

in 1922; vice-president and chairman of the geology section of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in 1923; president of the Geological Society of America in 1935; president of the Yellowstone-Bighorn Research Association in 1936. Among his international contacts were those made in the Far East in 1926, when he represented the United States at the Pan Pacific Science Congress at Tokyo. His name was starred in editions of "American Men of Science" for the past quarter of a century. "For eminent achievements in the physiography of the United States," Dr. Fenneman was awarded the gold medal of the Geographic Society of Chicago in 1938. He received the honorary degree of doctor of laws of the University of Cincinnati in 1940.

In addition to the societies and associations already indicated, Dr. Fenneman held membership in the American Society of Naturalists, Sigma Xi, Phi Beta Kappa, Ohio Academy of Science, the Cosmos Club of Washington, D. C., and the Literary Club of Cincinnati, of which he was president in 1924-25.

Dr. Fenneman was married in 1893 to Sarah Alice Glisan, who died in 1920. They had no children.

Aside from his scientific interests, Dr. Fenneman followed national and world affairs closely and was long an advocate of an association of nations. He had a lighter side, with flashes of wit and dry humor which were the delight of colleagues and students alike. He wrote numerous familiar essays marked by an individuality and homely flavor which charmed his hearers when he read them as papers at meetings of the famous Literary Club of Cincinnati.

Dr. Fenneman was a tall man of rugged physique who, up to his last weeks, walked with springy step between his Clifton home and the university campus. A portrait, painted recently by Frank H. Myers, the Cincinnati artist, admirably shows his Lincolnian features. His voice was deep and resonant, his speech deliberate, his manner one of courtesy and charm. A stalwart and fascinating personality, he was an eminent figure in the history of the university which he served so loyally and well. Undaunted by

storms, he was like a great oak tree, spreading friendly protection for others. This influence is typified in a letter from a scientist who owed much to him: "He never knew how greatly I admired in him that in which he was great: his iron self-discipline; his sturdy self-sufficiency; his profound urge to grasp fundamentals; his fastidiousness; his rare sense of fitness in the choice of words; and his live sense of humor."

At the funeral service on July 6 in the Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church, Cincinnati, of which Dr. Fenneman was a member, the Reverend Henry C. Rogers read the passage from "Pilgrim's Progress" relating to Mr. Greatheart and his service to others, concluding: "Mr. Greatheart has returned to his Master."

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RECENT DEATHS

DR. AUGUSTUS H. FISKE, chief chemist of the Rumford Chemical Works, retired, died on July 27 at the age of sixty-five years.

DR. GEORGE A. HARROP, JR., of Princeton, N. J., a vice-president of E. R. Squibb & Son and research director of the Squibb Institute for Medical Research, New Brunswick, N. J., has died at the age of fifty-four years.

A LETTER received by Dr. William Randolph Taylor from Dr. F. Børgesen of Copenhagen announces the recent death of Mme. Anna Weber-van Bosse, of Eerbeek, Netherlands. She was a distinguished student of Netherlands East Indian algae whose elaborate reports in the "Siboga Expeditie" are well known, as is her monograph on *Caulerpa* and other works on tropical algae. She had passed her ninetieth birthday at the time of her death.

DR. LEON J. COLE writes that a report has come from the Philippines that Dr. Miguel Manresa, formerly head of the department of animal husbandry in the College of Agriculture at Los Baños, met his death on February 11 before the liberation of Manila.

SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

THE PROFESSIONAL TRAINING OF CHEMISTS

THE American Chemical Society is planning to seek the release for further training of a select group of servicemen who have received college degrees since 1940 and who as students showed unusual promise in science and technology, according to a statement made by Dr. Erle M. Billings, of Rochester, N. Y., secretary of the Committee on the Professional Training of Chemists.

The committee has sent a questionnaire to the departments of chemistry and chemical engineering of colleges and universities throughout the country requesting them to provide "a highly selective list of college graduates since 1940 in certain fields, whose high ability, intelligence and leadership make their continued training at the earliest possible moment of demonstrable value to the country." In addition, the society hopes that some of the best upperclass students may also be discharged so that they may finish