

ing president of the museum and chairman of the management board.

The retiring members are Dr. Clark Wissler, curator of anthropology; Dr. Frank M. Chapman, curator of birds; Dr. Barnum Brown, curator of vertebrate paleontology, and Dr. Willard G. Van Name, associate curator of living invertebrates. Each will continue his work with the title emeritus.

Dr. Wissler joined the staff in 1902 and was appointed curator of anthropology in 1907. Over a period of thirty years his first-hand study of Indian tribes in the western United States, particularly the Sioux, Blackfeet and Gros Ventres, has resulted in many scientific and popular publications. Under his direction the anthropological exhibitions have expanded through four floors of the museum building to include not only a collection of North American Indian materials, but also the relics of Mayan, Aztec and Inca civilizations, the artifacts of prehistoric man, and existing primitive peoples in many parts of the world. Since 1937 Dr. Wissler has served as dean of the scientific staff and has also been professor of anthropology in the Institute of Human Relations at Yale University. Dr. Harry L. Shapiro, associate curator of physical anthropology, has been appointed chairman of the department of anthropology to succeed Dr. Wissler.

When Dr. Chapman went to the museum fifty-four years ago, the bird collection consisted of only several hundred specimens, most of them on exhibition and very few available for purposes of study. Scientific expeditions were unheard of, except for those made by staff members in local areas. Through his leadership, the study collections of the Department of Birds have been increased in number to more than 750,000 specimens. The first attempt in any museum to show birds in life-like habitat settings was made by Dr. Chapman with the creation of the Cobbs Island Bird Group, at the beginning of the century. Perhaps even more important is the part he has played in awakening sentiment for the protection of wild bird life. He will continue research and exhibition work in the museum and plans to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the publication of his "Handbook of Birds of Eastern North America" with a new edition in 1945. Dr. Robert Cushman Murphy, formerly curator of oceanic birds, has been appointed chairman of the Department of Birds; and Dr. John T. Zimmer, formerly executive curator, becomes curator of that department.

The name of Barnum Brown is almost synonymous with those of the giant prehistoric reptiles, such as *Tyrannosaurus Rex*, *Brontosaurus*, *Allosaurus* and hundreds of other dinosaurs which he has recovered from burial grounds millions of years old. Excavated

from the rock beds of North and South America, Asia, Africa and Europe, the bones of these fossils have been recreated in the dinosaur halls, the most complete collection of its kind in the world. Dr. Brown has led some thirty expeditions since he went to the museum in 1897. The greater part of these explorations have been in the United States and Canada and from the fossil beds of Alberta, Wyoming, Montana, Colorado, Utah, to the southern borders of Texas. With his retirement, the department of paleontology is divided into three sections. Fossil reptiles will be incorporated in the department of amphibians and reptiles, with Dr. Edwin H. Colbert as chairman and acting curator of fossil reptiles, and Dr. Charles M. Bogert as acting curator of recent amphibians and reptiles. The division of fossil mammals, with Dr. George Gaylord Simpson as curator, has been made part of the department of mammals, of which Dr. Harold E. Anthony is the chairman and curator of recent mammals. Dr. Harold E. Vokes, formerly assistant curator of fossil invertebrates, has been appointed associate curator of this branch within the department of invertebrates, headed by Dr. Roy W. Miner, chairman and curator of living invertebrates.

Dr. Willard G. Van Name, a member of the department of invertebrates since 1917, has specialized in the research of marine life, especially in the Pacific. In expeditions along the coast of California, in the Philippines and other parts of the East Indies he has made valuable collections of small sea-life. Since 1927 he has been a member of the trustees committee on conservation. His forthcoming writings will include a monograph on his extensive research of the American ascidians.

#### THE YALE UNIT, U. S. MILITARY HOSPITAL

THE Yale Unit, U. S. Military Hospital No. 39, including 48 physicians, 7 dentists, 103 nurses and civilian specialists, was mobilized by the U. S. Army for active war duty on July 15. The hospital unit is designed to accommodate 1,000 patients in a theater of military operations. It is a stationary hospital in the rear of a combat zone and probably will be used for foreign service. It is much larger than Mobile Hospital No. 39, which was organized by Yale in World War I, which was the first American hospital unit to land in France. This earlier surgical unit played an important role during the St. Mihiel offensive.

A message has been sent to the unit from President Charles Seymour of Yale and officials of the Yale School of Medicine, School of Nursing and the New Haven Hospital. It is as follows:

As you leave for active duty, we are anxious to extend

to you, on behalf of Yale and the New Haven community, our warm good wishes and our deep appreciation of the service which you are giving to the nation.

University and town are consecrated to that service and all our traditions demand that it should be carried on in whatever field it can be made effective. There is no field more important than that which you enter, where you will bring to the armed forces in the hour of need the science and the art of doctor and nurse. We are proud that through you Yale and the New Haven Hospital have the privilege of serving the American people.

The greeting is sent to the unit "with affection and respect" and is signed by President Seymour; Dean Francis G. Blake, of the School of Medicine; Dean Effie J. Taylor, of the School of Nursing; Harry C. Knight, of New Haven, president of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut; Thomas W. Farnam, chairman of the executive committee of the New Haven Hospital, and James A. Hamilton, director of the New Haven Hospital.

U. S. Military Hospital No. 39 will now undergo a period of training in military hospital techniques in the United States prior to engaging on actual field service. The present staff will be supplemented by

500 enlisted men, some of whom will be drawn from the New Haven area.

The bulk of the nursing personnel are either graduates from or members of the faculty of the Yale School of Nursing, or are present or former members of the New Haven Hospital nursing staff. Thirty are graduates of the Yale School of Nursing. All members of the medical personnel hold positions on the faculty of the Yale School of Medicine and the New Haven Hospital. Of this group 26 doctors are already on active duty in various Army hospitals and joined the unit at the point of mobilization. The commanding officer of the unit will be a colonel of the Army Medical Corps, designated by the War Department.

Dr. James C. Fox, Jr., clinical professor of neurology at the Yale School of Medicine, has been acting as director of the unit for the past two years during its period of organization. He now becomes chief of the medical service with the rank of lieutenant colonel. Dr. Ashley W. Oughterson, associate professor of surgery, will be chief of the surgical service with the rank of lieutenant colonel. Dr. Oughterson has been on active Army service for the past six months at various posts.

## SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

THE degree of doctor *honoris causa* has been conferred by the Catholic University of Chile on Dr. George W. Corner, director of the department of embryology of the Carnegie Institution of Washington.

THE Friedenwald Medal of the American Gastro-Enterological Association was presented on June 8 during the Atlantic City meeting to Dr. Max Einhorn, since 1896 professor of medicine at the New York Post-Graduate Medical School, Columbia University, for "outstanding achievements in the field of gastroenterology and for the invention and putting into practical use of many instruments of precision used in the study of digestive diseases."

THE Borden Prize, a gold medal and \$1,000, of the American Dairy Science Association was presented to Dr. Hugo H. Sommer, professor of dairy industry at the University of Wisconsin, at the recent annual meeting of the association.

AN Associated Press dispatch states that Sir Arthur Hope, governor of Madras, decorated Sir Chandrasekhara Venkata Raman on July 16 with the medal of the Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, for "preeminent service in the scientific sphere." Sir Chandrasekhara was unable to go to America to receive the medal in person.

DR. RICHARD W. WILKINSON, Washington, on May

20 was presented with the Frank E. Gibson Award at a meeting of the Washington Medical and Surgical Society, for his "original and outstanding paper on ophthalmology." The prize is given in recognition "of meritorious contributions to medical science." It was established in 1937 in honor of Dr. Frank E. Gibson, permanent treasurer of the society.

A. GOUGE has been elected president of the British Royal Aeronautical Society for the year 1942-43. E. F. Relf, superintendent of the Aerodynamics Department, National Physical Laboratory, and Dr. H. Roxbee-Cox, deputy director of scientific research at the Ministry of Aircraft Production, have been elected vice-presidents.

THE Eastern Section of the Seismological Society of America did not hold its annual meeting this year because of the war situation. A mail ballot was held for the election of officers for the year beginning on July 1, and the following were elected: *Chairman*, Elwyn L. Perry, Williams College; *Vice-chairman*, William A. Lynch, Fordham University; *Secretary*, Florence Robertson, St. Louis University; *Treasurer*, James T. Wilson, University of Michigan; and *Fifth Member of the Executive Committee*, Ralph R. Bodle, U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.

At the University of London the title of professor emeritus of anatomy in the university has been con-