

all those who knew and admired his work—a much larger group than he, modest as he always was, ever suspected.

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### DEATHS AND MEMORIALS

DR. JOHN ALEXANDER MCGEOCH, professor of psychology and head of the department at the State University of Iowa, died on March 3, at the age of forty-four years.

PERCY TRAIN, fossil and plant collector, died on February 3. He was sixty-six years old.

THE death is announced of Dr. Cornelis Winkler, formerly professor of neuropsychiatry at Amsterdam, at the age of eighty-six years.

"A BOOK of Tributes to Charles Bernard Jordan," dean of the School of Pharmacy of Purdue University from 1924 until his death in April, 1941, has been issued by the university. It gives a reproduction of the illuminated parchment presented to him in honor of his twenty-five years of service to the university. Dr. Jordan joined the staff of the university in 1910.

THE Institución Cultural Española in Buenos Aires has established a laboratory for histopathologic research in memory of Professor S. Ramón y Cajal to be directed by Professor Pío del Río Hortega of Buenos Aires with a staff of eight investigators. The institute will promote investigations on the histology of the nervous system, employing the technic of Cajal and his school.

## SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

### GRANTS-IN-AID OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF DENTISTS

THE American College of Dentists, through its Research Committee, offers annually a limited number of Grants-in-Aid and Research Fellowships. Information relative to such funds can be obtained by addressing the chairman of the Research Committee of the American College of Dentists, Dr. A. L. Midgley, 1108 Union Trust Building, Providence, R. I.

Research grants are made for one year only and are available on July 1. All applications should be made on blanks supplied for the purpose and must be in the office of the chairman of the committee by December 1. Action on requests for funds is taken once annually at a special meeting held by the Research Committee in February.

At a meeting held on February 21 in Chicago, the sum of \$3,200 was allocated as follows:

\$1,200 to Dr. Wallace Armstrong, of the University of Minnesota, for the continuation of an investigation of the effect of a fluorine free diet on the teeth of experimental rats and the determination of the fluorine content of some human diets.

\$250 to Dr. Morris Steggerda, of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, Cold Spring Harbor, New York, for an investigation of the relation between growth and the eruption of the teeth in whites, Negroes and Indians.

\$500 to Dr. Michael F. Bates, Tufts College Dental School, Boston, for an investigation to test the theory that the histological structure of the teeth is an index of the health of the individual during the period of tooth development.

\$750 to Drs. H. R. Hunt and C. A. Hoppert, Michigan State College, for the continuation of an investigation of inheritance factors in rat dental caries.

\$500 to Dr. James Nuckolls, of the University of California Dental School, for the continuation of a study of the primary centers of lobular development, growth and calcification of the tooth.

### THE PROFESSIONAL STATUS OF CHEMISTS

THE professional status of chemists has been upheld by the National Labor Relations Board in a decision which lays down the principle that professional employees should not be forced into a bargaining unit composed of a miscellaneous group of skilled and unskilled workers as well as professional employees. It was held that only a majority vote of the professional group itself can determine its desires on the issue of union representation.

Describing the decision as "momentous," Dr. Charles L. Parsons, secretary of the American Chemical Society, says in a report to members of the society:

While the board in earlier decisions had granted professional employees the right to express their choice in the matter of bargaining units, the unanimous decision rendered in the matter of the Shell Development Company and the International Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians, Case No. R-3245, goes further than any prior decision of the board in establishing the right of professionals to self-expression within their group.

The controversy was submitted to the board on petition of the Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians to set up a bargaining unit composed of both professional and non-professional employees. A group of professional employees of the company employed in professional work intervened, contending that professional and non-professional employees should not be merged into one unit.

When the case came to the board for hearing,

the issue was squarely presented as to whether a union, by reason of having signed up a certain number of employees in a particular plant, could reach out and corral an almost equally large number of employees who had no desire to have that particular union represent them and