

Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Public Health Service and Coast and Geodetic Survey shall be based on the total of all service in any or all of said services.

This law makes a substantial increase in the pay and allowances of the commissioned personnel of the Coast and Geodetic Survey who hold relative rank from second lieutenant to colonel in the army and from ensign to captain in the navy. The commissioned personnel of the Surveys will also be greatly benefited by the retirement clause of this act. The salary scale for the commissioned personnel of the survey had previously been so inadequate that it was impossible to secure applicants for the vacant positions. This is shown by the fact that there are to-day about 40 vacancies in the commissioned force of 140. This has been increased to 50 by the retirement of ten officers who have reached the retirement age. In the future the pay and allowances of the lowest commissioned grade will be about \$2,500 per annum. Appointments to this grade will be made from the grades of junior engineer and deck officer, the entrance positions. Six months' experience in the lowest grade is necessary before promotion to the commissioned personnel.

The U. S. Civil Service Commission will shortly announce an examination to be held about the middle of July from which to secure eligibles to fill the entering positions.

#### THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATIONS ENDOWMENT OF UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, LONDON

The Rockefeller Foundation has offered to give about \$6,000,000 to University College, London, and its hospital. Dr. George E. Vincent has issued a statement in which he says:

Since the Rockefeller Foundation is cooperating with governments in many parts of the British Empire it recognizes the importance of aiding medical education in London, where the training of personnel and the setting of standards for health work throughout the empire are so largely centered.

The University College and Hospital School have been selected because of the physical unity of the

hospital and medical school buildings and the close relationships existing between the University College, which provides the laboratory courses, and the University College Hospital and Medical School, which furnishes clinical teaching.

The college and school are fortunate in having assembled a group of able men who are deeply interested in teaching and research. E. H. Starling and William M. Bayliss, physiologists, and G. Elliot Smith, anatomist, are scientists of distinction, while T. R. Elliott, G. Blaker Thomas Lewis, Sir John Bradford, C. C. Choyce, H. R. Kenwood, H. Betty Shaw and Sydney Martin are clinicians of recognized standing.

The authorities of the schools, supported heartily by the faculty, have organized full-time clinical "units" in such a way as to combine the care of patients and research with the teaching of students. This feature of the work especially influenced the foundation to decide to assist in furthering a plan which it is believed will have an important effect upon the development of British medicine.

The building program for which £590,000 have been appropriated will include an institute of anatomy comparable with any in the United States. A new home for nurses, new quarters for resident physicians, a biochemical building, laboratory facilities in close connection with hospital wards, the remodeling of a hospital with the addition of twenty beds, and a new obstetrical unit with a capacity of sixty patients. These additions will provide a total of 500 beds.

It is proposed to increase the annual expenditures by the approximately £50,000, of which the foundation will provide endowment to produce an income of £30,000. This additional maintenance will be expended upon a new staff in anatomy, an increase in the staff of physiology, the provision of a full-time unit in obstetrics and various items of increased laboratory and clinical service throughout the institutions concerned. It is believed that the obstetrical unit plan offers prospects of a success which will be of value to the entire world. The subject now in England, as elsewhere, is poorly taught and needs reorganization under improved conditions.

The foundation has a special interest in the proposed Institute of Anatomy because thus far under British auspices a true university department which combines both teachings and research in the fields of anatomy, histology and embryology has not been developed. It is believed that such an institute, by unified efforts in these three branches of anat-

omy, is of prime importance not only to the teaching of the medical student but also for the progress of anatomy, particularly on its research side.

#### GIFTS TO UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

TRUSTEES of the General Education Board and of the Rockefeller Foundation announce appropriations of \$20,251,900 for various purposes of general education and for the development of medical schools. The statement of the trustees is as follows:

For appropriations from the fund of \$50,000,000 which Mr. Rockefeller gave last December nearly 250 institutions have made application to the General Education Board. A careful statistical inquiry shows that in order to raise the level of salaries in a sufficiently large number of these institutions, to a degree somewhat commensurate with increased cost of living, their endowment funds would have to be increased by from \$150,000,000 to \$200,000,000.

It is evident that to accomplish this result the \$50,000,000 in the hands of the board will have to be supplemented by funds from other sources in the ratio of two or three to one. This has been kept in mind in making appropriations which have been made contingent upon the raising of additional amounts.

At the recent meeting appropriations were made to ninety-eight colleges and universities out of those which are under consideration. To this group of institutions the General Education Board appropriated for endowment to increase salaries the sum of \$12,851,666 on condition that they would themselves reach the goal they had set and secure for the same purpose supplementary sums aggregating \$30,613,334. Thus, these colleges and universities if successful will increase their endowments available for teachers' salaries to the extent of \$43,465,000.

In a few cases institutions are not asking for endowment funds but only for temporary contributions toward a certain total annual subscription which it is hoped later to fund permanently. The board has made a number of such appropriations on a two- or three-year basis.

For these purposes an additional sum of \$2,184,384 was appropriated covering a period of one to three years, making a total appropriation by the general education board from Mr. Rockefeller's special gift of \$15,036,050.

In the following list appropriations to medical schools in the United States were made by the General Education Board, while those to institutions in Brussels and Halifax were voted by the Rockefeller Foundation.

Washington University Medical School, St. Louis—For endowment, \$1,250,000; for additional laboratory facilities and equipment, \$70,000.

Yale Medical School—For endowment (toward a total of \$3,000,000), \$1,000,000.

Harvard Medical School—For improved facilities in obstetrics, \$300,000; for the development of teaching in psychiatry, \$350,000.

Johns Hopkins Medical School—For development of a new department of pathology (toward a total of \$600,000) \$40,000.

Dalhousie University Medical School, Halifax—For buildings and equipment, \$400,000. For endowments, \$100,000.

Medical Research Foundation of Elizabeth, Queen of the Belgians, Brussels—For general purposes of medical research, 1,000,000 francs.

#### ENDOWMENT OF THE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER

MR. GEORGE EASTMAN and the General Education Board have given the University of Rochester \$9,000,000 for a school of medicine, surgery and dentistry. In connection with it the Rochester Dental Dispensary, an institution recently built and endowed by Mr. Eastman, will furnish the clinic for the study of dentistry, at the same time continuing its present work in caring for the teeth of children. The details of the endowment were announced at Rochester on June 12, by Dr. Rush Rhees, president of the university; Dr. Abraham Flexner, secretary of the General Education Board, and Mr. Eastman, head of the Kodak industry, at a meeting of the trustees of the university, dispensary and local hospitals and other persons directly interested. Of the \$9,000,000 the General Education Board gives \$5,000,000 and Mr. Eastman \$4,000,000. This is in addition to the dispensary which with its endowment is valued at \$1,500,000. The most modern laboratories for anatomy, physiology and pathology and a 250-bed teaching hospital are to be constructed.