

in 1906 the passage by Congress of the Food and Drugs Act, will be emphasized in the addresses to be presented. Speakers and their subjects include:

T. M. Rector, of New York, vice-president of the General Foods Corporation, will speak on "Quality in Fruits and Vegetables"; E. C. Thompson, of New York, director of the laboratories of the Borden Company, will discuss "Quality in Dairy Products."

"Visual Aspects of Quality Control and Quality Research with Beverages and Foods" will be the topic of a paper by D. Foster, E. C. Ziegler and E. H. Scofield, of Joseph E. Seagram and Sons, Inc., of Louisville, Ky. A paper on "Coffee Flavor and Retention *vs.* Temperature and Type of Container" will be read by L. B. Sjostrom and E. C. Crocker, of A. D. Little, Inc., of Cambridge, Mass., and H. W. Schultz, of Swift and Company, Chicago.

A. L. Winton, of Winton Laboratories, Wilton, Conn., a former associate of Dr. Wiley, will present a paper on "Harvey W. Wiley, the Father of American Food Chemistry." "Quality in Meat and Meat Products" will be the subject of O. G. Hankins, U. S. Department of Agriculture. E. C. Crocker, of A. D. Little, Inc., will describe "Volatility in Food Flavors."

Wiley, who "probably did more than any other individual to raise American food standards to the high plane which they occupy to-day," was from 1883 to 1912 chief chemist of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. He was born in a log cabin in Kent, Jefferson County, Indiana. He died on June 30, 1930.

#### HONORARY DEGREES TO BE CONFERRED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF ALGIERS

By a decree dated June 20, 1944, the Commissioner of National Education of the Provisional Government of the French Republic approved the decision of the board of the University of Algiers to confer the degree of doctor "honoris causa" on a number of scientific men and men of action of Allied and friendly nations. The names of those on whom the degrees will be conferred include:

Serge Bernstein, professor of mathematics in the University of Leningrad.

Brigadier General E. R. Boland, member of the Royal Medical College in London and dean of Guys Hospital Medical School, London.

G. Bourdenke, head surgeon of the Russian Army.

L. Bourgoïn, professor of chemical industry at the Military Academy of Artillery and Engineering, Montreal.

E. D. Churchill, John Homans professor of surgery at the Harvard Medical School.

James Bryant Conant, president of Harvard University.

A. V. Hill, Foulerton research professor of physiology of the Royal Society, London.

J. Huphrede, professor at McGill University, Montreal.

Alvin Johnson, director of the New School for Social Research, New York.

Peter Kapitza, director of the Institute of Physical Problems of the Academy of Sciences of the U.S.S.R.

Li Ju Jing, president of the National Academy of China and president of the Franco-Chinese University of Peking.

P. H. Long, professor of general medicine, the Johns Hopkins University.

Dean Mackenzie, director of the National Center of Scientific Research, Canada.

Miguel Ozorio de Almeida, professor of physiology, the University of Rio de Janeiro.

Georges Prefontaine, director of the Biological Institute of the University of Montreal.

A. Roubakine, professor of microbiology, Moscow.

#### AWARD TO THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

THE following letter has been addressed to Dr. Frank B. Jewett, president of the National Academy of Sciences, by Major General L. H. Campbell, Jr., Chief of Ordnance, War Department.

It is my pleasure as Chief of Ordnance of the Army to tell you on behalf of the Ordnance Department that I am most grateful for the outstanding contributions the National Academy of Sciences has made to Ordnance progress in this war. The degree of that progress is best shown by the success of our fighting forces in all theaters of operations.

To attest the appreciation of the Department for the splendid services of your Academy, I wish to present to the Academy the Ordnance Distinguished Service Award. It is a diploma bearing the traditional seal of the Department and is awarded in recognition of scientific and engineering achievement.

I will be pleased to have one of the officers of my staff make the presentation of the diploma publicly at some date which suits your convenience and best conforms to the schedule of meetings of the Academy.

## SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

THE Hosea Ballou Medal for distinguished service was conferred on the occasion of the eighty-eighth commencement exercises of Tufts College on Dr. Arthur B. Lamb, Erving professor of chemistry at Harvard University, in recognition of his work as "one of

America's very great scientists and great teacher of young scientists."

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY at its recent commencement conferred the doctorate of science on Dr. Herman L. Kretschmer, professor of urology at Rush