

fessor of pharmacology at the Cornell University Medical School, New York, died on April 1. He was seventy-six years old.

DR. JOHN RICHARD FAIN, for thirty-one years head of the department of agronomy of the University of Georgia, died on March 26 at the age of seventy years.

A PORTRAIT plaque of the late Dr. Jabez H. Elliott, professor of the history of medicine of the faculty of

medicine of the University of Toronto, has been unveiled in the building of the Toronto Academy of Medicine.

THE American Section of the Society of Chemical Industry and the New York Section of the American Chemical Society held a joint meeting on March 31 in commemoration of "Lavoisier, the Father of Modern Chemistry." Dr. Foster Dee Snell, chairman of the American Section, presided.

## SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

### NEW FELLOWS OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF EDINBURGH

It is reported in *Nature* that the following have been elected ordinary fellows of the Royal Society of Edinburgh: John Anthony, lecturer in botany, University of Edinburgh; Dr. Daulatrai Bhatia, senior lecturer in zoology, Government College, Ludhiana, India; Professor David Burns, department of physiology, University of Durham; John G. Carr, cancer research worker, Institute of Animal Genetics, University of Edinburgh; Dr. R. W. Craig, Scottish secretary, British Medical Association; Dr. L. J. Davies, lecturer, department of medicine, University of Edinburgh; Professor E. M. Dunlop, department of bacteriology, University of Durham; J. M. Geoghegan, president of the Society of Accountants of Edinburgh; The Honorable Lord Gibson, chairman of the Scottish Land Court; J. Methuen Graham, surgeon, Edinburgh Royal Infirmary; Professor Arthur Holmes, department of geology and mineralogy, University of Edinburgh; Dr. D. J. A. Kerr, lecturer on forensic medicine, School of Medicine of the Royal Colleges, Edinburgh; Professor J. R. Learmonth, department of surgery, University of Edinburgh; Dr. W. Ledermann, assistant lecturer and Carnegie fellow, University of St. Andrews; Dr. A. D. McEwen, chief bacteriologist, Moredun Institute Animal Diseases Research Association, Midlothian; Dr. Robert McWhirter, lecturer in radiology, University of Edinburgh; Major Noel Ewart Odell, Clare College, Cambridge; Dr. R. F. Ogilvie, lecturer in pathology, University of Edinburgh; Professor G. D. Preston, department of physics, University College, Dundee; W. S. Procter, regional engineer, Post Office Engineering Branch, Scottish Region; Dr. T. Robertson, district geologist, H. M. Geological Survey, Edinburgh; Dr. R. W. Scarff, reader in morbid anatomy, University of London; E. Openshaw Taylor, lecturer in electrical power and machinery, Heriot-Watt College, Edinburgh; Dr. O. A. Trowell, lecturer in human physiology, University of Edinburgh; Professor J. Stirling Young, department of pathology, University of Aberdeen.

### THE INTER-AMERICAN WORK OF THE AMERICAN STANDARDS ASSOCIATION

It is reported in *Industrial Standardization* that Cyrus T. Brady, Jr., and Alberto Magno-Rodrigues, of the American Standards Association, are now traveling through Latin America. Mr. Brady is general field representative and Mr. Magno-Rodrigues is in charge of the inter-American work of the association in the New York office. They are making a survey of the field as a basis for the coming year's work in inter-American standardization. Through such contact it will be possible to determine what direction our efforts must take in the light of current conditions, to improve, develop and extend the work of the department.

In each country they will interview those most interested in standardization. They will consult with the directors of existing standards organizations, government executives, the heads of technical and scientific colleges and associations, industrialists and representatives of United States firms in Latin-America.

On his way to Brazil, Mr. Magno-Rodrigues spent several days in Venezuela. He received a very cordial welcome from executives of the Venezuelan government, the Commercial and Industrial Association of Venezuela and members of United States concerns. A full description of his visit appeared in the newspapers of Caracas.

Mr. Magno-Rodrigues met with Mr. Brady and with Mr. M. E. Souza, field representative for Brazil, in Rio de Janeiro. Following this meeting Mr. Brady visited Colombia, Venezuela and Chile on his way back to New York, where he conferred with the American Standards Association regarding further coordination of the work of home and field offices on the basis of the first year's experience. He planned to visit several countries on his way back to Argentina.

It is hoped that, as a result of these journeys, a thorough picture will be gained of the present status of standardization in the various countries, so that the Inter-American Department of the American Stand-