

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

DR. LOUIS F. FIESER, Sheldon Emery professor of organic chemistry at Harvard University, has been awarded the Katherine Berkan Judd \$1,000 prize of the Memorial Hospital for the Treatment of Cancer and Allied Diseases, New York City, in recognition of "his outstanding contribution in the proof of the active and inactive positions in the molecules of the chemical carcinogens."

HENRY L. WARD, who retired in May as director of the Neville Public Museum, Green Bay, Wis., has been awarded a gold medal by the Illinois Academy of Science for distinguished services to midwest archeological science. He has been succeeded at the museum by Earl G. Wright, of the Chicago Academy of Sciences.

It is stated in *Nature* that at the recent conferring of degrees at the Queen's University, Belfast, the degree of doctor of science was conferred on Bryan A. Toms, of the department of chemistry of the university.

THE National University of Tucuman, Argentina, elected on July 15 the following honorary collaborating members of the Institute of Anthropology: Dr. Alfredo Metraux, Yale University; Dr. E. W. Count, New York Medical College; Dr. J. M. B. Farfan, University of San Marcos, Lima; Dr. Maria M. Constanzo, University of Buenos Aires; Dr. Clemente Hernando Raimori, University of Tucuman, and Dr. Guillermo Rohmeder, University of Tucuman.

DR. CALVIN P. STONE, of Stanford University, was elected president of the American Psychological Association at the recent Chicago meeting. Other officers elected were: *Secretary*, Dr. Willard C. Olson, of the University of Michigan, and *Treasurer*, Dr. Willard L. Valentine, of Northwestern University.

ACCORDING to the *Journal* of the American Medical Association, Dr. Desiderio Roman, of Philadelphia, was named on August 16 *president-elect* of the International College of Surgeons at the international assembly in Mexico City, and Dr. Fred H. Albee, of New York, was inducted into the presidency. The *vice-presidents* are: Drs. Chevalier Jackson, Philadelphia; Manuel A. Manzanilla, Mexico City; Herman de Las Casas, Caracas, Venezuela; Alex Stanischew, Sofia, Bulgaria, and A. M. Dogliotti, Catania, Italy. Dr. Max Thorek, Chicago, is the *international executive secretary*. Dr. Thomas A. Shallow, Philadelphia, was chosen *president* of the U. S. chapter; Drs. Raymond W. McNealy, Chicago, and James R. Jaeger, *vice-presidents*; Benjamin I. Golden, Elkins, W. Va., *treasurer*; Charles H. Arnold, Lincoln, Nebr.,

executive secretary, and George H. Gillen, Denver, *secretary of the scientific assembly*.

DR. PARIS B. STOCKDALE, associate professor in the department of geology at the Ohio State University, has been appointed professor and head of the department of geology and geography at the University of Tennessee. Dr. George W. White, professor and head of the department of geology at the University of New Hampshire, will become professor of geology at the Ohio State University. Dr. J. O. Fuller, of Mt. Union College, Alliance, Ohio, has been appointed instructor in the department of geology at the Ohio State University. He succeeds Dr. George R. Gibson, who resigned last June to become associated with the Magnolia Oil Company.

DR. PAUL M. HARMON, of Indiana University, has been appointed chairman of the department of physiology in the School of Medicine, succeeding Dr. William J. Moenkhaus, who retired in June. Dr. Khalin G. Wakim, of the Mayo Clinic, has been appointed associate professor of physiology.

DR. ROBERT M. MELAMPY, until recently assistant apiculturist of the Southern States Bee Laboratory of the U. S. Department of Agriculture at Baton Rouge, has been appointed assistant professor of zoology at the Louisiana State University. Dr. Melampy's work will be primarily in the field of general and insect physiology.

DR. W. E. KAUFMANN has resigned as professor of chemistry and chairman of the department at Alma College, Michigan, to accept a similar appointment at Carleton College, Northfield, Minn.

DR. HENRI DE BAYLE, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, past president of the Pan American Medical Association and formerly Nicaraguan Minister to the United States, has been appointed dean of the new School of Medicine of the Central University of Nicaragua.

DR. JACK CECIL DRUMMOND, professor of biochemistry in the University of London and scientific adviser to the Ministry of Food, has been elected Fullerton professor of physiology in the Royal Institution. He succeeds Sir Frederick W. Keeble.

HARRY C. OBERHOLSER, of the Fish and Wild Life Service of the Department of the Interior, formerly senior biologist of the Biological Survey of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, has retired. He planned to retire a year ago when he reached the age of seventy years, but his appointment was extended for a year to give him time to finish his work on the birds of Texas. He now has been appointed curator of the

department of ornithology of the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, to succeed John W. Aldrich, who left the museum last January.

It is reported in *Museum News* that Stanley C. Arthur has been elected executive director of the Louisiana State Museum, New Orleans, in succession to Andre S. Chenet, resigned. Mr. Arthur had been president of the board of curators of the museum until his resignation on June 18.

LEWIS W. WEBB, JR., associate professor of engineering in charge, was recently appointed director and executive officer for the Engineering Science and Management Defense Training Program at the Norfolk College of William and Mary-Virginia Polytechnic Institute. This defense program, now serving the needs of defense training in the Virginia Tidewater area, has approximately eight hundred night school students enrolled in science courses.

DR. ROLLA E. DYER, assistant director of the National Institute of Health, and Dr. Norman H. Topping are now in La Paz, Bolivia. They are working with Dr. Felix Vientemillas, director of the National Health Laboratory, in an attempt to determine by experiments on Indian miners in isolated villages the value of a new vaccine for typhus fever. The vaccine, which was discovered by Dr. Herald R. Cox, at the U. S. Public Health Service Laboratory, Hamilton, Mont., has been successfully used in experiments with animals.

DR. JACQUES HADAMARD, professor emeritus of mathematics of the Collège de France, commander of the Legion of Honor, who is now seventy-five years old, has arrived in the United States. He expects to join the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton.

ACCORDING to press reports, Dr. Paul Langevin, formerly professor of physics at the Collège de France, is being held by the Gestapo under surveillance at Troyes. He was arrested in Paris in December and was released from prison a few weeks later.

In the early part of August, Fr. Marie-Victorin, honorary president of the Société Canadienne d'Histoire Naturelle, with Fr. Rolland-Germain and M. Auray Blain, of the Jardin Botanique de Montréal, returned from a preliminary taxonomic and ecological survey of the newly opened route from Senne-terre to Mont Laurier, Quebec. This highway passes through virgin forest never before visited by botanists, and makes it accessible to study the flora of a northern Laurentian area whose general characteristics have hitherto been unknown.

DR. ERNEST O. LAWRENCE, professor of physics at the University of California, will deliver on September 25 a public lecture, illustrated with lantern slides

and experimental demonstrations, on "The Cyclotron in Medicine," under the sponsorship of the Institute of Medicine of Chicago in the auditorium of the Museum of Science and Industry.

DR. ALFRED H. STURTEVANT, professor of genetics at the California Institute of Technology, gave on August 27 the evening lecture at the summer meeting of the Genetics Society of America at Cold Spring Harbor. His subject was "Comparative Genetics of the Species of *Drosophila*."

A CLINICAL session on pulmonary diseases will be held at the Cornell University Medical College under the auspices of the Tuberculosis Sanatorium Conference of Metropolitan New York on October 8. The speakers will be Drs. Norman H. Plummer and Edgar Mayer.

THE opening of the Pennsylvania State College has been postponed for a week, until September 18, on account of the prevalence throughout the state of poliomyelitis.

THE will of William Mitchell Kendall, senior member of the architectural firm of McKim, Mead and White, who died on June 29 at the age of eighty-five years, leaves his estate at Sutton, Me., with \$25,000 for its maintenance, to Harvard College as a "place for rest, recreation and study" for members of the faculty and their families.

YALE UNIVERSITY will receive \$180,000 by a provision in the will of Mrs. Mary Jewett Wilson, widow of Edward A. Wilson, mining engineer, to found and maintain scholarships to be named after her husband. The amount remaining after scholarships are paid will be contributed to the class of 1871 university fund.

THE *Journal* of the American Medical Association states that the Helis Institute for Medical Research has been created by a trust fund made available by William G. Helis, of New Orleans, to provide funds for the conduct of medical research and the advancement of the medical sciences. The institute intends to establish various clinical and experimental divisions at medical schools and hospitals, the first of which has already been set up as the Center of Research of Hotel Dieu Hospital. All research carried on at these centers will be financed by the institute. Dr. Carlo J. Tripoli, assistant professor of medicine, Louisiana State University School of Medicine, New Orleans, has been appointed director of the institute.

FORDHAM UNIVERSITY will bring the celebration of its centennial year to a close on September 15, 16 and 17 with a program of lectures and round table discussions on topics of interest both to the general

public and to specialists. Distinguished American and Canadian scholars will offer the results of their cultural interests and pursuits in those fields to which the university has devoted its century of service: Classics, English, Romance Languages; History, Law, Sociology, Education, Economics; Philosophy, Psychology; Biology, Chemistry and Physics. On Tuesday evening there will be a dinner at the Waldorf Astoria. On Wednesday morning, following the academic procession, delegates appointed from colleges, universities and learned societies will be presented to the president, trustees and faculties of the university, and a number of honorary degrees will be conferred.

THE *Journal* of the American Medical Association reports that a grant of \$52,000 from the Rockefeller Foundation for a cooperative program of research in biology and medicine to be conducted by the Mayo Foundation, Rochester, Minn., and the University of Minnesota has been received by the board of regents of the university. The gift will be used in the study of radioactive isotopes as tracers of fundamental bio-

logic mechanisms. Under the direction of Dr. John T. Tate, members of the staff of the university and the Mayo Foundation have conducted this research since 1937, when a grant of \$36,000 was awarded by the foundation. The university has also received from the foundation a grant of \$17,000 to support research in the field of biophysics under the direction of Dr. Otto H. Schmitt, instructor in physics and biology.

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY, Georgia, will open this month a School of Library Science, made possible by a grant of \$150,000 for endowment by the Carnegie Corporation of New York. To the income from this grant the university is adding money from other sources. The school will be of the class designated as Type II, that is, one requiring graduation from an accredited four-year college for admission, and offering a one-year professional course for the training of librarians. The annual enrolment will be limited approximately to twenty-five students whose academic records and personal qualities seem to indicate that they will succeed as professional librarians.

DISCUSSION

REORGANIZATION AT THE LOS ANGELES MUSEUM

SCIENTISTS throughout the world look to two agencies for the preservation and continuance of scientific phenomena, the great libraries and the great museums. The museum has come to be not only a place of exhibition but a repository of valuable scientific specimens, especially of types and co-types, requiring curators who are specialized in the abilities to classify and to organize such materials as may come under their stewardship. Among the several museums of America, one of the most important in many respects, because of its unique position in the Pacific Southwest, is the Los Angeles County Museum of History, Science and Art.

This museum was brought into existence on February 7, 1910, by a contract entered into between the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and four local organizations, namely, The Historical Society of Southern California, The Fine Arts League, The Southern Division of The Cooper Ornithological Club and The Southern California Academy of Sciences. According to this agreement these organizations were given the right to choose seven of the nine members of a board of governors, which was to administer the affairs of the museum. In January, 1918, this contract was amended to allow a gift of the Brea Beds, now Hancock Park, to be added under the supervision of the Los Angeles Museum.

A short time ago *Museum News* gave a very condensed account of certain changes that were to occur

at the Los Angeles Museum. Because of its incompleteness, and because of the interest evidenced throughout the nation in this reorganization, it is regarded as timely to add a few remarks herein.

In 1938 the County Board of Supervisors, at the advice of counsel, declared the original contract invalid by appointing a new board of governors consisting of 15 members, none being chosen or suggested by the founding societies. Only one member on the present board remains as the chosen representative of a founding society. The same ordinance provided for the following directors: Finance and Operation, History and Anthropology, Science, Art, and Art Instruction. In 1939 a new ordinance established a director in charge and specified that the divisional directors should constitute themselves as an advisory council for the consideration of interdivisional matters and for other purposes concerning the best interests of the institution, reporting semi-monthly through the director in charge to the board of governors, its powers being recommendatory only.

In 1940 the ordinance establishing the administrative council was repealed, which made it possible to effect a complete and radical reorganization without consulting the directors of the several divisions. In April of this year the directors of history and science learned, through newspaper clippings, that such a change was scheduled to go into effect. The ordinance (as of May 22, 1941) which brings these changes provides for the abolition of the division of history, science and art and creates in lieu thereof the divisions