

Sir Everard im Thurn was the author of many papers on the history and geography of British Guiana, Ceylon and the South Seas. He also wrote a number of books. "A Tramp with Red-Skins" appeared in 1886 and "A Sketch of the Ceylon Pearl Fishery" in 1903. It was, however, by his "Among the Indians of Guiana" (1883) that his work was best known throughout his life. This, especially in view of the date at which it was written, is an outstanding piece of work, showing a remarkable range in knowledge and understanding of the ways of thought of a people of backward culture—qualities which served im Thurn well as an administrator in the Pacific. The book was for long, and still continues in some degree to be, a standard work of reference for anthropologists in comparative work. His last considerable undertaking was the editing, in conjunction with Mr. L. C. Wharton, for the Hakluyt Society, of "The Journal of William Lockerby, Sandalwood Trader in the Fijian Islands, 1808-9", published in 1925, to which he contributed an introduction and notes embodying a mass of valuable information. Sir Everard himself considered that this book contained his best work.

After his retirement, Sir Everard's leisure was far from unoccupied, and his advice, assistance and knowledge were freely at the disposal of all who were interested in geographical and anthro-

pological questions relating to the South Seas. In 1925 his services to science were recognised by his old college when he was elected an honorary fellow.

WE regret to announce the following deaths:

Mr. A. Chaston Chapman, F.R.S., a past president of the Society of Public Analysts, the Royal Microscopical Society and the Institute of Chemistry, on October 17, aged sixty-two years.

Prof. O. D. Kellogg, professor of mathematics at Harvard University, known chiefly for his work in the calculus, on August 27, aged fifty-four years.

Prof. Edgar James Swift, professor of psychology at Washington University, St. Louis, who has carried out many investigations in applied psychology, on August 30, aged seventy-two years.

Mr. Arthur Silva White, formerly secretary of the Royal Scottish Geographical Society and assistant secretary to the British Association in 1904-9, author of books on Egypt and Africa, on October 12, aged seventy-three years.

Prof. Max Wolf, professor of astronomy in the University of Heidelberg, associate of the Royal Astronomical Society and foreign associate of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences, on October 3, aged sixty-nine years.

News and Views

A Self-Styled Faculty of Sciences

SEVERAL correspondents have sent us copies of a letter and circular which they have recently received inviting them to become fellows of a body having the title "The International Faculty of Sciences", with an office at 36 Gordon Square, London, W.C.1. The preliminary prospectus, issued more than a year ago, did not include the word "International" and was the subject of some severe comments in *Truth* of September 16, 1931. The new circular, which appears to have been widely distributed, invites application to be made for admission "as a Fellow of the Faculty of Sciences" and states that "The application of every candidate for fellowship must be accompanied by a remittance of one guinea." After election, "every Fellow is entitled to use after his name the initials 'F.F.Sc.'". There is, of course, no relation whatever between this International Faculty of Sciences and the Faculty of Science of the University of London, though the similar title adopted by the new body must lead to misunderstanding in the minds of many people. The president and vice-presidents of this body are stated upon the circular to be as follows:—"President: Prof. H. W. Blood Ryan, M.A., D.Sc., LL.D., Ph.D. Vice-Presidents: Prof. Ingo W. D. Hackh; Prof. R. F. Hunter, D.Sc., Ph.D., D.I.C., A.R.C.Sc.; Prof. Nicholas Knight, A.M., Ph.D.; Prof. Cyril Krauz; Prof. Marius Rebek, Ph.D." As the body is "Inter-

national" in its title, it is perhaps not surprising that only one of these names appears in the "Universities Year-Book" which includes members of staffs of all the universities of the British Empire, namely, that of Prof. Hunter, who occupies the chair of chemistry in the Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh. The president himself does not appear in the "Year-Book", but we believe he has associations with Cornell College, which is at Mount Vernon, Iowa, affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and not in any way to be confused with the great Cornell University at Ithaca, New York.

A "College" in an Office

IN addition to his association with the International Faculty of Sciences, H. W. Blood Ryan is also honorary director of the College of Pestology. We referred to that institution so long ago as December 12, 1925, when we pointed out that it is a propagandist body and not an educational institution. The "College" has a registered office at 52 Bedford Square, London, W.C.1; but though it seems to be concerned mainly with insect pests, not a single entomologist of eminence or authority is included in the list of political and other public people whose names appear upon its publications. There is apparently nothing to prevent any individual or group adopting the designation University or Faculty or College and inviting persons to join