

dental health in the army and in industry, the American Dental Association adopted a three-point program to mobilize America's dental resources for national defense as follows:

(1) Sending to every registered dentist in the nation a questionnaire giving complete information on the dental personnel available for military purposes and for civilian needs.

(2) Launching a program for cooperation with the Surgeon-General of the Army and Navy to reduce the percentage of rejections for dental defects among volunteers and prospective draftees under the conscription law.

(3) Setting in motion a special education program for dentists by distributing courses in military dentistry now under preparation by the War Department.

MEMORIALS

EXERCISES in honor of the centennial of the death of Constantine Rafinesque were held at Transylvania College, on October 30. An address was given before the student convocation by Dr. Francis W. Pennell, of the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences, and at the luncheon by Dr. A. E. Emerson, of the University of Chicago, who spoke on "The Modern Naturalist." In the afternoon there was a symposium entitled "Rafinesque's Interests—a Century Later," at which Dr. W. D. Funkhouser, of the University of Kentucky, spoke on "Archeology in Kentucky"; Dr. W. E. Ricker, of Indiana University, on "Research in the Biology of Fish" and Dr. W. M. Clay, of the University of Louisville, on "Herpetology." At the dinner addresses were given on "The Life and Works of Rafinesque" by Dr. Francis W. Pennell, and on "Constantine Rafinesque, the Man," by Dr. L. R. Dingus. The remains of Rafinesque were removed from Philadelphia in 1923 and were placed in a crypt on the campus of Transylvania College. The college has in its possession a collection of the manuscripts, books and letters, and two of the three known portraits of Rafinesque.

WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON COLLEGE, Washington, Pa., dedicated on October 26 a new building for chemistry to the memory of Dr. Jesse W. Lazear, who died in Cuba in 1900 of yellow fever while serving as a member of the Yellow Fever Commission of the U. S. Army. Dr. Lazear was an alumnus of the college. John R. Kissinger, Huntington, Ind., and John J. Moran, Habana, Cuba, two of the group of soldiers who allowed themselves to be bitten by mosquitoes during the investigation, were guests at the dedication ceremonies. At a banquet in the evening Dr. Philip S. Hench, of Rochester, Minn., made an address on the work of the Yellow Fever Commission. The Jesse W. Lazear Chemistry Hall is one of three buildings dedicated. One of these was named in honor of the late Dr. Edwin Linton, for many years professor of biology and geology at Washington and Jefferson College.

THE "Cradle of Dental Education in America" will be dedicated on November 24 by the Ohio State Dental Society at Bainbridge. This dental monument is a small brick building which served as the office of Dr. John Harris from 1825 to 1850. It has been purchased and restored by the society and will be maintained as a permanent museum and memorial. Addresses will be given at the dedication by Dr. B. W. Weinberger, Dr. Arthur H. Merritt and Dr. J. Martin Fleming. Dr. Harris served as preceptor to a group of students, several of whom later became prominent in dental education and practice. Dr. Chapin A. Harris received his dental training at the Ohio State University and then went to Baltimore. There he and Dr. Horace Hayden founded, in 1840, the first chartered dental college in the world, the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery. Dr. James Taylor also secured his dental training under Dr. John Harris and in 1845 founded the second dental college. This was the Cincinnati College of Dental Surgery whose influence was, perhaps because of its central location, more far-reaching than that of the Baltimore School.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

DR. HENRY E. SIGERIST, professor of the history of medicine and director of the Institute of the History of Medicine at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, and Dr. Esmond R. Long, professor of pathology at the University of Pennsylvania and director of the Henry Phipps Institute, have been elected honorary members of the athenaeum of the chair of the history of medicine in Buenos Aires.

ON the occasion of the installation of President Kenneth Irving Brown at Denison University on October 18, the degree of doctor of science was conferred on Daniel Sheets Dye, who has been head of the de-

partment of science at Union University, Chengtu, West China, since 1910.

CITATIONS of merit have been awarded by the Park Association of New York City for "outstanding service" to the parks of the city. The nine awards made included one to Dr. W. Reid Blair, who retired as director of the New York Zoological Park last May. Dr. Blair joined the staff of the park in 1902, and was appointed director in 1926. The citation said that for thirty-eight years he had carried out his work at the New York Zoological Park with "untiring zeal and devotion."