

and the changes in this which occur with time, and far from enough also in the evolution of the processes that result in destructive lesions of the arteries. On this subject it is desirable accordingly to concentrate research. And if the suggestion is correct, that this

is the direction in which knowledge needs to be expanded, pressure toward this end through scientific investigation ought unremittingly to be maintained. One day the line will be breached and something gained to eliminate the painfulness of slow death.

## OBITUARY

### RECENT DEATHS

DR. GUSTAVE M. MEYER, who until his retirement in 1941 was associate in biochemistry at the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, New York, with which he had been connected since 1909, died on May 9 at the age of sixty-nine years.

CHARLES F. JACKSON, from 1936 to 1942 chief engineer of the mining division of the U. S. Bureau of Mines, died on May 3. He was fifty-nine years old.

PROFESSOR WILLIAM J. HENDERSON, of the depart-

ment of physics of Purdue University, died on May 10. He was thirty-five years old.

DR. HERBERT NEWBY MCCOY, of Los Angeles, from 1917 to 1934 vice-president of the Lindsay Light and Chemical Company, Chicago, previously for sixteen years a member of the faculty of the University of Chicago, died on May 7 at the age of seventy-four years.

DR. FRED A. HARVEY, director of research for the Harbison-Walker Refractories Company, known for his work in ceramics, died on April 27. He was sixty-three years old.

## SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

### THE ARGENTINE DECLARATION

IN October, 1943, one hundred and fifty eminent Argentine citizens signed and published a "declaration of effective democracy and American solidarity." The Argentine Government replied by dismissing summarily all signers of the declaration who held official positions. Among the dismissed were Bernardo Houssay, J. T. Lewis and Oscar Orías, heads, respectively, of the institutes of physiology in Buenos Aires, Rosario and Córdoba.<sup>1</sup>

In February, 1945, the Argentine Government decreed the reinstatement of the dismissed professors and officials, and a majority of the one hundred and fifty promptly returned to their posts. Houssay, Lewis, Orías and several others, however, declined reinstatement, pointing out that the new decree not only expressed no regret or explanation of the unjust dismissal, but carried, on the contrary, the implication that the signers had been guilty of a serious offense for which they were now being forgiven. Happily, the situation has been clarified by action of the several universities, Córdoba leading the way. In each case, the university has taken the stand that the dismissal of the professors was an illegal act and an encroachment on the autonomy of the institution. They hold that the professors have never lost their posts. On this ground the dismissed teachers have been invited to resume their duties. Houssay, Lewis and Orías have accepted the invitation, and a regrettable chapter

in the history of Argentine science has thus come to an end.

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THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION

### REHABILITATION OF THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

A PROJECT for research on "Social Psychological Rehabilitation of the Physically Handicapped" is the subject of a contract between Stanford University and the Office of Scientific Research and Development, recommended by the Committee on Medical Research.

On the research staff of the project are Tamara Dembo, research director; Helen H. Jennings, research associate in psychology; Ralph K. White, assistant director, and Milton Rose, psychiatrist. The Advisory Board, headed by the chairman of the department of psychology, Dr. Ernest R. Hilgard, includes the following members of the department of psychology and of the School of Medicine; Roger G. Barker, Paul R. Farnsworth, George S. Johnson, Donald E. King, Quinn McNemar and Calvin P. Stone.

The project has as its aim the investigation of stigmatizing attitudes toward physical handicaps, through investigation of different degrees of maladjustment as shown in the inter-personal behavior between physically handicapped and non-handicapped people. While emphasis is placed upon the problems of the war-handicapped, the study includes those handicapped in civilian life.

<sup>1</sup> SCIENCE, November 26, 1943, page 467.

There are also included diverse interview and discussion techniques, group activity experiments, role playing, level of aspiration, value structure and value-analysis methods.

#### THE AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY

At a meeting in Washington of the Board of Directors of the American Chemical Society on April 17, it was recommended by the Committee to Consider New Activities of the Society that a proper use of the funds of the society for the advancement of chemistry is the aiding of especially promising individuals in their training as chemists and chemical engineers, the better to enable them as leaders to add distinction to the chemical profession and to ensure our country's welfare. It was pointed out that this program could be fostered through loans, scholarships and fellowships awarded to carefully selected and deserving teaching and student personnel.

To carry out these objectives an educational fund was established, \$500,000 being transferred thereto from the general funds of the society, both corpus and income to be available under proper safeguards to be set up by the Board of Directors. A committee of three directors was appointed to draw up plans for the administration of the fund and to report its findings to the board at its next meeting. Members of the committee appointed are Drs. W. A. Noyes, Jr., C. S. Marvel and Robert E. Swain.

The treasurer was instructed to take the necessary steps to set aside funds for the purpose, and was instructed to pay the necessary expenses of the committee to draw up plans for its administration.

#### THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

At the annual meeting of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, held on May 9 at its house, 28 Newbury Street, Boston, the election of 33 new fellows and five foreign honorary members was announced:

##### FELLOWS

##### *Mathematical and Physical Sciences*

- Eric Glendinning Ball, associate professor of biological chemistry, Harvard.  
 Garrett Birkhoff, associate professor of mathematics, Harvard.  
 Arthur Clay Cope, professor of chemistry, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.  
 Hardy Cross, professor of civil engineering, Yale.  
 Robley Dunglison Evans, associate professor of physics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.  
 Norman Levinson, associate professor of mathematics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.  
 John Lawrence Oncley, assistant professor of physical chemistry, Harvard.  
 Frederick Emmons Terman, professor of electrical engineering, Stanford.

John Benson Wilbur, professor of structural engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

##### *Natural and Physiological Sciences*

- Martin Julian Buerger, professor of mineralogy and crystallography, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.  
 James Morison Faulkner, professor of medicine, Tufts.  
 Thomas Hale Ham, assistant professor of medicine, Harvard.  
 Dennis Robert Hoagland, professor of plant nutrition, University of California.  
 John Robert Loofbourn, professor of biophysics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.  
 Herman Augustus Spoehr, chairman, division of plant biology, Carnegie Institution.  
 Henry Crosby Stetson, research fellow in oceanography, Harvard.  
 John Henry Welsh, Jr., associate professor of zoology, Harvard.  
 Leland Clifton Wyman, associate professor of physiology, Boston University.

##### *Social Sciences*

- Edwin Sharp Burdell, director, Cooper Union, New York, N. Y.  
 William Lockhart Clayton, Assistant Secretary of State, Washington, D. C.  
 Seymour Edwin Harris, associate professor of economics, Harvard.  
 William Rupert Maclaurin, professor of economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.  
 Henry Allen Moe, secretary general, Guggenheim Foundation.  
 Talcott Parsons, professor of sociology, Harvard.  
 Howard Eugene Wilson, associate professor of education, Harvard.

##### *Humanities*

- Samuel Chamberlain, etcher and author.  
 Edwin Ray Guthrie, professor of psychology, University of Washington, Seattle.  
 William Alexander Jackson, librarian, Houghton Library, Harvard.  
 Keyes DeWitt Metcalf, director, Harvard University Library.  
 George Wiley Sherburn, professor of English, Harvard.  
 Taylor Starck, professor of German, Harvard.  
 Charles Lincoln Taylor, Jr., dean, Episcopal Theological School, Cambridge.  
 Martin Wagner, associate professor of regional planning, Harvard.

##### *Foreign Honorary Members*

- Niels Bohr, professor of theoretical physics, University of Copenhagen.  
 Sir Harold Spencer Jones, astronomer royal, Greenwich, England.  
 Alfredo L. Palacios, professor of political economy, University of La Plata.  
 Dennis Holme Robertson, professor of economics, University of London.