

RECENT DEATHS

DR. BANCROFT GHERARDI, vice-president and chief engineer of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, retired, and formerly president of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, died on August 14. He was sixty-eight years old.

DR. LUDWIG KAST, president of the Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation, previously professor of medicine and trustee of the New York Post-Graduate Medical School and consulting physician, died on August 13 at the age of sixty-four years.

GEORGE AUGUSTUS FICHT, for the past fourteen years in charge of European corn borer investigations of the Agricultural Experiment Station of Purdue University, with headquarters at Auburn, Indiana, died on July 29 at the age of forty years.

SIR ARTHUR EVANS, formerly professor of prehistoric archeology at the University of Oxford, died on

July 11. He had celebrated his ninetieth birthday on July 8.

DR. PAUL SABATIER, professor of chemistry at the University of Toulouse since 1882, died on August 15 at the age of eighty-seven years.

A CORRESPONDENT writes: "Professor Martin Jacoby died on July 25, in Manchester, England, in his seventieth year. He was professor extraordinarius in pharmacology at the University of Heidelberg until 1906 and thereafter, almost until his emigration from Germany in 1939, director of the laboratories at one of the large municipal hospitals in Berlin, the Krankenhaus Moabit. His working field was immunology, pharmacology and biochemistry, especially enzymology. Most of his publications appeared in the *Biochemische Zeitschrift*. Since his resignation from the Berlin hospital, he lived first in Berlin and then in his sixty-ninth year emigrated to England."

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

DR. OSCAR RIDDLE, of the department of genetics of the Carnegie Institution of Washington at Cold Spring Harbor, N. Y., has been elected a foreign corresponding member of the Academia Nacional de Medicina, Argentina.

DR. GEORGE D. BEAL, assistant director of the Mellon Institute, has been awarded the Remington Medal for 1941 of the American Pharmaceutical Association. The award was made "for distinguished service to the profession of pharmacy and for fundamental research in the pharmaceutical field."

THE American Chemical Society Prize of \$1,000 in pure chemistry has been awarded for 1941 to Dr. Karl A. Folkers, assistant director of research in the Merck Laboratories, Rahway, N. J. Presentation of the award, given annually "for outstanding research in pure chemistry by a man or woman less than thirty-six years old," will take place at the one hundred and second meeting of the society, which will be held from September 8 to 12 in Atlantic City. During the past five years Dr. Folkers has successfully isolated and determined the character of many new erythrina alkaloids.

MISS D. F. BLEEK, of Cape Town, in recognition of her researches on the Bushmen, has been awarded the South African Medal and grant for the year 1940-41 of the South African Association for the Advancement of Science.

ACCORDING to the *Journal* of the Canadian Dental Association, Dr. R. Gordon Agnew, professor of dental pathology at the West China University, Chengtu, received at the June commencement the

degree of Ph.D. in dentistry from the University of Toronto.

AMONG the honorary degrees conferred on July 10 by the University of Aberdeen was the doctorate of laws on Professor J. C. Philip, emeritus professor of physical chemistry in the Imperial College of Science and Technology, London, president of the Chemical Society.

SIR ALFRED WEBB-JOHNSON, professor of surgery and pathology of the Royal College of Surgeons, London, has been elected president of the college for the coming year. Surgeon Rear-Admiral G. Gordon-Taylor and L. R. Braithwaite have been elected vice-presidents.

THE following officers of the British Institution of Electrical Engineers have been elected for 1941-42: *President*, Sir Noel Ashbridge; *Vice-president*, Professor S. Parker Smith; *Honorary Treasurer*, E. Leete.

DR. BENJAMIN F. KINGSBURY, professor of histology and embryology at Cornell University, has retired with the title emeritus; Dr. Karl M. Wiegand, professor of botany and head of the department in the College of Agriculture, retired at the close of the summer session also with the title emeritus. He will be succeeded by Dr. Lewis Knudson, professor of plant physiology.

DR. OTTO GLASER, Stone professor of biology on the E. S. Harkness Foundation at Amherst College, has been appointed acting president of the college during the absence of the president.

DR. HELMUTH LANDSBERG, of the Pennsylvania