

salaries, the province of the former being to assure sound business management and of the latter to retain the necessary scientific personnel. The institute will be housed in the William Hallock Park Laboratory in the Bureau of Laboratories of the Health Department.

MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN MEXICO CITY

ON the invitation of the Mexican Government the International College of Surgeons will hold its fourth international assembly in Mexico City from August 10 to 14.

Surgeons from most of the countries of the western hemisphere and also from England, Holland, Palestine, Portugal, Switzerland and Turkey will participate. Many of the Pan-American countries are sending official representatives. Sessions will be conducted in both English and Spanish.

More than one hundred and twenty speakers will

describe the latest advances in surgery of their particular countries. Especially emphasized will be military surgery, and the lessons learned from the Spanish civil war, current British campaigns and civilian experiences during air raids. There will also be numerous exhibits of recent surgical research, operative clinics at many hospitals and demonstrations by leading manufacturers of newly developed equipment. Headquarters are at the Hotel Reforma.

Among the lecturers will be Dr. Francisco Castillo Najera, Mexican Ambassador to the United States; Dr. Fred H. Albee, New York, international president of the college; Dr. Manuel A. Manzanilla, Mexico City, president of the Mexican Committee of Organization; Dr. Desiderio Roman, Philadelphia, president of the United States Chapter, and Dr. Max Thorek, Chicago, international secretary.

The International College of Surgeons was founded at Geneva, Switzerland, in 1935, and has chapters in most of the nations of the world.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

THE autumn meeting of the National Academy of Sciences will be held at the University of Wisconsin on October 13, 14 and 15. This is the first meeting of the academy to be held west of Chicago since 1925. The address of welcome will be made by Dr. Clarence A. Dykstra, president of the university, to which Dr. Frank B. Jewett, president of the academy, will respond.

THE Ward Burdick Gold Medal, presented annually by the American Society of Clinical Pathologists for an "outstanding contribution in the field of pathology," has been awarded to Dr. Harry P. Smith, of the University of Iowa, in recognition of his work on vitamin K as a blood-clotting agent.

THE Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education has awarded the Lamme Medal for 1941 to Dr. Anson Marston, dean emeritus and for fifty years a member of the faculty of the Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts at Ames. The award is the fourteenth made by the society for achievement in engineering education in memory of Benjamin G. Lamme, a pioneer in the engineering development of electric power.

THE Council of the London Mathematical Society has awarded the De Morgan Medal to Professor Louis Joel Mordell, of the University of Manchester.

AT the anniversary meeting of the Linnean Society of London, its Gold Medal was presented to Professor A. G. Tansley, emeritus professor of botany in the University of Oxford, in recognition of his contribu-

tions to ecology, and particularly to the development of the subject in Great Britain. The medal is awarded annually to "an eminent biologist as an expression of the society's estimate of his services to science." The Carnegie Corporation of the United States has recently granted to the society the sum of £2,000 for the purpose of photographing the manuscripts and natural history specimens in the collections of Linnaeus. The following have been elected officers of the society: *President*, Dr. E. S. Russell; *Treasurer*, Major F. C. Stern; *Secretaries*, I. H. Burkill (botany), and Dr. Malcolm Smith (zoology); *New Members of the Council*, Dr. B. Barnes, Professor F. T. Brooks, J. E. Dandy, A. C. Gardiner and Douglas M. Reid.

THE Council of the Royal Society of New South Wales has awarded the Clarke Memorial Medal to Professor F. Wood-Jones, now professor of anatomy at the University of Manchester, in recognition of his researches in zoology in Australia.

DR. CARL J. WIGGERS, professor of physiology of the School of Medicine of Western Reserve University, was awarded the honorary degree of doctor of science by the University of Michigan at its commencement exercises on June 21.

MICHIGAN STATE COLLEGE, at its eighty-third annual commencement on June 14, conferred the honorary degree of doctor of agriculture upon John A. Hannah, president-elect of the college, and on Howard E. Babcock, president of the Board of Trustees of Cornell University, and, as recorded in the last