

F. Williams, research assistant, has been promoted to assistant chemist.

Dr. William F. Bradley, chemist, has been made chemist and head of the Division of X-ray and Spectrography.

A Division of Chemical Engineering has been established, and Harold W. Jackman, chemical engineer, has been made chemical engineer and head. Donald M. Fort has been appointed assistant chemist and assigned as one of six members of this division.

Mrs. Regina M. Lewis, recently research analyst in the library of the U. S. Geological Survey, Washington, D. C., has assumed the position of geological librarian of the survey.

The Board of Natural Resources and Conservation comprises the Honorable Frank G. Thompson, director of the State Department of Registration and Education and chairman *ex-officio*; Dr. Arthur C. Willard, president of the University of Illinois, member *ex-officio*; Professor Norman L. Bowen, University of Chicago, representing the field of geology; Professor Roger Adams, University of Illinois, chemistry; Louis R. Howson, of Alvord, Burdick and Howson, Chicago, engineering; Professor E. J. Kraus, University of Chicago, forestry, and secretary of the board; and a member to be appointed as successor to the late Professor William Trelease, of the University of Illinois, representing the field of biology.

#### NEWS FROM ABROAD

PROFESSOR MARSTON TAYLOR BOGERT, of Columbia University, has received a letter from Professor Jaroslav Heyrovsky, of the Physico-chemical Institute, Charles University, Prague.

After the years of anxiety, we are well, though somewhat underfed. Some of my colleagues died unfortunately under most deplorable conditions in German concentration camps; of those you know Professor Antonin Simek, physical chemist of the Masaryk University in Brno, has been executed. I was, fortunately, able to work all the time in my laboratory and to do purely scientific work in my branch—polarography.

I am eager to know the development of physical chemistry in your country and also to tell something of the advances we did here to those of my American colleagues who work in my line. I am therefore looking forward to an opportunity of using a visiting professorship or a lecture trip, which would enable me to stay a semester or two in U. S. A. May I ask for your advice or friendly support to this aim? The wonderful experience I gained in your country as Carnegie visiting professor in 1933—thanks to your very kind offer—is a steady spur in my scientific endeavors and source of unforgettable joy.

Dr. Bogert has also received from Dr. Frank Kreysa, Stankov, the following wire:

Your brave armies, your insuperable science have vanquished as we anticipated the last enemy of mankind even as the world was expecting it. We felicitate you

and your whole great nation and hail this famous victory. We thank you as well for the liberation of our children in USA. Special thanks to you for fatherly protection of our son.

Dr. Gustav Egloff, of the Universal Oil Products Company, has received the following letter from Professor Dr. Ir. H. I. Waterman, of the University of Delft:

I safely returned from German imprisonment and shall be starting work at the Delft University again. Till 1943 I could continue my ordinary scientific work. We did some work on magneto optic rotatory power of pure organic substances and their mixtures. I did this work in collaboration with the late Professor Wiessman, one of my colleagues.

I should be glad to come over to U. S. A. for some time, but I believe it is difficult to get a permit. Perhaps you know that I was invited to be a guest professor for two years at the University of Minnesota. The Germans, however, did not allow me to leave the country in 1943 and later I was taken prisoner and stayed in different camps.

I am anxious to hear what kind of scientific work was done in U. S. A. In 1940 I received the last bulletins.

I hope to hear from you in due course and I remain with best wishes also from Mrs. Waterman.

Mrs. Margaret M. Nice, of 5725 Harper Avenue, Chicago 37, Ill., writes:

A letter dated June 23, 1945, from Dr. N. Tinbergen, ornithologist and animal psychologist at the University of Leiden, gives news of himself and colleagues. In 1942 sixty professors resigned in protest against the "nazification" of the university; twenty of them were imprisoned as hostages along with thirteen hundred other patriots and internationalists. C. J. Van der Klaauw and Jan Verwey were released in 1943, Tinbergen not until 1944. Other biologists who survived are H. N. Kluijver, G. C. A. Junge, Boschma an De Beaufort, L. Tinbergen, G. V. Van Oordt, Baerends, Kortlandt, "A. F. J. Portielje and Bierens de Haan, though both nearly starved to death." "My students are gradually returning. Several of them are still in Germany where they were kept as slaves. At least three have died; one was captured and executed as a member of the underground forces." Despite conditions, considerable research has been accomplished.

Professor H. W. Shimer, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, writes:

It may possibly be of interest to your readers that the following wire was received by Mrs. Grabau (Mary Antin) from the Provost Marshall General of Washington, "Am pleased to inform you that Dr. Amadeus W. Grabau was contacted 21 August 1945 by Emergency Liaison Team from China in Pekin area."

Dr. William Randolph Taylor writes:

A card has been received from Dr. Johs. Boye Petersen, a well-known student of the fresh-water algae, stating

that all the botanists in Denmark are safe, and that the Botanical Museum and its collections at Copenhagen are intact.

Dr. H. A. Gleason, of the New York Botanical Garden, writes:

The many American friends of Professor Karel Domin, of Praha, Czechoslovakia, will be pleased to learn that he, his wife and his son are alive. During the war he has continued his botanical work at his home, apparently under much difficulty.

## SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

DR. DONALD BABCOCK KEYES, director of the Office of Production, Research and Development of the War Production Board and head of the Division of Chemical Engineering of the University of Illinois, has been awarded the Honor Scroll of the American Institute of Chemists, made annually to "a man adjudged to have made outstanding contributions to the world in chemistry or chemical engineering" in recognition of "distinguished achievements in chemical engineering practice, in teaching and in wartime service to the Government."

THE Yugoslav "Medal for Services to the People" has been awarded to Brigadier General Leon Fox, field director of the U. S. Typhus Commission, and to three other members of his staff.

THE Yale Medical Library has now on display a special exhibit arranged in recognition of the distinguished services of Dr. Charles-Edward Amory Winslow, senior member of the faculty of the Yale School of Medicine, who retired at the end of June. Since Dr. Winslow has for many years conducted seminars on the history of personal hygiene and the public health movement, the first part of the exhibit is devoted to early writings on hygiene beginning with Galen and his concept of the "Non-Naturals" in relation of health. Five display cases are devoted to Professor Winslow's writings. His contributions to the historical biographical phases of the public health movement occupy a separate display case. His latest monograph, entitled "The Conquest of Epidemic Disease," and a selection of his many monographs and papers on ventilation and air conditioning are displayed. The first volumes of the *Journal of Bacteriology* and the *American Journal of Public Health*, of which Dr. Winslow has been editor, the first since its inception in 1916 and the other since April, 1944, are also on view.

DR. HENRY E. BARRETT, professor of psychology at Columbia University, has been elected president of the American Psychological Association for 1946. The association has been reorganized to include several independent societies with a view toward a better representation of the interests of American psychologists.

PROFESSOR S. A. MITCHELL has been retired as director of the Leander McCormick Observatory after

thirty-two years' service. In order that he may continue his research work at the observatory, the Board of Visitors has appointed him director emeritus. He will be succeeded as professor of astronomy and director of the observatory by Dr. Harold L. Alden, who for the past twenty years has been in charge of the Yale University Observatory at Johannesburg, South Africa. Dr. Alexander N. Vyssotsky has been promoted to a professorship of astronomy.

CLYDE W. TOMBAUGH, of the Lowell Observatory and the Arizona State College at Flagstaff, has been appointed for the coming academic year visiting assistant professor of astronomy at the University of California at Los Angeles, to take the place of Dr. Samuel Herrick, who is on sabbatical leave.

DR. HAROLD H. WILLIAMS, Detroit, director of the research laboratory of the Children's Fund of Michigan, has been appointed a professor in the department of biochemistry of Cornell University.

DR. RAYMOND B. CATTELL, associate professor of psychology at Duke University, has been appointed research professor of psychology at the University of Illinois under the "Distinguished Professorship Fund," administered by the Graduate School.

DR. JOSEPH S. ILLICK has been appointed dean of the New York State College of Forestry at Syracuse University. He has served as acting dean since 1943.

DR. ORVILLE WYSS has resigned his position as research bacteriologist for Wallace and Tiernan Products, Belleville, N. J., to become associate professor of bacteriology at the University of Texas. Mrs. Orville Wyss has resigned her position as instructor of chemistry at Hunter College of the City of New York.

DR. R. BLACKWELL SMITH, JR., who is now associated with Dr. H. O. Calvery, of the Division of Pharmacology, Food and Drug Administration, has been elected a member of the department of pharmacology of the Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, and assistant dean of the School of Pharmacy. He will assume the work late in 1945 or early in 1946.

DR. FRANK K. EDMONDSON, since 1944 chairman of the department of astronomy of Indiana University, has been promoted to an associate professorship. Dr. Lawrence H. Aller has been appointed assistant pro-