

member of the college staff for the past twenty-one years and recently appointed dean of the division of science and arts after being head of the department of botany and plant pathology since 1924, picture the giant tree ferns, horsetails and other plants of the coal measures. These are followed by representations of cycads and pines. Of the extinct animals, dinosaurs, pterodactyls, three- and four-toed horses, four-tusked elephants and woolly mammoths, the saber-toothed tiger and the great bison are represented.

Dr. Durrell harmonized his murals with a predominance of greens and tans. His compliance with color perspective and with psychological perspective added depth to the scenes he portrayed.

Intended for a teaching device, Dr. Durrell credits his inspiration for the murals to those of Charles R. Knight, who has done large mural paintings of prehistoric men and animals for the American Museum of Natural History, New York City; the Los Angeles Museum, the Field Museum, Chicago, and the National Museum, Washington, D. C.—G. E. F.

THE NEW ENGLAND ASSOCIATION OF CHEMISTRY TEACHERS

THE seventh annual summer conference of the New England Association of Chemistry Teachers is planned for August 9 to 13 at the Massachusetts State College at Amherst.

The subject of the annual symposium will be "Chemical Equilibrium." It will be conducted by Professor A. R. Davis, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and a group of secondary school teachers of chemistry.

Although the summer conference is held principally for the benefit of members of the association, any one interested will be welcome. Housing will be available at the college. Families of teachers will find Amherst an interesting spot, since it is in one of the most picturesque sections of the Connecticut Valley. The Massachusetts State College, founded by the Morrill Act of 1862, was opened to students in 1867. The campus consists of 700 acres, about a mile from the center of Amherst. There is also a demonstration forest of 750 acres six miles north on Mt. Tobey. Amherst is eighty-eight miles from Boston and may be reached by the Central Vermont Railroad or by bus connections from Northampton, Holyoke, Greenfield and Springfield.

Details concerning fees and the program will be included in the report of the association to be published in the July issue of *The Journal of Chemical Education*. All communications concerning the conference should be addressed to the secretary, Miss Dorothy W. Gifford, Lincoln School, Providence 6, R. I.

WARE CATTELL VS. THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE SETTLED FOR \$7,500 BY CONSENT JUDGMENT

ON July 12, 1943, Ware Cattell was dismissed by the Executive Committee of the American Association for the Advancement of Science from his position as Editor of *The Scientific Monthly*. Mr. Cattell brought suit alleging breach of contract, asking damages for the remaining three and one-half years of that contract in the amount of \$17,500.

The case came on to trial on January 8, 1945. Mr. Cattell testified on his own behalf and rested his case. The following officers testified on behalf of the Association: Dr. Isaiah Bowman, President in 1943; Dr. Otis W. Caldwell, General Secretary; Mr. Sam Woodley, Assistant Secretary. The Captain of the Guard of the Smithsonian Institution also testified.

On the fourth day of the trial, settlement negotiations were initiated. Following several conferences among the Court, the parties and their counsel, a settlement was agreed upon whereby the Court awarded a consent judgment to Mr. Cattell in the amount of \$7,500.

It was part of the agreement between the Association and Mr. Cattell that Mr. Cattell waived all further legal claims with reference to his dismissal as Editor of *The Scientific Monthly*.

The following Stipulation of Settlement was entered in the cause:

It is hereby stipulated by and between the parties to this action, by their attorneys, that this action be finally settled upon the following basis:

1. That in full payment, settlement and discharge of all claims and damages, actions and causes of action for, upon, or by reason of any damages, costs, expenses and compensation which have been or which hereafter may be sustained by the plaintiff, Ware Cattell, on account of or in any way growing out of it, resulting from or to result from any acts or actions of the defendant corporation, American Association for the Advancement of Science, or any of its officers, agents, servants or employees, to the date of the execution of this Stipulation of Settlement, intending to include herein among all other claims and demands, actions and causes of action for, upon or by reason of the act and actions of the defendant corporation, American Association for the Advancement of Science, and any of its officers, agents, servants and employees, in the matter of the termination as of July 12, 1943, of the appointment of the plaintiff, Ware Cattell, as Editor of *The Scientific Monthly*, and in all other employment capacities whatsoever, and in full settlement, payment and discharge of this action, Civil Action No. 21,508, the defendant, American Association for the Advancement of Science, agrees to pay the plain-

tiff, Ware Cattell, the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00).

2. That the parties hereto consent that the Court enter judgment in the above-entitled action, in the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00), in favor of the plaintiff, Ware Cattell, against the Association, for the aforesaid sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00), without interest and without costs.

(S) DAVID A. FEGAN, Attorney for the plaintiff, Ware Cattell.

(S) WARREN E. MAGEE, Attorney for the defendant, American Association for the Advancement of Science.

The foregoing Stipulation of Settlement in the above-entitled action, Civil Action No. 21,508, is hereby approved, and the Clerk of this Court shall, and he is hereby directed, to enter judgment pursuant to the terms of this Stipulation of Settlement, in favor of the plaintiff, Ware Cattell, and against the defendant, American Association for the Advancement of Science, for the aforesaid sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00), without interest and without costs.

(S) T. ALAN GOLDSBOROUGH
JUSTICE

Dated this 15th day of January, 1945.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

THE degree of doctor of laws was conferred at the commencement exercises of the School of Medicine of Temple University, Philadelphia, on Dr. Charles F. Kettering, of the research laboratories of the General Motors Corporation, president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

THE honorary doctorate of science was conferred on June 23 at the commencement exercises of Princeton University on Sir Alexander Fleming, of the University of London, the discoverer of penicillin. A dinner, arrangements for which were made by Charles Pfizer & Co., Merck & Co. and E. R. Squibb & Sons, three of the original manufacturers of the drug, was given in his honor on June 25 at the Waldorf-Astoria, at which he made the principal address. The speakers included Dr. Vannevar Bush, director of the Office of Scientific Research and Development, and Dr. Alfred N. Richards, professor of pharmacology at the University of Pennsylvania, chairman of its medical research committee.

THE doctorate of science of Wesleyan University was conferred on June 24 on Dr. Leonard A. Maynard, director of the School of Nutrition and of the U. S. Nutrition Laboratory at the New York State College of Agriculture at Cornell University.

BATES COLLEGE conferred the degree of doctor of science at its seventy-ninth commencement on Thomas Spooner, director of research of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company at East Pittsburgh.

THE honorary degree of doctor of laws was conferred on the occasion of the centennial commencement exercises of Baylor University on Brigadier General W. Lee Hart, U. S. Army, medical director of the Eighth Service Command.

THE doctorate of science was conferred on Dr. John L. Atlee, Jr., surgeon-in-chief of St. Joseph's

Hospital, Lancaster, Pa., at the commencement exercises on June 24 of Franklin and Marshall College.

THE following have been cited by the University of Chicago as Distinguished Alumni: Dr. Charles H. Behre, Jr., professor of geology, Columbia University; Dr. Eloise B. Cram, senior zoologist, U. S. Public Health Service, Wash.; Dr. Melville J. Herskovitz, professor of anthropology, Northwestern University, and Walther Loehwing, professor of botany, the State University of Iowa.

THE James Alfred Ewing Medal for 1944 has been awarded to B. N. Wallis, F.R.S., chief of aeronautical research and development of Vickers-Armstrongs, Limited, by the Council of the British Institution of Civil Engineers, on the joint recommendation of the presidents of the Royal Society and the Institution of Civil Engineers. He invented and designed the special type bombs used for the destruction of the Moehne and Eder dams in Germany in 1943, and designed the Tallboy and ten-ton bombs used by the R.A.F. He was responsible for the design and construction of the rigid airship R 100.

THE Chapter of the Society of Sigma Xi at the University of Southern California has elected the following officers for 1945-46: Howard de Forest, *President*; John Dodge, *Vice-president*; Robert I. Rutherford, *Treasurer*, and Winslow Whitney Smith, *Secretary*.

THE Hawaiian Academy of Science held the final sessions of its twentieth annual meeting on May 3, 4 and 5, at the University of Hawaii, Honolulu. The first two evenings were devoted to papers in the fields of chemistry, animal parasitology, ecology of fish, growth of pineapples and organization of agricultural research. Also included were two papers in social science dealing with war-time public opinion and morale. The last evening was given over to a busi-