

### THE PREMEDICAL CONFERENCE

THE Cincinnati Conference of Academic Institutions and Medical Colleges on Premedical Education was held at the University of Cincinnati, January 16-17. The occasion marked the installation of Dr. Christian R. Holmes as dean of the Medical College. The inauguration address was given by Dr. Wm. H. Welch, of Baltimore, his subject being "The Development of Medical Education in America." Dr. Welch was later entertained at a banquet.

Representatives of many of the medical and academic institutions of the Middle West conferred on the requirements of premedical education with a view to bettering and standardizing the preparatory work. Among those who addressed the conference were Pres. Charles W. Dabney, Drs. Wm. H. Welch, Charles Dean Bevan, John A. Witherspoon, N. P. Colwell, Henry B. Ward, Michael F. Guyer, Lauder W. Jones, Brown Ayres, Edgar Brandon, Dean Christian R. Holmes, Paul G. Woolley, Harry Marshall and others. There were present the secretary, two ex-presidents and the president of the American Medical Association.

A committee consisting of Professors Michael F. Guyer (chairman), Harry N. Holmes, Lauder W. Jones, Henry McE. Knower and E. L. Rice drew up the following resolutions, which the conference adopted:

In view of the ideas expressed in this conference, be it

*Resolved*, That the representatives of the various colleges confer with their respective faculties to ascertain:

1. What courses of a premedical nature are offered by them in chemistry, physics, biology and languages.
2. What changes, if necessary, can be made to establish uniformity of essentials in premedical training.
3. Whether it is possible to reduce the total time now required to obtain the M.D. degree by eliminating duplication of work existing in graded schools, high schools, colleges and medical schools. Your committee is of the opinion that this is feasible.
4. What arrangements are made for granting the bachelor's degree after satisfactory completion of two or three years' college work and one or two years in a Class A plus medical school.

Be it further resolved, That the action taken by the various faculties be reported to Paul G. Woolley, University of Cincinnati, chairman of the general conference committee, and that this committee may, at its discretion, call another general conference of the colleges interested in this movement.

It was generally agreed that physics, biology, chemistry and modern languages have an unquestioned place in the premedical education. Reprints containing the discussion and addresses can be obtained on request from the university.

The delegates inspected the medical college laboratories and the new \$4,000,000 city hospital, which Dr. Holmes is just bringing to completion. The plans for the new medical college building, on the hospital site, were exhibited.

### THE AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY

THE forty-ninth meeting of the American Chemical Society will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, from Tuesday, April 7 to Friday, April 10, inclusive. A meeting of the council will be held at the Hotel Sinton on Monday evening, April 6. The Hotel Sinton has been chosen as headquarters.

The general meetings and the meetings of divisions will be held at the University of Cincinnati.

The transportation committee has arranged a number of interesting visits to local industrial plants. It is a well-known fact that Cincinnati has a very large variety of industries which are strictly chemical or very closely allied. This committee has already arranged trips to the Filtration Plant, Proctor & Gamble's, the home of Crisco and Ivory Soap; Globe Soap Co., Diamalt Co., Andrew Steel Works, Boldt Glass Co., the New Cincinnati Hospital, the largest and most modern city hospital in the world; Machine Tool Plants, Rookwood Pottery, Lloyd Brothers, W. S. Merrill Chemical Co., and many others.

In addition to these inspection trips the committee is planning to devote Friday, April 10, to visit adjacent industrial plants—an all day excursion. It is the plan during the morning