

OBITUARY

CHARLES LLOYD CONNOR

CHARLES LLOYD CONNOR, M.D., professor of pathology at the University of California Medical School, died from a cerebral hemorrhage, on June 12, at the age of fifty years. After completing his medical education at Baylor University in 1920, Dr. Connor became a fellow of the National Research Council and later was appointed to the pathology staff at Harvard Medical School. In 1926, Dr. Connor acted as director of the pathology laboratory of the Montreal General Hospital. Following his return to Harvard, Dr. Connor was called in 1928 to be professor of pathology at the University of California Medical School, San Francisco. There he notably demonstrated his executive ability in organizing many effective cooperative research projects, in developing a capable staff, and in promoting an exceptional teaching and research museum. Dr. Connor's contributions to medical science include pioneer studies in Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever; the nature of normal and abnormal pigments in the body; malignant tumors, particularly those arising in bone, and more recently he has made fundamental studies regarding the pathogenesis of cirrhosis of the liver. His conclusion is now widely accepted that high fat intake with resulting prolonged fatty infiltration tends toward cirrhosis, especially in diabetes or in chemical injury, as in chronic alcoholism.

A memorial fund is being raised by his colleagues and students at the University of California Medical

School as an expression of regard for his unselfish spirit and for generous efforts in the activities of the Medical School. C. L.

RECENT DEATHS

DR. WILLIAM HENRY BURNHAM, since 1936 professor emeritus of education and school hygiene at Clark University, with which he had been connected for thirty-five years, died on June 25 at the age of eighty-five years.

DR. VINNIE ARAH PEASE, since 1920 micro-analyst in the Bureau of Chemistry (now the Bureau of Agricultural Chemistry and Engineering), died on April 30 in her sixtieth year.

DR. LEE ELLIS MILES, for thirteen years plant pathologist for the Mississippi Experiment Station, died on May 11 at the age of fifty-one years.

DR. J. W. C. GUNN, professor of pharmacology and dean of the faculty of medicine of the University of Capetown, died on May 4 at the age of fifty-two years.

ALEXANDRE ARSÈNE GIRAULT died in the hospital in Brisbane on May 2. He was born at Annapolis, Md., U. S. A., in 1884, and was the author of numerous papers on Chalcidoidea. He was associated with the U. S. Bureau of Entomology and the University of Illinois. For many years he lived in Queensland, where he did entomological work for the Department of Agriculture and Stock.

SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

RETIREMENT OF HERBERT P. WHITLOCK
OF THE AMERICAN MUSEUM OF
NATURAL HISTORY

HERBERT P. WHITLOCK, who for the past twenty-five years has been curator of natural history of the Department of Minerals and Gems in the American Museum of Natural History, retired as head of the department on July 1, but he will continue to give his interest and support as curator emeritus and research associate in jade.

At a recent meeting of the executive committee of the board of trustees the following resolution was passed:

That the trustees learn with deep regret that Herbert P. Whitlock desires to resign as curator of the Department of Geology and Mineralogy, which he has served so loyally and so efficiently since his appointment on June 3, 1918. The museum is justly proud of its magnificent collection of gems and minerals which has been so greatly augmented by the untiring efforts and vigilance of Mr. Whitlock. In recognition of his faithful performance of

his duties as curator and his unremitting interest in building up the museum's world-famous collections in his field, the trustees take pleasure in hereby appointing Mr. Whitlock *Curator Emeritus* of the Department of Geology and Mineralogy and *Research Associate in Jade*—these appointments to be effective as of July 1, 1941.

In making known the action of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Roy Chapman Andrews, director of the American Museum, said:

This will serve to notify his many friends that Mr. Whitlock's office will remain open to all those who seek his advice. Mr. Whitlock has long been known affectionately as "The Keeper of the Gems" in the museum, and there has never been a day that has passed but that from ten to twenty visitors beat a path to his office to ask the identification of some mineral specimen, the examination of a gem, or the story and symbolism of a piece of carved jade.

According to Mr. Whitlock's philosophy as to the work of a museum curator he has always demonstrated his belief that his time and efforts belong to the people of the