe, but the greater part of the equipment and apparatus is intact. The Easter-class house will no doubt have to be rebuilt, but most of the roof remains. Other outbuildings, including the dogfish house, director's garage and stores, and the constant temperature rooms, have all sustained damage. The exact extent of the structural damage to the buildings can not be determined without expert assistance, but it is hoped that the laboratories themselves can be restored. The tanks on the north side of the Aquarium burst and the supply pipes broke, but it is hoped that some part of the circulation may be restored before very long.

It will evidently be a long time before permanent repairs can be undertaken. Since materials for urgent work are extremely short, the cellotex sheeting on the first and second floors of the main laboratory is being taken down and used to replace windows. It is hoped to fit a small glass pane in each room, and if the cellotex is well painted, it is expected to remain weatherproof for a year or two. In a few weeks it may be possible to accommodate research workers who require only limited facilities, but this must de-

pend largely upon the restoration of electricity and water supplies. There is no difficulty concerning general administration, as most documents have been salvaged. For the time being it will not be possible to supply orders for specimens, but it is hoped that in the course of a few weeks some of the normal facilities will be available.

THE INSTITUTE OF PHARMACY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

AN American Institute of the History of Pharmacy has been established at the University of Wisconsin. It is planned that it shall be a center for all pharmaceutico-historical information and work by both North and South America. It will be directed by Dr. George Urdang, who came to the United States in 1938 and who has been connected with the university since July, 1939. Dr. Urdang was formerly director of the German Society of the History of Pharmacy, and was the founder of the International Society of the History of Pharmacy. Among the founders of the institute are Dr. Edward Kremers, director emeritus of the School of Pharmacy of the university; Dr. Louis W. Busse and Dr. Lloyd McC. Parks, both members of the faculty; Jennings Murphy, Milwaukee, secretary of the Wisconsin Pharmaceutical Association, and Dr. Arthur H. Uhl, director of the department.

In addition to the director of the institute, Dr. Urdang, Dr. Uhl is president and Mr. Murphy is secretary-treasurer. The vice-presidents are Dr. B. V. Christensen, dean of the School of Pharmacy at the Ohio State University; Dr. Rufus A. Lyman, of the department of pharmacy at the University of Nebraska, and Dr. J. Leon Lascoff, pharmacist of New York.

Members of the council include Oscar Rennebohm, Madison, president of the State Board of Pharmacy; Dr. Edward J. Ireland, professor of pharmacy at Loyola University; Conrado F. Asenjo, research

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