

On Andrey Abraham Potter, acting president and dean of engineering at Purdue University, "for leadership in adjusting engineering education to the needs of war training as chairman of the Engineering Science and Management War Training Program of the U. S. Office of Education."

#### LETTERS FROM SCIENTIFIC MEN ABROAD

PROFESSOR D. WORONZOW, director of the Physiological Institute of the State University of Kiev, writes to Dr. A. J. Carlson, University of Chicago, as follows:

The university buildings, including my laboratory and library, were wrecked and burned. The libraries of the Medical Institute were also destroyed. . . . I am turning for aid to my colleagues in countries friendly to us, asking them to help us in rehabilitating physiology in Kiev. We shall be extremely grateful should you find it possible to contribute to our institute duplicate copies of books and journals from your personal library, as well as reprints of your own papers (and those of your colleagues) that you may have on hand.

Dr. M. Demerec, of the Carnegie Institution, Cold Spring Harbor, New York, states that in a letter mailed on July 14 Professor Ernst Hadorn, Zoologisches Institut der Universität, Zürich, Switzerland, writes: "Since I have not seen any American publication since 1941-42 I would appreciate it very much if my colleagues would send me reprints of their papers as soon as this is possible. We live here in isolation and are anxious to know what is going on in the scientific world."

Professor Marston Taylor Bogert, of Columbia University, has received a letter from Professor W. P. Jorissen, of Leiden (Hooge Rijndyk 15), which reads as follows:

We are very happy to be free again in Holland after five terrible years of oppression, and we hope that the deliverance of our India will follow soon. I am recovering from edema caused by insufficient food, but hope to be able in a few weeks to visit our laboratory again (that for physical and inorganic chemistry) which the Germans robbed of its best instruments and part of its books and journals.

I am longing to know how you are and what the Union

Internationale de Chimie has been able to do in these years of war. Did you see already our Report on the Nomenclature of Inorganic Compounds? Till now I did not receive a copy of Professor Bassett's English version. Nor did I see the Italian version.

You can imagine how much we are in arrears with American chemical literature, but I hope our colleagues in the States will send us reprints of their work. As you know, I am especially interested in oxidation processes and their inhibition and in explosive reactions. Perhaps you have still available reprints of your research on the oxidation of aldehydes.

#### THE RETIREMENT OF PROFESSOR GUYER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

PROFESSOR M. F. GUYER, since 1911 chairman of the department of zoology of the University of Wisconsin, retired on July 1.

Before going to Wisconsin he received his Ph.D. degree at the University of Chicago in 1900 and spent eleven years at the University of Cincinnati.

Under his chairmanship the staff of the department of zoology at Wisconsin has increased about sixfold. In addition to the many hundreds of undergraduate students who have had contact with him as a teacher, one hundred and twenty-five men and women have received Ph.D. degrees in zoology during this time. These men and women are scattered in nearly every state of the union, in Washington, D. C., Hawaii, South America, Canada, China, England, Italy and the islands of the Pacific. Many are teaching in colleges and universities, others are doing research or practicing medicine, and still others are serving in the armed forces.

In appreciation of Professor Guyer's long and constant service to the university, seventy-eight former and present members of the department honored him by attending a banquet in Madison on April 21. At the dinner he was presented with a portfolio of letters from most of his former graduate students who were unable to attend. A talent unsuspected by many was discovered when songs of Professor Guyer's own composition were sung as a part of the program.

Being relieved of administrative and teaching duties, Professor Guyer now plans to devote his time to writing and research.

### SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

THE medal of the American Iron and Steel Institute for 1944, awarded annually for "the outstanding technical paper of the year on steel," has been awarded to Dr. Wendell E. Hess, professor of metallurgical engineering at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

At a dinner given on July 25 in Washington by the

Variety Clubs of America in honor of Sir Alexander Fleming, the Humanitarian Award was presented to him "as the man in 1944 whose humanitarian efforts had contributed the most to the welfare of mankind." The award consists of a silver plaque and an honorarium of \$1,000. A research fund of \$80,000 for Sir Alexander has been established by American manu-