

ple, his engaging informality, his generous nature and charming personality made his company and friends an international legion. To be a guest in his home or to accompany him on his yacht was one of life's choice experiences. No man knew better how to live usefully, triumphantly and beautifully than did Leo Baekeland.

The noble and flaming spirit which characterized our beloved colleague's life and works will illuminate the pathways of thoughtful men in the fields of science and engineering for countless generations.

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### RECENT DEATHS

ACCORDING to reports in the daily press, Edwin G. Woodward, dean and director of the College of Agriculture of the University of Connecticut, died in the Hartford fire. He was fifty-four years old.

DR. WALTER ALBERT JESSUP, president of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching

since 1934; president of the Carnegie Corporation of New York since 1941, died on July 7 at the age of sixty-six years.

FRED C. PEDERSON, state forester of Virginia, member of the Council of the Society of American Foresters, died on June 25.

WILLIAM H. BARTON, JR., chairman and curator of the Hayden Planetarium of the American Museum of Natural History, died on July 7 at the age of fifty-one years.

THE death at the age of eighty years is announced of Sir Thomas Robert John Ward, first president of the Institution of Engineers of India, fellow of the Royal Geological Society. He was a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

ALEXANDER E. CONRADY, professor of optical design at the Imperial College of Science and Technology, London, from 1917 until his retirement in 1931, previously for sixteen years optical designer for the firm of W. Watson and Sons, Ltd., of London, manufacturers of microscopes and other optical apparatus, died on June 16 at the age of seventy-eight years.

## SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

### PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO SIR HORACE DARWIN

THE letter given below, written by Dr. H. H. Dale, president of the Royal Society, was printed in the issue of June 3 of *The Times*, London.

The Royal Society has received from a generous donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, an offer of the sum of £2,000 to initiate a fund which it is desired to associate with the memory of the late Sir Horace Darwin, F.R.S., whose scientific vision and enterprise have had such important influence on the instrumental equipment of scientific research and its applications. Appropriately to that commemoration, the object named for the proposed fund is the provision of apparatus and materials for restoring the equipment of laboratories and institutions for scientific research in countries now occupied by our enemies. Such restoration must play a vital part in enabling allied countries, now so long the victims of aggression, to create anew their scientific and economic life.

The Royal Society, being in full sympathy with the objects thus indicated, has agreed to create the "Horace Darwin Fund" for their furtherance, and has accepted the contribution offered for its initiation. It can not be doubted that the allied countries which the enemy has occupied and despoiled will need such help on a very large scale; and the offer of it from this country would certainly strengthen the bonds of collaboration with our own scientific community, and contribute to the promotion and maintenance of the ultimate European settlement. The fund will be held by the Royal Society, for application

to this purpose as soon and as rapidly as the liberation of the occupied countries, and the facilities for obtaining the required equipment, make effective action possible.

Contributions to the "Horace Darwin Fund" should be sent to the treasurer of the Royal Society, Burlington House, W.1, London.

### THE RESEARCH COUNCIL OF RUTGERS UNIVERSITY

BASED upon the concept that a university exists to advance the frontiers of knowledge through study and research as well as to impart knowledge through instruction, Rutgers University has established a Research Council to strengthen the research program of the university. Its aims are to expand existing research programs; to encourage and facilitate the development of research in departments where none is now under way; to reduce to the minimum unnecessary duplication of effort; to encourage cooperative research between departments and between the university and organizations outside of the university; and to make available to scholars and the general public the results of research done in the university. The council will cooperate closely with deans, other administrative officers and department heads in strengthening the undergraduate and graduate programs of instruction and research. Attempts will be made to adjust the teaching load of those members of the fac-