

University, the University of Wisconsin, Northwestern University and the Children's Fund of Michigan.

Illustrative of the type of studies being supported by the foundation under the direction of the director, Dr. Charles Glen King, and a distinguished Scientific Advisory Committee, are the following: Isolation of unstable food factors, protein utilization during partial starvation, utilization and distribution of radioactive iron, protection of the teeth afforded by specific nutrients, liver synthesis of blood proteins, nutritive protection against infection, the relation of vitamin A to muscle metabolism, nutritive value of low-cost vegetables, minimum vitamin needs of adults, metabolic balances in diabetes, nutritive protection of the blood vessels and the nutrients in cows' milk under specific conditions.

The program made possible by the food industry represents the greatest nation-wide contribution to basic research and education that any industry has

made in the history of America, according to Dr. King. He believes that the work of the foundation "will mean much in terms of better public health and an improved food supply in the United States and Canada." He pointed out that "significant results to aid in the war effort are already arising from research grants approved this spring."

The election was announced of Safeway Stores, Inc., Oakland, Calif., and the American Sugar Refining Company, New York, N. Y., as founder members of the foundation, and the election as sustaining members of Gerber Products Company, Fremont, Mich.; Golden State Company, Ltd., San Francisco; Chr. Hansen's Laboratory, Inc., Little Falls, N. Y.; McCormick and Company, Baltimore; Minnesota Valley Canning Company, Le Sueur, and the Drackett Company, Cincinnati, Ohio. It was further announced that the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company had made a substantial donation to the foundation.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

THE Penrose Medal of the Geological Society of America for 1942 has been awarded to Professor C. K. Leith, of the University of Wisconsin. The medal will be presented in New York at the Christmas meeting, which was originally to have been held in Ottawa, Canada.

THE Anthony F. Lucas Gold Medal of the American Institute of Mining Engineers has been awarded to John Robert Suman, vice-president of the Humble Oil and Refining Company, Houston, Texas, a past president of the institute. The medal is in recognition of "distinguished achievement in improving the technique and practice of finding or producing petroleum."

DR. CONRAD ARNOLD ELVEHJEM, professor of agricultural chemistry at the University of Wisconsin, was presented on November 19 with the eighth annual award of distinction of the Grocery Manufacturers of America at the annual meeting of the organization, which was held in New York City.

DR. PETER KAPITZA, director of the Leningrad Physical Research Institute, was officially presented on October 27 with the Faraday Medal of the British Association of Electrical Engineers.

HONORARY membership in the Royal Agricultural Society of England, with the gold medal of the society, has been awarded to Sir George Courthope, M.P.

DR. HENRY A. PILSBRY, curator of mollusks and other invertebrates at the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, will observe his eightieth birthday on December 8. Dr. Pilsbry has been a member of the academy for fifty-five years.

At the recent Chicago meeting of the American Association of Land-Grant Colleges and Universities, Dr. E. E. Day, president of Cornell University, was reelected president, and Dr. C. B. Hutchison, dean of the University of California College of Agriculture, was reelected vice-president.

DR. C. JUDSON HERRICK, professor of zoology at the University of Chicago, was honored with the first membership in the recently established Denison University Research Foundation. Dr. Herrick was formerly head of the department of zoology at Denison University. The foundation has a fund immediately available for an undergraduate student or a faculty member desirous of carrying out a significant study in the field of arts or sciences. The treasurer of the fund is Dr. Millard Brelsford, Granville, Ohio, to whom applications for grants should be made.

PROFESSOR C. H. MATHEWSON, chairman of the department of metallurgy of Yale University, has been elected president of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers. He will take office at the annual meeting in New York in February, 1943. Erle V. Daveler, vice-president of the Utah Copper Company, and Harvey S. Mudd, consulting engineer, of Los Angeles, were elected vice-presidents.

At the fifteenth annual meeting of the Central Society for Clinical Research held at the Drake Hotel in Chicago on November 6 and 7, officers were elected as follows: *President*, Dr. John Walker Moore, Louisville, Ky.; *Vice-president*, Dr. Cecil J. Watson, Minneapolis, and *Secretary-Treasurer*, Dr. Carl V. Moore, St. Louis.

DR. EUGENE L. OPIE, since 1941 emeritus professor of pathology of Cornell University Medical College, has returned to the active direction of the department during the absence of Dr. William Dock, who has been commissioned a major in the army. Since his retirement Dr. Opie has been carrying on research work at the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research. This work he is planning to continue.

DR. JOHN M. FLETCHER, until his retirement four years ago professor of psychology and head of the department of the Tulane University of Louisiana, has been recalled to the university to take the place of a member of the faculty who has joined the Army.

DR. JEAN ALONZO CURRAN was installed on November 19 as president of the Long Island College of Medicine to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. Frank L. Babbott.

DR. WILLIAM F. WINDLE, professor of microscopic anatomy at the Medical School of Northwestern University, has been appointed professor of neurology and director of the Neurologic Institute to succeed the late Dr. Stephen W. Ranson. Dr. Horace W. Magoun, associate professor of neuroanatomy, has been promoted to the professorship of microscopic anatomy to succeed Dr. Windle; Dr. Barry J. Anson to a professorship of anatomy and Dr. Paul B. Magnuson to a professorship of bone and joint surgery. He also becomes chairman of the department.

DR. LOUIS L. RUSOFF, of the Florida Agricultural Experiment Station, has been appointed associate dairy nutritionist at the Louisiana State University.

DR. NORMAND L. HOERR, professor of anatomy and director of the anatomical laboratories of Western Reserve University School of Medicine, has been appointed visiting professor of neuroanatomy at the School of Medicine of the University of Southern California. He will be in residence in Los Angeles until February 1, 1943. While there he will conduct the course in human neurology and will give several special lectures in southern California.

DR. THOMAS BARBOUR, director of the Museum of Comparative Zoology of Harvard University, has been appointed a member of the Advisory Committee on Inter-American Cooperation in Agricultural Education of the U. S. Department of State.

SIR LAWRENCE BRAGG and Lord Normand have been appointed members of the British Standing Commission on Museums and Galleries.

DR. H. R. DEAN, master of Trinity Hall, Cambridge, has been elected the representative of the university on the General Medical Council.

DR. W. E. HUME has been nominated by the British College of Physicians as Harveian Orator for 1943 and Dr. J. W. Brown as Bradshaw Lecturer. Dr. A. H. Gale has been appointed Milroy Lecturer.

DR. W. V. MAYNEORD, of the Royal Institution, London, gave a Friday evening discourse on November 6. He spoke on the measurement of radiation for medical purposes. On December 18, Professor J. W. Munro will discuss the place of research in the control of injurious insects.

ACCORDING to the *Journal* of the American Medical Association, the annual lecture sponsored by the Tau chapter of Nu Sigma Nu at Cornell University Medical College will henceforth be known as the Walter L. Niles Memorial Lecture in honor of the late Dr. Niles, who at the time of his death on December 22, 1941, was acting dean of Cornell University Medical College. Dr. Irvine H. Page, director of the Lilly Laboratory for Clinical Research, Indianapolis City Hospital, gave this year's lecture on October 20. He spoke on "The Modern Concept of Hypertension."

DR. GEORGE C. VAILLANT, director of the University Museum, Philadelphia, gave, on October 30, an address entitled "Indian Society in Ancient Mexico" at the Cranbrook Institute of Science.

THE fourth annual Barnard Hospital Lecture was delivered on November 17 by Dr. Peyton Rous, of the Rockefeller Institute, in the auditorium of the St. Louis Medical Society. His subject was "The Nearer Causes of Cancer."

THE annual winter meeting of the American Astronomical Society will be held from December 28 to 30 at the Dearborn Observatory of Northwestern University.

BECAUSE of war conditions, the annual dinner of the New York Academy of Sciences and Affiliated Societies will not be held this year. The annual meeting for the election of officers, the election of fellows, the presentation of reports and the transaction of other business will be held in the American Museum of Natural History at 8:00 P.M. on December 18. The meeting will be followed by a program, of which a special notice will be sent to the members.

THE Council on Dental Education of the American Dental Association is now engaged in examining, for the purpose of classification, the thirty-nine dental schools of the United States. Dr. Harlan Horner is the executive secretary of the council.

THE late Sir Joseph Larmor, F.R.S., has bequeathed to the University of Cambridge £2,000 to be devoted to providing medical and surgical assistance to junior members of the university.

RESEARCH grants of more than \$5,000 have been received by Stanford University in support of work in tropical diseases. These include \$4,000 from the Josiah Macy, Jr., Foundation, \$850 from the Carnegie Corporation of New York, \$400 from the National Academy of Sciences, and \$200 from the May Esther Bedford Fund, Inc., of Connecticut. Other subscribers are the Higher Studies Fund at Oxford, the British Association for the Advancement of Science, the Ella Sachs Plotz Foundation and the Viking Fund. E. P. Mumford, research associate at the university, is in charge of an investigation of the geographical distribution of insects and other disease carriers and of the parasites of man in relation to the war and its aftermath. The study is being made with special emphasis on the Pacific islands.

THE regents of the University of Texas have agreed to take over the Texas Dental College. A one hundred thirty-four-acre site for the new medical center will be provided by the M. D. Anderson Foundation of Houston with funds for a dental building. The final arrangements are subject to authorization by the State Legislature.

GROUND has been broken on the "engineering quadrangle" of the Ohio State University for a small laboratory building to comprise two new units for the radiation laboratory. When completed about March 1, it will house an electrostatic generator developing three-million-volt x-rays, used to produce artificial radioactive substances, and an electron accelerator producing 20-million-volt x-rays. Other units of the radiation laboratory already installed are the cyclotron in the Engineering Experiment Station and the electron microscope in the Communications Laboratory. They represent a cooperative research program of the departments of physics, electrical engineering, chemistry and medicine, although the equipment also is available to other university departments. Because of the special work to be done in it, the new laboratory will have double walls of concrete blocks with earth between, it will be constructed half above ground and half below, and it will have a concrete roof.

The *Times*, London, reports that a grant from the Pilgrim Trust has enabled the owners of certain important manuscripts of Charles Darwin to present some of them to the Library of the University of Cambridge, and some to the British Association for preservation at Down House. The gift includes the manuscript of Charles Darwin's "Autobiography," the manuscript of the "Diary of the *Beagle*," with the field notebooks from which it was compiled, most of the manuscript of the "Origin of Species," the manuscript of "Movements of Plants," "Climbing Plants" and other works; correspondence with Wallace, Samuel Butler, Huxley and other contemporaries; a number of personal papers and of memoranda relating to Down; and a collection of pamphlets, some with annotations. It was in 1842 that Charles Darwin went to live at Down House. The first sketch, in his handwriting, of his species theory, written in 1842, is included in the gift.

THE Canadian controller of metals, according to the *Times*, London, has announced the discovery at Preissas, in northwestern Quebec, of a deposit of molybdenum. The deposit is at least 400 feet long and 200 feet deep and of an average width of 30 feet. It is hoped that its exploitation, which will be proceeded with immediately, will solve the problem of an acute metal shortage.

THE University of Ceylon was formally inaugurated at Colombo on July 14, by Dr. Ivor Jennings, the first vice-chancellor of the university. A notice in *Current Science* reads: "Ceylon's education was hitherto linked up with the University of London and although the creation of an independent university for Ceylon was under proposal for some years its inauguration so soon would not have been possible but for the extraordinary energy and enthusiasm of Dr. Jennings. His efforts have thus resulted in giving a fillip to the much desired want in the educational system of the island. The university is residential with faculties for arts and sciences, Oriental languages and medicine for the present. It is learned that the faculty of law will be added later on."

DISCUSSION

BACTERIAL GENERIC NAMES AS COMMON NOUNS

Two recent papers¹ have called attention to the justification for using generic names in the plural, if they are treated as common nouns and are not capitalized. Their point of view has so much logic and

common sense behind it that it will be readily accepted by all except those who are distinctly opposed to using terms both as scientific names and as common names. As the present writers, however, have at times opposed a similar practice among bacteriologists, this note is written to clarify the situation and to show that we are not in opposition to the opinions of Dr. Mast and Dr. Beers.

¹ Mast, *SCIENCE*, 96: 252, 1942; Beers, *SCIENCE*, 96: 403, 1942.