

of a certain three-pronged sugar tong repeated in the pedicellaria, and innumerable other "tools" of animals. A careful study of these convinced him in later years that their origin cannot be understood without a teleological finalistic principle. It is remarkable that a great zoologist, with unusual command of all aspects of the facts, simultaneously a pioneer of genetics and great contributor to recent evolutionary thought, felt himself constrained in the end to become a defeatist by

advocating mystical powers. Or did he think essentially in the direction of ideas touched upon since by Schrödinger and Bohr? It will be good to realize that his attitude was the result of a clear realization that the Neo-Darwinian doctrine does not lead beyond the confines of microevolution and that the best rebuttal of mysticism in this field will be the elaboration of new ideas that will bridge the gap left by Neo-Darwinism, without recourse to defeatist philosophies.



## C. W. M. Poynter: 1875-1950

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C. W. M. POYNTER, seventy-five, dean and professor of anatomy, emeritus, of the College of Medicine, University of Nebraska, died on October 25, 1950, at his home in Omaha, Nebraska, after a long illness. Dr. Poynter's entire professional career was closely linked with the inception and growth of the College of Medicine in Omaha, for he was professor of anatomy and chairman of the department from 1912 to 1930. He became dean in 1930 and brilliantly guided the college through the drought and wartime years, reaching emeritus status in 1946. After his retirement he continued to be one of the most potent leaders in the successful efforts to build, equip, and maintain the Childrens Memorial Hospital adjacent to the University Hospital in Omaha.

He was a member of the American Association of Anatomists and of the Anatomical Society of Great Britain and Ireland. He served as secretary of Section

N (Medical Sciences) of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, 1929-31. He was very active in the Association of American Medical Colleges, being president in 1933 and executive counselor in 1934. He was also a member of the American Medical Association and the American Anthropological Association.

Dr. Poynter exerted a profound influence on the many generations of students who came under his direction. His great capacity for friendship, the tremendous breadth of his knowledge and ideas, his wisdom, and his executive ability left a deep, lasting impression on his associates in the faculty and the medical profession. The affection and esteem that students, faculty, and other friends felt for him is well shown by the Foundation bearing his name, established through their generosity to promote medical scholarship at the College of Medicine.

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**The National Paraplegia Foundation** will continue its fellowships for research in spinal cord disease and trauma and in the complications commonly associated with such disease or injury. Application forms (returnable by *June 1*) for 1951-52 may be obtained from the Chairman, Medical Advisory Committee, 1108 E. 48th St., Richmond 14, Va.

Two new advisory groups on medical research have been established in the **NRC Division of Medical Sciences**—the Subcommittee on the Chemistry of Blood Coagulation and the Subcommittee on Shock. Members of the new blood chemistry group are Walter H. Seegers, chairman, J. Garrott Allen, Benjamin Alexander, Kenneth M. Brinkhous, J. H. Milestone, and L. M. Tocantins. Members of the shock subcommittee are Dickinson W. Richards, Jr., chairman, Philip H. Abelson, William A. Altemeier, R. Keith

Cannan, Robert D. Dripps, Richard V. Ebert, Jacob Fine, Samuel P. Harbison, Carl A. Moyer, and George W. Thorn.

Under the administration of the School of Nursing and in cooperation with John Gaston Hospital, a post-graduate course in anesthesia will be offered in July by the **University of Tennessee Medical Units**. Further information may be obtained from Miss Ruth Neil Murry, 874 Union Ave., Memphis.

The **Yale Summer School of Alcohol Studies** will begin July 7 and extend through August 3. It will be under the direction of Selden D. Bacon, associate professor of sociology. For further information address the Summer School of Alcohol Studies, Laboratory of Applied Physiology, 52 Hillhouse Ave., New Haven, Conn.