

THE meeting of the Academy of Sciences of Cuba on March 26 was a special session in honor of the return of Dr. Juan Guiteras from his mission to Africa to study yellow fever and other tropical diseases on behalf of the Rockefeller Foundation. It will be remembered that General Gorgas started with him, died in London.

UNDER the auspices of the Rockefeller Foundation Major-Gen. Sir Wilmot Herringham, consulting physician to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, vice-chancellor of the University of London, and Sir Walter Fletcher, senior demonstrator in physiology, Cambridge University, are traveling over the United States to study medical and scientific institutions for the British government.

THE biological expedition to Spitzbergen, organized in Oxford University, is to set out in June, under the leadership of the Rev. F. C. R. Jourdain, and will devote its attention principally to ornithological work.

PROFESSOR ARTHUR H. GRAVES, collaborator, Office of Investigations in Forest Pathology, Bureau of Plant Industry, U. S. Department of Agriculture, and formerly assistant professor of botany in the Sheffield Scientific School and Yale School of Forestry, has accepted the appointment as curator of public instruction at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden to begin September 1, 1921.

DR. R. A. MILLIKAN, of the University of Chicago, delivered the first annual address before the Crowell Scientific Society of Trinity College, Durham, N. C., April 28. This society is a reorganization of the general scientific society which had been in existence for the past thirty years. Physicists and students from various parts of the state were in attendance.

DR. DAVID WHITE, chief geologist of the United States Geological Survey, delivered a lecture on the "Deposition of oil shales and canals," at the School of Mines of Pennsylvania State College on April 29.

PROFESSOR ALBERT EINSTEIN, lectured at the University of Chicago on May 3, 4, and 5.

The general subject of his lectures was "The Theory of Relativity."

WILLIAM ROBERT BROOKS, director of the Smith Observatory since 1888, and professor of astronomy at Hobart College since 1900, died at his home in Geneva, N. Y., on May 3, at the age of eighty-five years.

DR. ALBERT C. HALE, formerly for twenty-nine years head teacher in the department of physical science at the Boys' High School, Brooklyn, secretary of the American Chemical Society for thirteen years, died on April 22 at the age of seventy-five years.

CAPTAIN E. W. CREAK, C.B., F.R.S., formerly superintendent of compasses in the British Admiralty, died on April 3 at the age of eighty-four years.

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THE State Legislature of Texas passed an act which has now been approved by the governor appropriating one million, three hundred and fifty thousand dollars to be used in buying property adjacent to the present campus of the University of Texas. It is expected that about 120 acres, a considerable part of which is residence property, will be purchased.

MRS. RANSOHOFF, the widow of Dr. Joseph Ransohoff, former professor of surgery at the medical college, has given \$25,000 to the medical college of Cornell University toward an endowment fund for the establishment of a chair of surgery and anatomy. The money will be used as a nucleus for such an endowment, the minimum of which is estimated at \$150,000.

DR. PAUL H. M.-P. BRINTON, of the chemical department of the University of Arizona, has been appointed professor of analytical chemistry in the University of Minnesota.

DR. R. W. SHUFELDT has been elected professor in nature study in the summer school of the George Washington University.

DR. JOHN EDWARD ANDERSON, instructor in psychology at Yale University, has been promoted to an assistant professorship.