

than any other phase of the war. One of the great moments of my life was when, after months of work as consultant, I found myself an officer of the U.S.N.R.F. for scientific service. I have a suspicion that my appointment transgressed many Naval traditions.¹

Dodge carried heavy editorial responsibilities: Editor, *Psychological Bulletin*, 1904-1910; *Psychological Review*, 1910-1915; *Journal of Experimental Psychology*, 1916-1920; *Psychological Monographs*, 1927-1931; associate editor of *Journal of Comparative Psychology*, *Psycho-Biology* and *Journal of General Psychology*.

He had many responsibilities in learned societies, notably, the National Academy of Sciences, the National Research Council, chairman of the division of anthropology and psychology in 1922-1923, and American Psychological Association, president, 1916-1917.

His bibliography up to 1931 is published in the *Psychological Register*.² His autobiography appears in Volume I of the "History of Psychology in Autobiography."

In 1924 he went to Yale and associated himself with the psychological triumvirate—Dodge, Yerkes and Miles in the Institute of Human Relations, from which he retired in 1936.

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RECENT DEATHS

DR. JOSEPH CHARLES ARTHUR, since 1915 emeritus professor of botany at Purdue University, died on April 30 at the age of ninety-two years.

DR. JOHN H. SKINNER, professor of animal husbandry and dean emeritus of the School of Agriculture of Purdue University, died on April 28 at the age of sixty-eight years.

SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

THE MARINE BIOLOGICAL STATION AT PORT ERIN

ACCORDING to the report of the acting director of the Marine Biological Station at Port Erin, work during 1941 was again determined by the continuance of war conditions. Visits by student classes have been rendered all but impossible by the ban on residence within the Port Erin Internment Camp of any but the permanent population of the village. Nevertheless, a number of postgraduate workers and one school class have been able to make use of the station's facilities, under police permit, while occupying rooms outside the camp area—a course recommended to other prospective workers. The closure of Port Erin to summer visitors has reduced the income from the aquarium to negligible proportions, so that this side of the work is being kept at care-and-maintenance level. Endeavor has been made, by cooperation with the Army Educational Scheme and in other ways, to render service to the members of H.M. Forces now in the island. There have been several organized visits by parties of soldiers, and the acting director has given numerous illustrated lectures, on marine and other topics, at two military centers. On the scientific side, the work of both staff and visiting research workers has been closely aligned with that of certain official and quasi-official investigations into (a) the reproduction and growth-rate of certain seaweeds of industrial importance, with a view to their rational harvesting, and (b) the further development, under war conditions, of the fishing potentiality of Manx waters.

¹ C. Murchison (Ed.), "History of Psychology in Autobiography," Vol. I, 1930, 99-121. Worcester, Mass.: Clark University Press.

More time than usual has this year been devoted to the library; a considerable overhaul has taken place, arrears of binding made good and an entirely new shelf-catalogue and an accessions register prepared.

With the help of one or two assistants with experience in library work, the collection of separata on marine biological and hydrographical subjects, numbering several thousand papers, has been entirely reorganized.

In view of the continued deprivation of income from the public aquarium and from fee-paying students, the departmental grant of the university to the station, for the session 1941-42, has been increased from £150 to £200. A renewal for the same session of the grant-in-aid from H.M. Development Commission of £100 is also acknowledged.

STANDARDS OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR TESTING MATERIALS

THE Executive Committee of the American Society for Testing Materials has recognized the desirability of providing for prompt modification of standards during the national emergency and that some appropriate method be established in anticipation of necessary changes, particularly in specification requirements, due to possible rapid shifts in the available supply of materials under present conditions.

The procedure planned, as given in the *Bulletin* of the society, provides that

in the case of certain metals and alloying elements, for instance, scarcity and the need of conservation for defense purposes might point to the need of modifying the usual

² C. Murchison (Ed.), "The Psychological Register," Vol. III, 1932, 133-134. Worcester, Mass.: Clark University Press.

specified compositions of many alloys containing such critical materials, and of doing so more promptly than the regular procedure would permit. In fact, in most instances it will probably be found preferable not to change the standard itself but to provide for temporary optional requirements. Our regular procedure provides that a standing committee, after approval in its group, can refer to any time proposed tentative revisions of standards, new tentative standards or changes in tentative standards to Committee E-10 on Standards. While in this way reasonably prompt action can be taken with respect to desirable changes leading to formal revisions of a standard, a proposed emergency procedure is now offered our committees which is intended to expedite the approval and publication of emergency revisions of a temporary nature and at the same time provide adequate safeguards in their promulgation.

Revisions promulgated under this procedure are to be construed as representing optional requirements, to be introduced by the following expression: "Where it may be considered by the purchaser a satisfactory revision for the specific application or use desired."

Proposed temporary modifications shall first have the approval of the appropriate subcommittee of the sponsoring committee or duly appointed subgroup of that subcommittee and shall have the endorsement of the chairman of the main committee. The emergency revision shall then be submitted to Committee E-10 for approval for publication with the specification in question. If approved by Committee E-10, it will be published with the specification either in the form of a sticker or as an accompanying sheet and will also be published in the next succeeding issue of the *Bulletin*. Any emergency revisions approved during the year will be recorded in the next annual report of the standing committee. All such revisions will be subject to annual review and the standing committee shall annually report its recommendations with respect to them.

GIFTS AND BEQUESTS TO CORNELL UNIVERSITY FOR 1941

GIFTS and bequests to Cornell University during the fiscal year ending July 1, 1941, amounted to \$2,261,037, according to the annual report of treasurer, G. F. Rogalsky. Of this amount \$1,054,330 was added to the university's permanent endowment, which is now \$33,871,539.

Gifts for current use included \$384,024 for research and investigatorships, \$100,000 toward an addition to the physical plant, \$31,138 for departmental development, \$26,736 for scholarships and loans and \$119,604 for miscellaneous purposes. The balance is composed of non-endowment funds, of which some are specifically restricted as to use and others expendable at the discretion of the Board of Trustees.

The total includes \$112,902 in current gifts from 7,220 alumni through the Alumni Fund Council, a record, both for amount contributed and number of contributors, unsurpassed since 1931. Cornell alumni also gave \$37,903 during the year toward the university's program for developing athletic facilities.

The largest bequest, \$508,573, came from the estate of James Parmalee, Cleveland real estate operator and financier, who was graduated from Cornell in 1876. Gifts from the Rockefeller Foundation for endowment, research and departmental development totalled \$697,425. Of this sum, \$600,000 was to endow the Department of Public Health and Preventive Medicine in the Cornell University Medical College in New York. The foundation also made grants for research in tuberculosis, amino acids, longevity, reflex behavior, maize stock, chemistry, physics and the history of the Far East, and for departmental development in public health, anatomy, drama, music and Russian language and literature. An additional \$5,555 was received from the General Education Board for a project in critical thinking.

S. C. Johnson and Son, Inc., gave \$56,500 toward the establishment of the Herbert Fisk Johnson professorship in industrial chemistry, and the Olin Foundation contributed \$100,000 toward the development program of the School of Chemical Engineering.

Among the notable bequests received during the year were additions amounting to \$76,280 to the John McMullen Fund for scholarships in engineering, bringing the total of this fund to more than \$2,000,000; \$49,644 and an art collection valued at \$35,000 from the estate of Roger P. Clark, an alumnus of the university; \$32,380 of an anticipated \$100,000 from the estate of John A. Heim, a graduate of the Medical College in 1905, to be used for scholarships in the Medical College, and \$31,392 from the estate of L. L. Seaman, \$25,000 from the estate of Henry R. Ickelheimer, \$21,678 from the estate of Mary Kerschner, \$19,030 from the estate of Rollie B. Low, \$13,829 from the estate of Mabel Estey Rose, \$11,600 from the estate of Della S. Bishop and \$10,000 from the estate of S. Wiley Wakeman.

Among the numerous grants for research were funds of \$21,950 from the Josiah Macy, Jr., Foundation for research in neurology, pneumonia, senility, biotin, aviation and family health; \$15,012 from the National Research Council for studies of student pilots, morphology, metabolism, visual fatigue, physiology, air-sickness, night blindness and other phases of medicine as applied to aviation, and \$9,101 from the GLF Exchange for studies in freezing foods, dairy feed, poultry, phosphate, cereal breeding and legume inoculant.

Anonymous contributions of \$18,000 and \$20,000 and the sum of \$10,000 from Stanton Griffiths, a graduate in 1910 and a university trustee, were received to be added to endowment funds. The sum of \$10,000 was received from the Ralph Hitz Memorial Fund to establish a scholarship in hotel administration.

THE NASHVILLE MEETING OF THE ELECTROCHEMICAL SOCIETY

At the annual meeting of the Electrochemical Society, which was held at Nashville from April 15 to 18, two symposia were presented—one on "Electric Furnace Reactions," in charge of Dr. John D. Sullivan, of the Battelle Institute, Columbus, and the other