

which manifested itself in many ways. He was active in church work. He was instrumental in establishing the Minnesota Chapter of the Psi Upsilon fraternity. He was one of the most active members of the General Alumni Association of the University of Minnesota, which was organized at a meeting called by him in 1904 and whose president he became for the following eleven years. He was a leader in many other movements, the purpose of which was to improve the university.

Thus a long and beautiful life of service has come to its close. Professor Nachtrieb will be long and gratefully remembered by the university to which he devotedly gave his life work. And he will be affectionately remembered by those of us fortunate enough to have known him as a beloved teacher, a wise counselor and a loyal friend.

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### RECENT DEATHS

DR. WADE H. BROWN, pathologist, member of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research at Princeton, N. J., died on August 4 at the age of sixty-three years.

DR. WILLIAM JESSE GOAD LAND, professor of botany at the University of Chicago until his retirement with the title emeritus in 1931, died on August 1 in his seventy-seventh year.

DR. CLARENCE ERROL FERREE, formerly professor of physiological optics and director of the research laboratory of physiological optics at the Johns Hopkins University, died on July 26 at the age of sixty-five years.

DR. JAMES HAYDEN TUFTS, professor of philosophy at the University of Chicago, who retired in 1930 with the title of emeritus, died on August 5. He was eighty years old.

DR. EDWIN W. MILLER, associate professor of mathematics at the University of Michigan, died on July 23, at the age of thirty-seven years.

DR. C. C. BUNCH, research professor in education of the deaf in the School of Speech at Northwestern University, an authority on otology and audition, died on June 14 at the age of fifty-seven years.

SIR FRANCIS EDWARD YOUNGHUSBAND, explorer of Tibet and northern India, died on July 31 at the age of seventy-nine years.

AN Associated Press dispatch reports the death at the hands of the Germans of eight Polish scholars and artists. Among them were Aleksander Patowski, formerly chairman of the Polish Geographic Society and counselor of the former Polish Ministry of Education in Warsaw, and Antoni Nieszorkiewicz, custodian of the National Museum of Warsaw.

## SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

### THE OXFORD INSTITUTE OF RESEARCH IN AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING

THE *Times*, London, points out that the Agricultural Machinery Development Board for Great Britain, which was set up at the beginning of this year to arrange for the testing of agricultural machinery and implements and to consider questions of uniformity and standardization, the provision of educational and advisory facilities, and any matters relating to the mechanization of agriculture, requires a highly qualified staff of agriculturists and engineers with adequate workshop facilities. A National Institute of Agricultural Engineering is accordingly being set up at Askham Bryan, near York.

The nucleus of the institute is the Institute of Research in Agricultural Engineering at Oxford, which the University of Oxford has handed over to the Ministry. S. J. Wright, the director of the Oxford institute, has been appointed director of the new institute. The staff will be considerably strengthened and adequate workshop facilities provided. The institute will be housed temporarily during the war in buildings belonging to the Yorkshire Council for Agricultural Education, but when these have to revert, after the

war, to their original purpose, it is intended to build a permanent home for the institute on a site near the temporary accommodation.

The main functions of the new institute will be to act as a general clearing house for information about agricultural machinery and its use, to carry out tests or demonstrations of new or improved implements, to undertake experimental and demonstration work on the better utilization of existing equipment, and to fill the gap between inventor and manufacturer by putting new ideas into practical shape and constructing the prototype machine.

### THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM

DR. J. L. MAGNES, president of the Hebrew University, has been appointed chairman of the Scientific Advisory Committee established by the War Supply Board for the purpose of investigating scientific problems in connection with the war effort. Professor L. Farkas, of the department of physical chemistry, is secretary of the committee. The scientific departments of the university are giving increased aid to industrialists, farmers, physicians and others in the performance of essential wartime functions.