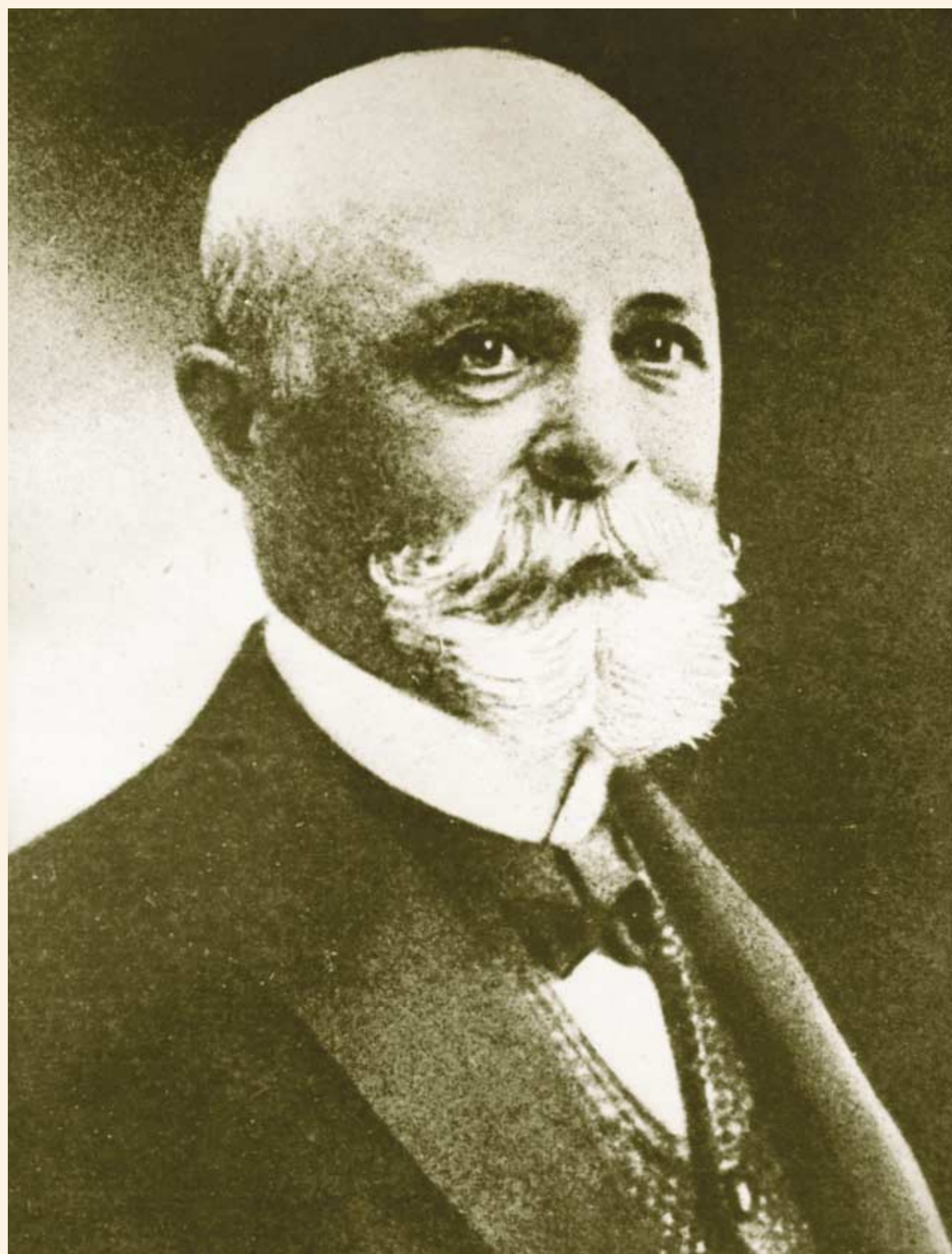
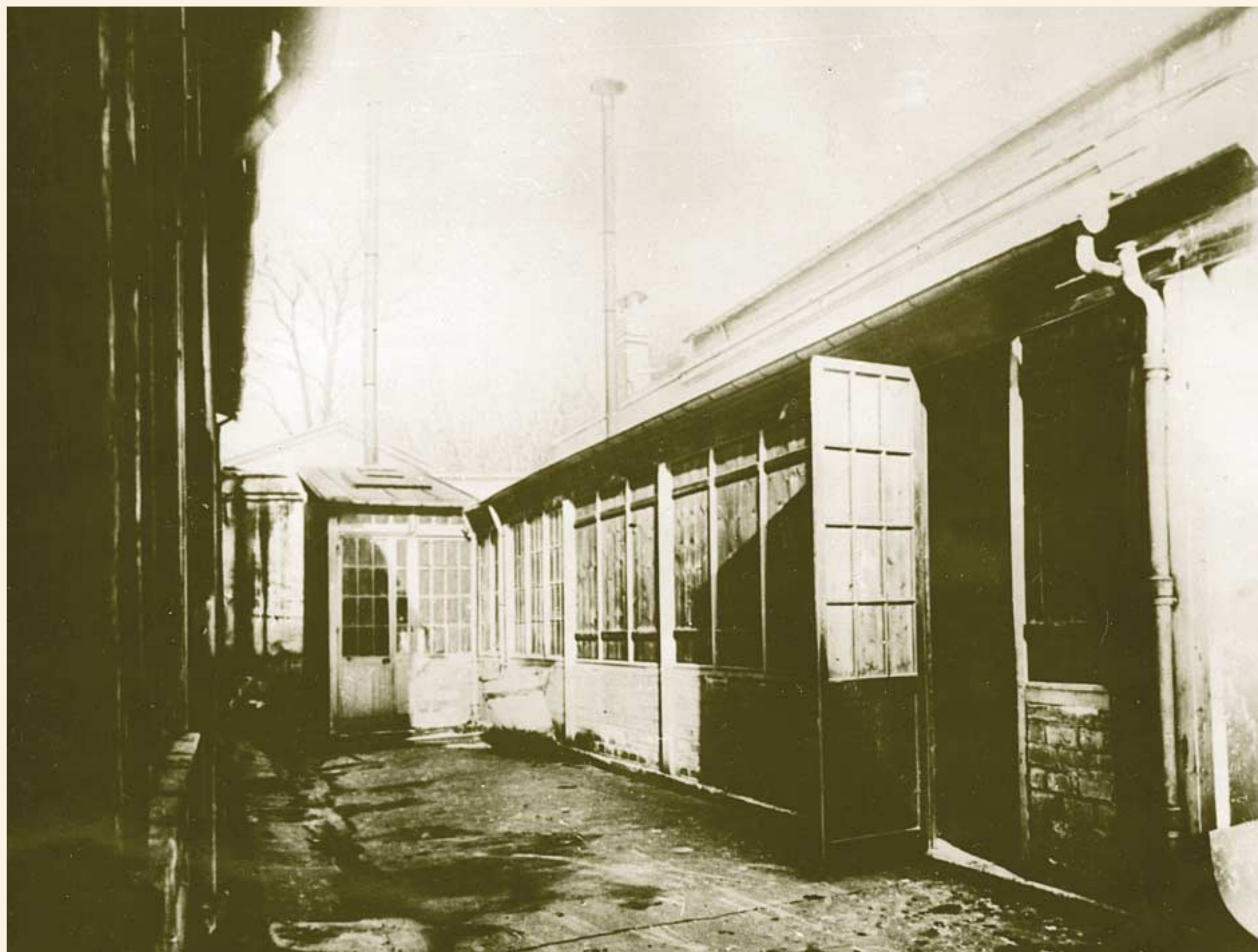


DISCOVERY OF RADIUM AND POLONIUM



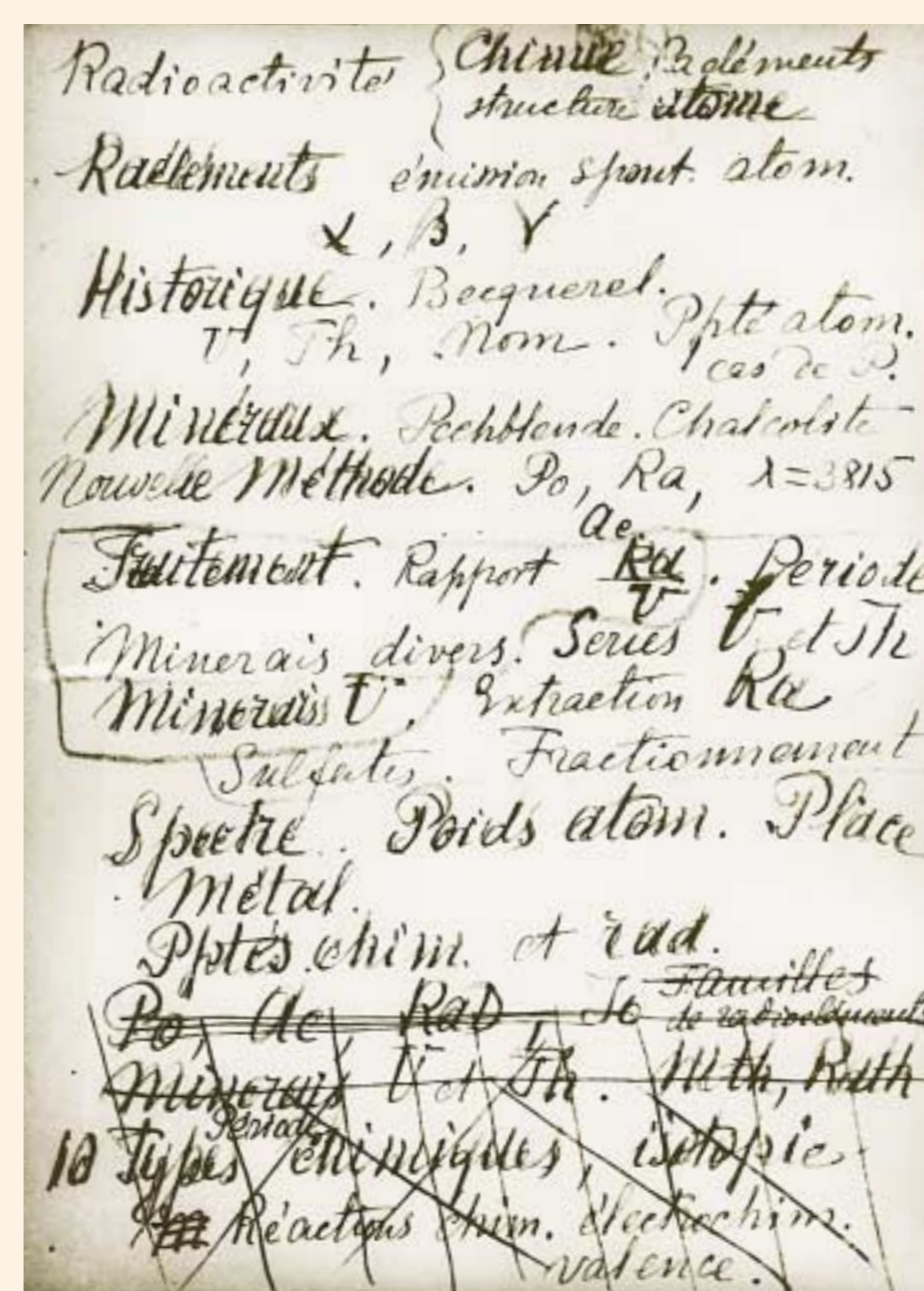
Henri Becquerel (Paris 1858 - La Coisie 1908). Professor of Physics at the French Natural History Museum in Paris and at the Ecole Polytechnique. He was a specialist in phenomena relating to polarisation.



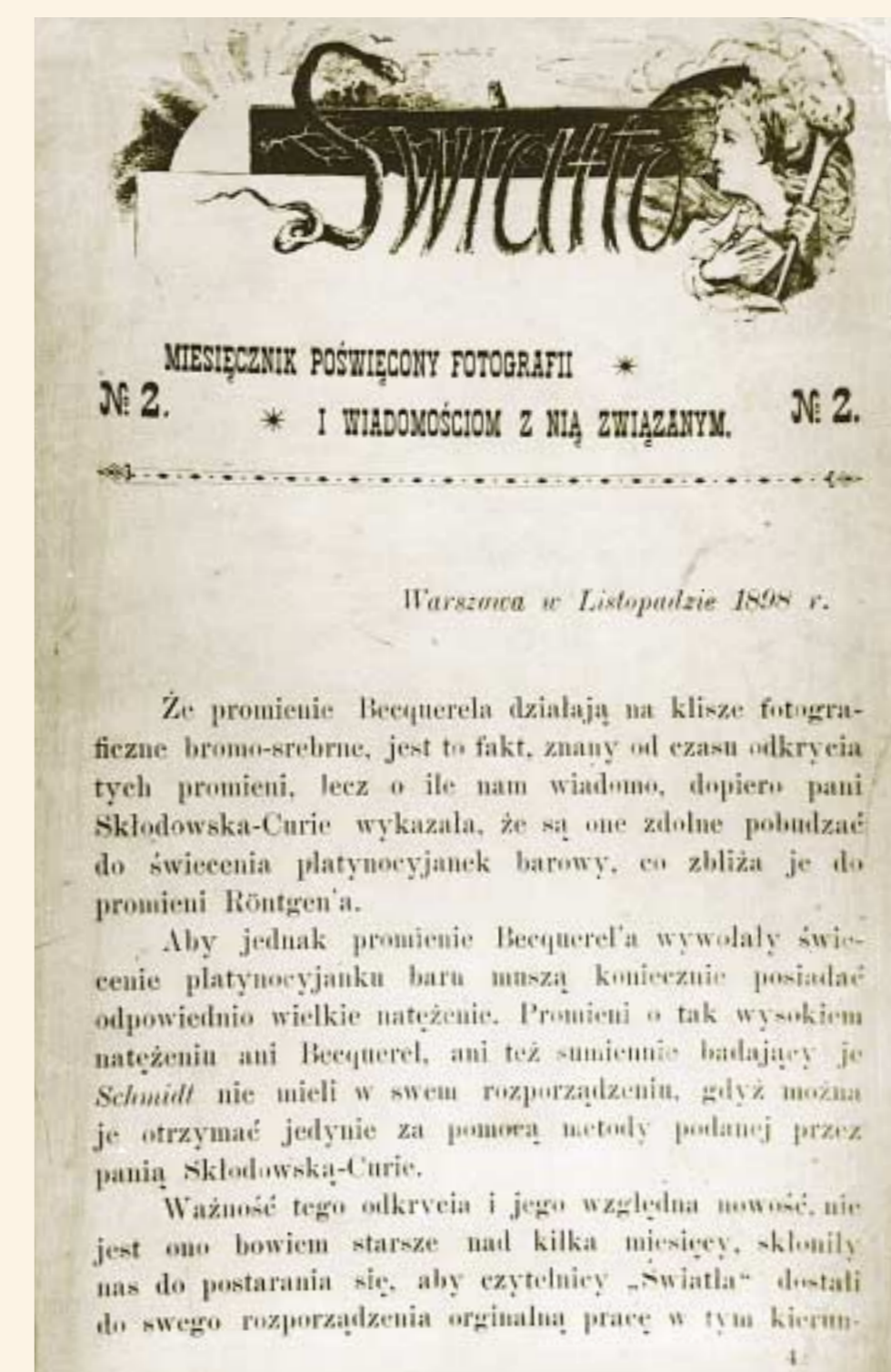
Laboratory - inside the shed, 1897



Together in the laboratory, 1898



Notes of Maria and Pierre, 1898



News in Polish press

„We suspect that the light we separated from uranium black blende contains a so far unknown metal, with physical properties similar to those of bismuth. If the existence of this metal were to be confirmed, we propose to name it polonium, after the motherland of one of us.”

M.P. Curie - 18 August 1898, discovery of polonium

„The aforementioned facts make us believe that this new radioactive compound contains a new element which we propose to call radium. Although we are positive that this new compound has a very high barium content, it is still very radioactive. Therefore, radium must be immensely radioactive.”

M.P. Curie - 26 December 1898, discovery of radium