

Society on November 21, the one hundred and forty-eighth birthday of Dr. Beaumont. The program was as follows: Dr. Major G. Seelig, "Biographical Sketch of William Beaumont"; Dr. Joseph Erlanger, "William Beaumont's Experiments and Their Present-Day Value"; Dr. Robert E. Schlueter, "Dr. Beaumont as a St. Louisan," and Dr. Louis H. Behrens, "Our Civic and Medical Debt to Beaumont." Photostatic copies of Dr. Beaumont's letters and documents, with other historical objects connected with his life and work, are on exhibition in the society's headquarters. Dr. Beaumont was president of the St. Louis Medical Society in 1840.

THE *British Medical Journal* reports that it is proposed to establish a lectureship in the University of Edinburgh, to be called the Sharpey-Schafer Lectureship in Physiology, to commemorate Professor Sir Edward Sharpey-Schafer, who has occupied the chair of physiology for thirty-four years and who has just retired. It is suggested that under this lectureship one lecture shall be given annually in Edinburgh by a distinguished physiologist to be suggested by the Faculty of Medicine. For this purpose a capital sum of about £1,000 is required, and an appeal has been issued for subscriptions to this fund, limited to a maximum of five guineas. Any persons desiring to contribute to the fund should send their subscriptions to the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Edinburgh.

#### RECENT DEATHS

DR. ROSCOE WILFRED THATCHER, research professor of chemistry at the Massachusetts State College, president of the college from 1927 to 1932, died suddenly while at work in the college laboratory on December 6. Dr. Thatcher was sixty-one years old.

DR. ALFRED FABIAN HESS, New York City, known for his work on rickets and other diseases of children, died suddenly on December 5, at the age of fifty-eight years.

OLOF AUGUST PETERSON, curator of mammalian paleontology at the Carnegie Museum, Pittsburgh, has died at the age of sixty-eight years.

THE sudden death at the age of eighty-one years is announced of George H. Barton, assistant professor of geology at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology from 1896 to 1904 and since 1902 director of the Teachers School of Science, conducted under the auspices of the extension department of Harvard University.

WHEATON BRADISH KUNHARDT, chairman of the board of directors and formerly president of the Carpenter Steel Company of Reading, Pennsylvania, manufacturers of tool, alloy and stainless steel, died suddenly on November 23, at the age of seventy-four years.

TILLMAN D. LYNCH, formerly consulting metallurgical engineer in charge of manufacturing and metallurgical processes at the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, has died at the age of sixty-six years.

WILLIAM SHEAR, horticultural inspector at San Diego, California, died on November 6. He was born in Albany County, New York, December 31, 1868, graduated from the University of Nebraska, was a potato specialist for a number of years in the U. S. Department of Agriculture, and, later, with the State Department of Agriculture of California.

JOHN JOLY, professor of geology and mineralogy in the University of Dublin since 1897, died on December 8, at the age of seventy-six years.

THE death is announced of Dr. Jan B. Novak, general secretary of the Czech Academy of Science, on October 29. He was sixty-one years old.

THE death is announced of Dr. Albert Wangerin, professor of mathematics at Halle.

## SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

#### APPOINTMENTS IN THE BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY

THE appointment of Frederick D. Richey, now in charge of corn investigations in the Bureau of Plant Industry, as associate chief of that bureau, effective on January 1, has been announced by Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace. Mr. Richey will aid the chief of the bureau, Knowles A. Ryerson, whose appointment was recently announced, in the general administration of the department's largest scientific bureau, and will give special attention to research activities.

Mr. Richey succeeds Dr. Karl F. Kellerman, who

will become head of a new Division of Plant Disease Eradication and Control in the Bureau of Entomology. This division will have transferred to it all activities directed toward the control and eradication of the phony peach disease, blister rust, barberry, citrus canker and Dutch elm disease.

Frederick D. Richey was born on September 3, 1884, in St. Louis, Mo. He received the degree of bachelor of science in agriculture from the University of Missouri in 1909 and immediately following his graduation managed a farm in northern Illinois. For one year, 1910-11, he was the food and drug commissioner of the State of Missouri. He has been with