

College, died on November 24 at the age of forty-seven years.

DR. ROBERT RANDOLPH JONES, JR., assistant professor of surgery at Duke University, was shot and killed on November 18 in the private clinic at Duke Hospital at Durham, N. C. It is reported in the press that Dr. Jones had performed a plastic operation on the assassin about six months ago, but that the operation had been unsatisfactory to the patient and he had brooded over this until he became obsessed with the delusion that he had been mistreated. Dr. Jones was fifty-three years old.

FRIENDS at the University of Edinburgh of Dr. Stefan Kopeć, professor of biology in the University of Warsaw, have received word of his death from Polish sources. *The Ameryka-Echo*, a Polish newspaper, published in Chicago, carried last summer an announcement that he had been killed by the Germans. According to this announcement, Professor Kopeć was arrested with a hundred and fifty other citizens, every tenth of whom was executed. These were said to be in reprisal for the unsolved murder of the director of a Polish theater who had accepted service for German propaganda.

SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

ATKINS INSTITUTION OF THE ARNOLD ARBORETUM

ACCORDING to the *Journal* of the Arnold Arboretum, in the planting expansion program of the Atkins Institution at Soledad, Cienfuegos, Cuba, a number of palms were moved into the palm section, and several hundred shrubs and trees were transplanted into the newly acquired areas. In the additional area transferred to the garden in February, 1939, by the Soledad Sugar Company, the last cane crop has been harvested, so that all the land is now available for planting and development. Naturally with a restricted and modest income, as the planted areas are increased, a higher percentage of the income has to be used for maintenance purposes, so that the expansion of the plantings must of necessity be slow. It has been necessary to extend the nursery area, and Dr. Mangelsdorf's tropical American corn varieties being grown at Soledad have required the preparation of land for this purpose. A new entrance to the gardens was made at the corner of the recent addition below Casa Catalina, thus making the approach more direct. During the year 340 packets of seeds and 750 living plants were received and 433 packets of seeds, 46 living plants and 53 lots of cuttings were distributed. Mr. Sturrock's book on tropical fruits for southern Florida and Cuba and their uses was published through the cooperation of the Arnold Arboretum in 1940, the income from sales being impounded for the use of the Atkins Institution. About forty individuals enjoyed the hospitality of Harvard House for varying periods of time, the most that have taken advantage of the facilities available in any one year since the institution was organized. These included fourteen representatives of Harvard University working on various botanical and zoological problems. Other educational institutions represented include Wilson College, the University of Colorado, the University of Ohio, Skidmore College, the University of

Montreal, Colegio de la Salle and the University of Havana. Other institutions and organizations represented were the Fairchild Tropical Garden, the New York Botanical Garden, Montreal Botanical Garden, the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, the Ohio Division of Plant Industry, United Fruit Company and Cuban Agricultural Experiment Station. A group of four, under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Warren H. Corning, representing the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, made the Atkins Institution their headquarters for about a month while collecting natural history material for that institution. Among the Harvard staff members and students were Messrs. Gunckel, Salvin, Dahl, Howard, Hodge and Godfrey, who spent extended periods in the summer of 1940 working on various botanical problems, and Messrs. Dethier and Greenway, prosecuting zoological work. An extensive series of botanical specimens representing Cuban species was presented by José Carabia. The comprehensive collecting campaign initiated by Dahl, Howard, Godfrey and Hodge in the summer of 1940 will be continued during the summer of 1941, the objective being to secure the material on which a reasonably comprehensive flora of southern Santa Clara Province may be based.

SYMPOSIA ON EQUINE ENCEPHALOMYELITIS AND MOSQUITO CONTROL

THE twelfth annual conference of the California Mosquito Control Association will be held at the University of California at Berkeley, on December 15 and 16.

Speakers and their subjects will be:

- I. *Opening Address*, President Earnest Campbell, superintendent, Contra Costa Mosquito Abatement District.
- II. *Symposium on Equine Encephalomyelitis*
 - A. *Introduction*, Professor W. B. Herms, head of