

Those interested, though not members, are invited to attend.

PUBLIC HEALTH WORK IN THE PHILIPPINES

The Rockefeller Foundation announces that the International Health Board has accepted an invitation to cooperate in carrying out the general scheme of reorganization of the public health activities of the Philippine Islands, which was recently made public by the president of the Senate, Manuel Queson.

The participation of the board will consist in lending the services of certain members of its staff for a limited period and providing specialists as consultants and assists to Philippine government officials in various lines of public-health work. The broad program which the government has adopted for improving health conditions includes the ultimate consolidation of all health functions in a single department of health to correspond with the ministry of health in other countries.

Among the persons whose services will be furnished by the Rockefeller Foundation is an assistant to the dean of the College of Medicine and Surgery of the University of the Philippines, who will assist in developing the medical school and will give particular attention to the problem of providing post-graduate instruction in public health, so that the health workers so urgently needed in the Philippine Islands may be trained locally.

Fellowships for advanced study in the United States will be offered by the board to exceptionally promising and well-qualified young Filipinos, to fit them for the more important administrative and technical positions in the public-health service and for positions as instructors in the College of Medicine and Surgery and as teachers of nursing. Existing facilities for the training of nurses are said to be inadequate to meet the demand for hospital and private service. The nursing situation will therefore be studied and special attention given to training women in public-health nursing.

An assistant will be provided for the director of the Bureau of Science, who will be expected to advise in the further development of that bureau. The Biological Laboratory,

which is one department of the Bureau of Science, is to be expanded in order to serve as the central public-health laboratory of the Philippines, with local laboratories in the provinces.

Dr. Victor G. Heiser, director for the East of the International Health Board, and formerly director of health for the Philippine Islands, who is now in New York, will go to Manila in February to assist in carrying out the program.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

THE meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and of the associated scientific societies held at Toronto from December 27 to 31 was notable both for the scientific programs and for the admirable arrangements made for the entertainment of members. The total registration was over 1,800, which is about twice the number anticipated. Large audiences were present at the general sessions at which Dr. L. O. Howard gave the address of the retiring president and Professor William Bateson spoke. The University of Toronto conferred its honorary doctorate of science on Professor Bateson, Dr. Howard and Professor E. H. Moore, the president of the association. We hope to publish the permanent secretary's report of the meeting in the next issue of SCIENCE. Officers were elected as follows:

President

J. Playfair McMurrich, professor of anatomy in the University of Toronto.

Vice-presidents and Chairmen of the Sections

Section A (Mathematics): G. A. Miller, University of Illinois.

Section B (Physics): Frederick A. Saunders, Harvard University.

Section C (Chemistry): W. Lash Miller, University of Toronto.

Section E (Geology and Geography): Charles P. Berkey, Columbia University.

Section F (Zoological Sciences): Maynard M. Metcalf, Oberlin College.

Section G (Botany): Francis E. Lloyd, McGill University.

Section I (Psychology): Raymond Dodge, Wesleyan University.

Section K (Social and Economic Sciences): Henry S. Graves, Washington, D. C.