

perfectly true adventures and experiences during his early years in the Philippines, among wild people in remote localities, was a thrilling revelation.

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### RECENT DEATHS

DR. CARLTON C. CURTIS, who retired in 1934 as professor of botany at Columbia University, died on April 12. He was eighty years old.

PROFESSOR RAY KEESLAR IMMEL, dean of the school of speech at the University of Southern California, died on April 14 at the age of sixty years.

DR. FRANK R. ELDRED, consulting chemical engineer, died on April 15 at the age of seventy years.

DR. MARTIN HENRY DAWSON, associate professor of clinical medicine at Columbia University, died on April 27 at the age of forty-eight years.

## SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

### THE IMPERIAL COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

PLANS are being made for the celebration of the Centenary of the Imperial College of Science and Technology, Kensington. These, however, must be dependent on the progress of the war. An article on the history and plans of the college appears in *The Times*, London. It calls attention to the fact that the college, like many English institutions, came to being not by an act of new creation but by a fusion and development of earlier foundations. It is a federation of three constituent colleges—the Royal College of Science, the Royal School of Mines and the City and Guilds College (formerly the Central Technical College of the City and Guilds of London Institute); and these in turn were related to earlier institutions. The earliest of all was the Royal College of Chemistry, the foundation-stone of which was laid by the Prince Consort in June, 1846.

*The Times* writes:

By a Royal Charter of Incorporation dated July 8, all three were federated in one great college, unique in our educational system. (In the case of the City and Guilds College revised conditions of incorporation were approved by his Majesty in Council on July 19, 1910.) The Imperial College is an institution expressly charged with the provision of "the highest specialized instruction . . . and the most advanced training and research in various branches of science, especially in its application to industry." Equally with pure science, technology is its primary concern; yet, alone at present among colleges concerned with technology; it devotes all its energies to work at university level. It is a "peak institution" comparable with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and the "alliance" concluded with that institution in 1944 was a recognition of community of aims and interests. Its Charter established it "as a School of the University of London." Its visitor is his Majesty the King.

The need is urgent for new laboratories, new equipment and additional staff and income with which to extend the provision of "the most advanced training and research." But for these, it is pointed out, the college must look, as formerly, to public funds, and

the people's need for houses must delay its building program. Meanwhile in the college as it exists there is much that can be done, though under difficulties, to improve its amenities and to extend its corporate life.

### CONFERENCE ON RESEARCH AND REGIONAL WELFARE

A "Conference on Research and Regional Welfare" was held at the University of North Carolina on May 9, 11 and 12. President Wilson Compton, of Washington State College, gave the opening address with the title, "The Power of Ideas."

The Thursday morning session was devoted to the general topic "Research in the South." President Raymond R. Paty, of the University of Alabama, spoke on "The Development of Southern Research," and Dr. Wilbur A. Lazier, director of the Southern Research Institute, on "Research for Prosperity in the Industrial South." In the afternoon papers were read by Dr. Russell M. Wilder, head of the Department of Medicine of the Mayo Foundation, on "Research in Nutrition: Importance to the Public Health"; and by Brigadier General James S. Simmons, chief of the Preventive Medicine Service, Office of the Surgeon General, U. S. A., on "The Foundation for Future Progress in Health and Public Service in the South." The evening session was devoted to research in the humanities and social sciences. Professor Avery Craven, of the University of Chicago, spoke on "History and Social Reconstruction"; and Professor D. C. Allen, of the Department of English of the Johns Hopkins University, on "Research in the Humanities."

In the morning session, May 11, Milton H. Fies, consulting engineer of Birmingham, Ala., planned to make an address on "Research and Industry as a Factor in Southern Development" and Reuben B. Robertson, executive vice-president of the Champion Paper and Fibre Company, on "Needs and Opportunities for Research in Industry." The afternoon was devoted to fisheries and agriculture, with Dr. Harden F. Taylor, recently president of the Atlantic Coast Fisheries Company, speaking on "Fisheries Research in South-