

Harvard University needed a new Hersey professor of the theory and practice of physic to succeed Dr. Henry A. Christian, Dr. Weiss seemed an obviously satisfactory choice. So it came about that Dr. Weiss moved from the Thorndike Memorial Laboratory and the Boston City Hospital to the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital and was promoted to one of the most venerable medical professorships in the country.

Two and a half academic years in the life of a university or hospital are not long. Yet, Dr. Weiss will be remembered by Harvard University as having carried forward honorably the fine tradition upheld by his predecessors in the Hersey professorship of the theory and practice of physic; and at the Brigham Hospital, he will be regarded as are Francis Peabody, Harvey Cushing and Henry Christian. For, like them, he did his share to make of this hospital an institution such as the donor wished—a sanctuary where life would be more hopeful and care more possible for sick persons in indigent circumstances residing in the County of Suffolk and for sick persons the world over.

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DEATHS AND MEMORIALS

DR. GLOVER MORRILL ALLEN, associate professor of zoology at Harvard University and curator of mammals at the Agassiz Museum, died on February 14, at the age of sixty-three years.

PROFESSOR FRED W. UPSON, dean emeritus of the Graduate College of the University of Nebraska and a former chairman of the department of chemistry and chemical engineering, died on February 10.

ACCORDING to *Chemical and Engineering News*, as a memorial to E. P. Kohler, professor of chemistry at Bryn Mawr College until 1912 and at the time of his death in May, 1938, Sheldon Emery professor of organic chemistry at Harvard University, a fellowship for graduate study in chemistry has been endowed through contributions from his students. Recipients of the fellowship will be chosen in such a way as to provide for an exchange of outstanding students between the institutions where Kohler taught and those in which the Kohler tradition is particularly cherished.

SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

EXPEDITIONS OF FIELD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

FOUR of the five expeditions which Field Museum of Natural History has in Latin-American countries have recently sent to the museum reports on the progress of their work.

Paul O. McGrew, assistant curator of paleontology, who is leader of an expedition in Honduras, reports that he has excavated a specimen of a large and rare dog which lived some 7,000,000 years ago and is similar to a rare type of about the same period that inhabited the North American plains. He has found also a dwarfed type of Pliocene horse which resembles prehistoric North American horses in all characters except size. Its stunted growth may have been due to the unfavorable habitat afforded by the tropics. He writes that the dog is a species almost "certainly new to science, and of great importance." He also writes: "I am amazed and pleased at the high opinion in this country of anything pertaining to 'Los Estados Unidos.'"

Colin Campbell Sanborn, curator of mammals, who is conducting a zoological expedition in Peru, reports that he has collected a large number of animals for the museum. He is engaged in visiting localities of special zoological interest, especially in the valleys of some of the more remote tributaries of the Amazon.

From Cuenca, Ecuador, Donald Collier, ethnologist, sends a preliminary report on explorations on muleback in little-known regions, and archeological exca-

vations on sites once the seats of prehistoric Indian communities. The museum shares in this expedition with the Institute of Andean Research, New York.

Dr. Julian A. Steyermark, who is conducting a botanical expedition in Guatemala, is working in difficult mountain regions and living largely with native Indians.

The museum's fifth Latin-American expedition, that being conducted by Llewelyn Williams, curator of economic botany, who is making a botanical survey in Venezuela, has not reported recently.

DEDICATION OF THE HORACE H. RACKHAM EDUCATIONAL MEMORIAL

THE Horace H. Rackham Educational Memorial of the Extension Service of the University of Michigan and the Engineering Society of Detroit was dedicated on January 28. The building was made possible by gifts to the university and to the society from the Horace H. Rackham and Mary A. Rackham Fund and from Mary A. Rackham. It was erected at a cost of \$2,000,000 and is situated in the art center of Detroit.

President Alexander G. Ruthven accepted the building for the university. He pointed out that the facilities of the university wing of the memorial will be used to meet the educational needs of two groups, young people who are unable to spend years of continuous study at Ann Arbor and adults who desire to continue their education. He said: