

1939. His widow and daughter Phyllis, together with a brother who resides in Canada, survive him.

Professor Edgecombe was a quiet, self-effacing man with a high regard for the truth, as he saw it, both in his scientific investigations and in his dealings with his fellow man. He was essentially a very religious man, although not an active participant in religious activities in his maturer years. He believed so strongly in the tenets of right living and peace that such holocausts as World War II were to him well-nigh incomprehensible and inexplicable. He was first stricken in February, but carried on by sheer courage and determination until the day of his death. His adult life might be accurately epitomized by the statement of his belief that assiduity should be the principal criterion for success.

HANFORD TIFFANY

RECENT DEATHS

CHARLES LOUIS POLLARD, the botanist, librarian of the Martha Canfield Free Library at Arlington, Vt., died on August 16 at the age of seventy-three years.

DR. GEORGE RAYMOND GAGE, professor of botany at Vanderbilt University, died on August 18 at the age of fifty-five years.

DR. CHARLES B. WING, emeritus professor of structural engineering at Stanford University, died on August 23 at the age of eighty-one years.

DR. HUGH HAMPTON YOUNG, surgeon and neurologist at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, died on August 23. He was seventy-four years old.

It is reported that Dr. Hans Przibram, of the department of experimental zoology at the University of Vienna, has died of hunger in a concentration camp.

DR. H. S. VAN KLOOSTER writes to SCIENCE that "Professor Ernst Cohen, emeritus professor of physical chemistry and formerly director of the Van't Hoff laboratory in Utrecht, Holland, died in Germany sometime in September, 1944. The cause of his death and the place where he died are not known. After having been apprehended early in 1943 and released shortly afterwards, he was again arrested in March, 1944, and transported to Germany. Thus disappeared in his seventy-fifth year a noted Dutch scientist, well known to many American chemists, who after the first World War had made strenuous efforts to re-establish relations between Germany and her erstwhile enemies in the field of science."

SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS FOR INDIA

It is reported in *The Times*, London, that Lord McGowan has written to Professor Wadia, president of the National Institute of Sciences of India, offering on behalf of the Imperial Chemical Industries (India) a number of research fellowships for the encouragement of Indians in chemistry, physics and biology, to be held at Indian universities and institutions. The sum offered is 336,000 rupees—equivalent to £25,200—over the next five to seven years.

In his letter Lord McGowan states:

The National Institute of Sciences is, we believe, destined to play in India a part similar to that which the Royal Society of London has performed for nearly 300 years in leading the scientific progress of this country. The Royal Society until recent years was hampered by lack of funds and provision for the maintenance of scientific workers. This difficulty was eventually overcome by the generosity of various benefactors, including industrialists such as Mond and Messel. We thought, therefore, that there could be no better way of encouraging the advance of science in India and with it the general prosperity of the country than by the offer of these fellowships which under the wise administration of your council will, we hope, lead to an augmentation of the dis-

tinguished successes in science already attained by so many of your fellow countrymen.

Each fellowship will be worth 400 rupees a month and will be tenable in the first instance for two years, with a possibility of extension up to three years. In addition there will be a grant for research expenses to be made to the fellowship-holders according to their needs of special apparatus and materials. For this purpose the National Institute will have at their disposal an average of 600 rupees per annum for each fellowship.

There will be a grant of 13,200 rupees a year to the National Institute for five years to enable them to pay for administration and the travelling expenses of such fellows of the institute as may be selected to visit the fellowship-holders at their universities or institutions.

The fellowships will be open to persons, irrespective of sex, race or religion, resident or domiciled in India (British India or the States), and under thirty-five years of age.

PLANT BREEDING AT CORNELL UNIVERSITY

THE Cooperative Grange League Federation Exchange, Inc., with headquarters at Ithaca, New York, has made available to Cornell University, through and