

### IN HONOR OF DR. TREAT B. JOHNSON

A TESTIMONIAL dinner to Dr. Treat B. Johnson, Sterling professor of chemistry at Yale University, honoring his long service at the university, was given on the evening of June 7 at the New Haven Lawn Club by his university colleagues in the department of chemistry and a group of his former students, who had received their Ph.D. degree for research in organic chemistry under his direction. Professor Johnson is retiring from active service this year with appointment to a Sterling professorship emeritus.

Dr. Johnson has been connected with Yale University continuously since 1894, when he registered as a freshman in the Sheffield Scientific School. He has completed forty-three years of active teaching service

at the university, having received his Ph.D. degree in chemistry in 1901.

Speakers at the dinner were Dr. Charles H. Warren, dean of the Sheffield Scientific School and professor of mineralogy; Dr. Elmer V. McCollum, professor of biochemistry at the School of Hygiene and Public Health of the Johns Hopkins University; Dr. William T. Read, professor of chemistry at Rutgers College, and Dr. Arthur J. Hill, Whitehead professor of chemistry at the university.

In recognition of his long and outstanding work at Yale and his contributions to the fields of organic chemistry and biochemistry, Professor Johnson was presented with a complete Shaeffer writing desk equipment and a G.-E. Mazda fluorescent lamp.

## SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

DR. HERMAN LOUIS KRETSCHEMER, of Chicago, was chosen president-elect of the American Medical Association to succeed next year Dr. James E. Paullin, of Atlanta, at a meeting in Chicago from June 7 to 9, of the House of Delegates. Dr. John J. Amesse, of Denver, was elected vice-president, and Dr. Josiah J. Moore, of Chicago, was elected to succeed Dr. Kretschmer as treasurer.

MAJOR GENERAL NORMAN T. KIRK has succeeded Major General James C. Magee as Surgeon General of the Army.

At the commencement exercises of New York University on June 9, the doctorate of laws was conferred on Dr. George Dinsmore Stoddard, professor of psychology at the State University of Iowa for seventeen years, director of the Iowa Child Welfare Research Station and dean of the Graduate School. Dr. Stoddard is now New York State Commissioner of Education and president of the University of the State of New York. The doctorate of laws was conferred also on Dr. Herman H. Horne, professor of education emeritus. The degree of doctor of engineering was conferred on Lieutenant General Brehon Burke Somervell.

JOHN T. ZIMMER, curator of the department of birds of the American Museum of Natural History, New York, editor of *The Auk*, on May 24 received the honorary degree of doctor of science at the annual commencement of the University of Nebraska.

As announced in the proceedings of the North Carolina Academy of Science, Dr. H. S. Perry, of Duke University, has won the first prize award of the academy for a paper on "The Control of Starchy Contamination in Sweet Corn by the Use of the 'Gamete' Gene." This paper will be placed in the Inter-academy Contest for the Southeastern States, to be judged

by a committee of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

DR. MAX M. STRUMIA, of Bryn Mawr, Pa., has been awarded the Ward Burdick gold medal of the American Society of Clinical Pathologists for his work in connection with methods of preparing blood plasma.

THE Howard Taylor Ricketts Prize of the University of Chicago has been divided between Dr. Howard C. Hopps, instructor in pathology, and Dr. Leo R. Melcher, formerly assistant in immunology in the department of bacteriology and parasitology, now a student at Northwestern University Medical School.

THE Albert Gold Medal of the Royal Society of Arts, London, has been awarded to Sir John Russell, director of Rothamsted Experimental Station, which this year celebrates its centenary.

DR. A. HARDISTY SELLERS, medical statistician, Department of Health, Ontario, squadron leader, Royal Canadian Air Force, has been awarded the Professional Institute Medal of the Professional Institute of the Civil Service of Canada in recognition of the important contribution made by him in the study of hospital statistics in Ontario in connection with the cost of medical care.

THE following officers of the Stanford Chapter of Sigma Xi for the year 1943-44 were elected at a meeting of the chapter on May 13: *President*, Professor George W. Beadle, biology; *Vice-president*, Professor Hubert Schenck, geology; *Secretary-treasurer*, Professor H. M. Bacon, mathematics; *Assistant Secretary-treasurer*, Professor Willis H. Johnson, biology. New members and associates were initiated at a meeting on May 28, at which time an address on "Plant Distribution" was given by Dr. Douglas H. Campbell, emeritus professor of botany.