

Samoa, and it is hoped he will be able to bring home to London a "didunculus," the first cousin to the extinct dodo, which still survives in one area. A careful selection of entomological specimens will also be made.

THE COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

RECOGNITION of the work of the college of dentistry of the University of California is shown by the grant to it for three successive years, by the Research Commission of the American Dental Association, of funds for carrying on special investigations. For 1922-23, according to a statement made by Dr. Guy S. Millberry, dean of the College of Dentistry, the principal grant amounts to \$2,000 and is awarded for research to be carried on by Dr. John A. Marshall, associate professor of biochemistry and dental pathology, in the influence of diet and nutrition on the development of the teeth. Dr. Marshall will also with the aid of this grant continue certain inquiries into the "salivary factor in dental decay" and into "dental erosion."

In addition, the research commission has made a grant of \$1,500 to the university research group now carrying on experimental work in San Quentin Prison. This study is concerned with infections of the oral cavity. The investigators include Dr. Vance Simonton, associate professor of operative dentistry, Dr. W. Hanford and Dr. W. Fleming, instructors in preventive dentistry, Dr. C. O. Patten and Dr. C. Westbay, instructors in operative dentistry, for the College of Dentistry. Particularly concerned, also, in the chemical side of the research is Dr. Guy W. Clark, assistant professor of pharmacology, while similarly engaged on the bacteriological side are Associate Professors T. D. Beckwith and I. C. Hall.

The College of Dentistry will next January begin to use the income from a fund of \$10,000 to meet the expense of an annual course of lectures, by noted authorities, on preventive dentistry. These lectures will at first be given in San Francisco, but as the fund increases through the efforts of the Alumni Association of the college they will be repeated in other centers of population. According to Dean Millberry the northern branch of the Dental Alumni Association is now committed to the raising of a quota of \$5,000 to add to the \$10,000 already in the hands of the Board of Regents.

THE MILBANK MEMORIAL FUND

In the report of the Milbank Memorial Fund, established by the late Mrs. Elizabeth Milbank Anderson, recently issued, it is stated that \$2,000,000 has been appropriated for health demonstrations in three

typical communities with a population of half a million.

Under the plan announced the fund will attempt to demonstrate, by cooperation with agencies in these communities, whether the extent of sickness can be materially diminished by the intensive application of known health measures, and mortality rates further reduced; and whether these results can be achieved in a relatively short period of time and at a per capita cost which the communities will willingly bear.

"This project of the Milbank Memorial Fund, known as the New York Health and Tuberculosis Demonstrations, will be carried on in three localities in New York State typical of metropolitan, city and rural communities in the country at large. It will be conducted under the general supervision of a group of well-known leaders in public health and social work. Its purpose is to determine which diseases more readily yield to concerted attack, to what extent tuberculosis can be further reduced, whether the low infant mortality rate of 50 per 1,000 born attained in many progressive communities can be generally substituted for the rate of 100 or more still prevailing in parts of the United States; what preventive methods are most effective in controlling disease—in short, to ascertain what can be accomplished by the intensive application of public health measures in the fields of physical and mental, social and industrial hygiene. A record will be kept of the exact cost of each specific project and every effort made to keep the cost down, to a minimum consistent with efficiency."

Actual work has been started in Cattaraugus county, with a population of about 72,000 and in the city of Syracuse, which has a population of about 175,000. The metropolitan district, though not yet definitely located, will probably be a section of New York City, with a population of about 200,000. The Board of Directors of the fund has set aside \$325,000 annually for these projects.

The general supervision of the demonstrations will be in the hands of a technical board consisting of Dr. James Alexander Miller, of the College of Physicians and Surgeons; Dr. Linsly R. Williams, managing director of the National Tuberculosis Association; Dr. Livingston Farrand, president of Cornell University; Homer Folks, secretary of the State Charities Aid Association; Bailey B. Burritt, director of the New York Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor, and John A. Kingsbury, secretary of the fund.

ATTENDANCE AT SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

THE following resolution was adopted by the Board of Managers of the Washington Academy of Sciences at a meeting held October 29, 1923:

Whereas, The work of scientific men has contributed enormously to the welfare of the human race and espe-