

Roe is on leave from the University of North Carolina, where he has been Kenan professor since 1955 and chairman of the department of chemistry since 1952. He replaces DONALD B. ANDERSON, who has returned to his position as provost of the Consolidated University of North Carolina.

MICHAEL DARMADY, senior pathologist, Portsmouth, England, is spending the first 6 months of 1959 as a guest investigator in the Renal Research Unit, Research Department, CIBA Pharmaceutical Products Inc., Summit, N.J. The unit is directed by Jean Oliver and supported by the National Institutes of Health. In addition to his primary purpose of studying renal problems using the technique of microdissection, Darmady will survey sterile practices in American hospitals for the British Government.

Scientific visitors to the United States from the United Kingdom are as follows.

F. H. C. CRICK of the Medical Research Council's Molecular Biology Research Unit, Cavendish Laboratory, Cambridge, arrived in mid-January to take up an appointment as visiting professor in the chemistry department at Harvard University. He will spend approximately 6 weeks at the Virus Laboratory, Berkeley, Calif., before returning to the U.K.

D. S. ROBINSON, a member of the Medical Research Council's External Scientific Staff at the Sir William Dunn School of Pathology, Oxford, has been invited by L. W. Kinsell of the Institute for Metabolic Research, Highland Alameda County Hospital, Calif., to take part in a symposium on metabolic diseases, including atherosclerosis, that is to be held in San Francisco beginning 16 February. This will be followed by another meeting, "The Deuel Conference on Lipids," on the clearing reaction induced by heparin injection. He will also visit Cleveland; Chicago; San Francisco; Memphis; Nashville; Washington (3 March); Radnor, Pa.; and New York before he leaves the country on 7 March.

R. WHITTAM, member of the Medical Research Council's scientific staff at the Cell Metabolism Research Unit, Department of Biochemistry, The University, Oxford, has been invited by D. Nachmansohn of Columbia University to spend 6 months in his department as a visiting scientist.

Current Russian scientific visitors to the United States include ALLA MASEVICH, vice president of the Astronomical Council of the Soviet Academy of Sciences; IVAN ARTOBOLSKY, an engineer who is a specialist in automation; and ALEXANDER ALEXAN-

DROVICH VISHNEVSKY, a specialist in cardiovascular surgery and a candidate for the Lenin Prize. Their tours are being made independently of one another under the auspices of the American Friends Service Committee, a Quaker organization that is sponsoring an exchange program of American and Russian scientists. During August and September, three American medical scientists visited the Soviet Union under the program.

HENRY A. IMUS, formerly assistant to the director, National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness, National Institutes of Health, has joined the staff of the U.S. Naval School of Aviation Medicine, Pensacola, Fla. His position is supervisory psychologist, department of psychology, and head, Aviation Psychology Laboratory. He is responsible for the direction and coordination of research on problems related to the selection, training, assessment, and motivation of naval aviators.

At the recent meeting in Bloomington, Ill., of the American Society of Plant Taxonomists, two awards were given. The Cooley Award for the best paper on southeastern flora published during the calendar year 1957 was made to JAMES W. HARDIN ["A Revision of the American Hippocastanaceae," *Brittonia* 9, 145, 173 (1957)]. The Cooley Award for the outstanding paper presented before a session of the American Society of Plant Taxonomists at Bloomington went to RICHARD A. HOWARD ("Vascular Anatomy of the Petiole as a Taxonomic Character"). The ASPT is able to make these awards through the generosity of one of its members, George R. Cooley.

S. W. HERWALD, manager of the Westinghouse Electric Corporation's air arm division at Baltimore, Md., has been elected the corporation's vice president in charge of research.

HAROLD P. KLUG has been appointed assistant director of research at the Mellon Institute, Pittsburgh, Pa. In his new position, Klug, who has been a staff fellow of the institute, will assist in building the investigational programs in physical chemistry, inorganic chemistry, and crystal physics.

ROBERT W. NOYES, gynecologist at the Stanford Medical School, has won the annual Squibb Prize of the Pacific Coast Fertility Society. He will present the prize-winning paper next April at meetings in Atlantic City of the American Society for the Study of Sterility. It is titled "Endocrine Control of the Passage of Spermatozoa and Ova through the Female Genital Tract."

## Recent Deaths

HAROLD W. CLOSE, Princeton, N.J.; 70; dean of the School of Arts and Sciences of the American University of Beirut, Lebanon, from 1942 until his retirement in 1953; taught at the Beirut College for Women after his retirement; 2 Jan.

RICHARD H. DIEFFENBACH, Newark, N.J.; lung surgeon, who retired in 1956 after 50 years of practice; president of the medical staff of Clara Maass Hospital, 1937-51; headed the first clinic for tubercular cases in Newark; 3 Jan.

DONALD W. KNAGGS, Mount Vernon, N.Y.; 60; inventor of a method of printing on glass; 13 Dec.

CHARLES L. PARMENTER, Philadelphia, Pa.; 76; emeritus professor of zoology, University of Pennsylvania, since 1953; taught at the University of Southern California, the University of Wisconsin, and the University of Minnesota before joining Pennsylvania in 1916; 1 Jan.

WOLFGANG PAULI, Zurich, Switzerland; 58; physicist who received the Nobel Prize in 1945 for his work on the interrelationship of electrons; 15 Dec.

CHARLES S. REDDING, Philadelphia, Pa.; 75; chairman of the board of directors and former president of Leeds & Northrup Company; president of the Franklin Institute, 1941-46, and president of the Scientific Apparatus Makers of America, 1949-51; 2 Jan.

GEORGE L. ROBINSON, Chicago, Ill.; 95; theologian and archeologist who explored the Sinai Peninsula and discovered the sixth and seventh wells of Beersheba; director of the American School of Oriental Research in Jerusalem, 1913-14; 17 Dec.

EDWARD A. STRECKER, Philadelphia, Pa.; 72; professor and head of the department of psychiatry at the University of Pennsylvania from 1931 until his retirement in 1953; clinical professor of psychiatry and mental diseases at Yale University, 1926-32; professor of nervous and mental diseases at Jefferson Medical College, 1925-31; author of 200 papers and many books on psychiatry; 2 Jan.

VALENTINA P. WASSON, New York, N.Y.; 57; attending pediatrician at New York Infirmary, who wrote *The Chosen Baby*, a children's book on adoption; a specialist in mushrooms and co-author of *Mushrooms, Russia and History*; 2 Jan.

HAROLD K. WILSON, State College, Pa.; 58; associate dean of admissions for research and development and professor of agronomy at Pennsylvania State University; formerly head of the department of agronomy; taught at Iowa State Teachers College and at the University of Minnesota; 31 Dec.