

limited number of the medical reserve and perhaps other medical officers for the care of those peculiar wounds of the face and jaws characteristic of trench warfare. Both surgeons and dentists will enter upon this work and will eventually constitute a section of the staff in every base hospital and evacuation hospital in connection with the army. The plan involves the training and placing of a sufficient number to care for the face injuries presented among a million men in hospitals. Major Vilray Papin Blair, of St. Louis, has been called to Washington to organize and direct this important work. The first school has its headquarters at the Washington University Medical School, which at the beginning of the war offered to the government the facilities of its new laboratories, hospitals and clinics, and the services of its faculty. Instructors have been chosen chiefly from the faculties of Washington University Medical School and St. Louis University School of Medicine and the special curriculum has been adopted. The latter offers intensive work in anatomy, operative surgery, sepsis, anesthesia and dentistry. The first course will begin on Monday, October 15, and will extend over a period of three weeks to be repeated until the number of men desired has been reached. The surgeon general has designated for dean Dr. R. J. Terry, professor of anatomy in the Washington University Medical School, and for chairman of the curriculum committee, Dr. Hanau W. Loeb, dean of the St. Louis University School of Medicine; Dr. Ernest Sachs, associate professor of surgery at Washington University Medical School, to serve as secretary of the council.

#### THE RED CROSS MEDICAL SERVICE

THE establishment of a bureau of medical service of foreign commissions to give prompt and expert attention to the requests for medical and surgical supplies received from American Red Cross commissions now at work in France, Russia, Roumania, Italy, and Serbia is announced by the Red Cross war council. Requests for additional doctors and nurses for service with these commissions, particularly

in France and Roumania, will also be handled by the new bureau.

In cooperation with the medical advisory board, the bureau will also render assistance in the solving of many new pathological problems constantly arising out of the war.

Dr. R. M. Pearce, of Philadelphia, professor of research medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, is director of the new bureau; Dr. W. C. Bailey, of Boston, associate director; and Dr. Ralph Pemberton, of Philadelphia, assistant. The secretary of the bureau is John Gilbert, of Philadelphia.

The growth of the work of all the Red Cross commissions in European countries during the last two months made the establishment of this bureau necessary. Drugs and medical supplies to the value of more than \$500,000 have already been shipped to Russia, while three detachments of child specialists have been recruited throughout the country for service with the new children's bureau of the Red Cross in France. The bureau is furnishing bacteriologists, chemists, surgeons, and others for Red Cross establishments in Paris.

#### SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

THE chairman of the committee on policy of the American Association for the Advancement of Science has requested Professor Cattell to continue to edit *SCIENCE* until the questions involved have been carefully considered by the committee on policy and the council of the association.

At the annual meeting of the national advisory committee for aeronautics held recently, Dr. W. F. Durand was reelected chairman and Dr. S. W. Stratton was reelected secretary. Members of the executive committee were elected as follows: Dr. Joseph S. Ames, Dr. Charles F. Marvin, Dr. Michael I. Pupin, Major General George O. Squier, United States Army, Dr. S. W. Stratton, Rear Admiral D. W. Taylor, United States Navy, and Dr. Charles D. Walcott. At the organization meeting of the executive committee Dr. Charles D. Walcott was elected chairman and Dr. S. W. Stratton, secretary. Existing subcommittees were continued, and an editorial