

February 8, 1924, p. 142. Since the last report the following awards have been made:

*At the Meeting of February 28, 1924*

- No. 257 to Dr. B. Lipschutz, Paltauf's Pathological Institute, Vienna, Austria, \$150 for continuing his studies of the experimental tar cancer of the mouse.
- No. 258 to Alexander Petrunkevitch, Yale University, \$100 toward the expenses of collecting Arachnids.
- No. 259 to Alfred C. Kinsey, University of Indiana, \$200 toward expenses on his work with gall wasps.

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- No. 260 to Bela Pogény, Budapest, Hungary, \$80 toward researches in the propagation of light in moving bodies.

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- No. 261 to Arthur F. Scott, Reed College, Portland, Oregon, \$75 for purification and analyses of nitrosyl chloride.
- No. 262 to F. A. Hartman, University of Buffalo, \$200 to compare effects produced by muscular exercises in normal animals with those that take place under various conditions of endocrine insufficiency.
- No. 263 to Grinnell Jones, division of chemistry, Harvard University, \$300 toward the purchase of apparatus necessary for the determination of the absolute value of the electrical conductivity of solutions.

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- No. 264 to Linda B. Lange, School of Hygiene and Public Health, Johns Hopkins University, \$200 to aid in investigations on cutaneous sensitization to tuberculin in guinea pigs.
- No. 265 to R. B. Renshaw, Havemeyer Chemical Laboratory, New York University, \$200 to aid in investigations on correlation between chemical constitution, physical properties and physiological action.
- No. 266 to George H. Shull, department of biology, Princeton University, \$180 for the purchase of lime to correct the acid in soil in his experimental garden and greenhouse.

*At the Meeting of May 28, 1925*

- No. 267 to K. Stolywho, Anthropologic Institute, Warsaw, Poland, \$300 for anthropological investigations in Poland.
- No. 268 to H. M. Chadwell, Tufts College, not to exceed \$200 to assist him with mechanical appliances for calculations involved in his chemical investigations.

*At the Meeting of November 26, 1925*

- No. 269 to Duncan S. Johnson, botanical laboratory, Johns Hopkins University, \$300 toward traveling and collecting expenses in Jamaica and Porto Rico, and for further studying in Baltimore of the development of the seed and especially the persistent fruits of the Myrtaceae.

*At the Meeting of February 25, 1926*

- No. 270 to Charles E. Simon, School of Hygiene and Public Health, Johns Hopkins University, \$200 toward the cost of purchase and maintenance of animals necessary for a study of the infectious sarcomas.

The trustees of the Elizabeth Thompson Science Fund meet during the last ten days of the months of February and May and November. Applications for grants should be sent in well in advance of the meetings to the secretary of the fund, Dr. Edwin B. Wilson, 55 Van Dyke Street, Boston, Mass.

# RESIGNATIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DERMATOLOGY AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

ACCORDING to press reports, twenty-six members of the staff of the department of dermatology of the Vanderbilt Clinic and the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University have resigned within the last week. Only three or four have retained their positions in this department.

The resignations took place because the Faculty of Medicine of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia did not select Dr. George M. MacKee, the senior member of the department, to succeed Professor John A. Fordyce, the head of the department, who died last year. The faculty selected Dr. Joseph Gardner Hopkins, who had been an assistant of Dr. MacKee. Dr. Hopkins is a bacteriologist and roentgenologist with a training in scientific research.

A member of the governing organization said that broad scientific training was the first thing which the faculty sought in appointing new men to important medical posts. He said, however, that Dr. Hopkins combined considerable clinical experience with high scientific attainment; that his general qualifications made him the best equipped man for the place and that he was expected to improve the department.

The resignations, it was said, would not change the intentions of the faculty. None of the resignations has been considered as yet, it was said, and no vacancies filled. It was denied that the faculty failed to appreciate the value of clinical experience.

The announcement of the resignation of Professor MacKee and the twenty-five others was made simultaneously with the announcement by Columbia University that Professor MacKee, who has been an

assistant professor, had been raised to a full professorship in the department of dermatology. This honor that was conferred on Professor MacKee, however, left him under the orders of his own former subordinate, Dr. Hopkins.

The others who resigned were Professors Fred Wise and Isadore Rosen, and Doctors J. J. Eller, E. C. Jagle, Max Scheer, E. W. Abramowitz, David Bloom, Harry Saunders, D. Ballin, D. Satenstein, Charles Lerner, S. Strumwasser, M. Standish, E. D. Newman, B. Berkowitz, H. Norton, Frederick Amshel, F. X. Wilhelm, Lotta Myers, J. P. Thornley, S. Littenberg, John Harris, Van Alstyn Cornell, Louis Tulipan and John Remer.

An unsigned statement was sent out purporting to describe the position of those who resigned, which read as follows:

With the exception of two or three physicians, the entire staff of the department of dermatology and syphilis, of the Vanderbilt Clinic and the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University, over thirty physicians have resigned from the institution.

This action was taken as a protest against the policy of the university authorities. This policy consists of placing physicians whose training has been obtained in laboratories—with test tubes and guinea pigs instead of human beings with diseases—at the absolute head of large clinical departments. It is the opinion that this policy is ruthless and arrogant in that it disregards obligations and consequences. The policy has been tried in other departments of the Medical College, as well as in other institutions, and has been found wanting.

It is the consensus of opinion among the best minds in American medical circles that the policy is opposed to the best interests of medical education and that it is especially detrimental in the specialty embracing dermatology and syphilology, in which clinical training and clinical teaching are paramount. Knowledge of laboratory technic is a relatively unimportant feature in the teaching of these subjects, and in the treatment of patients afflicted with skin diseases and syphilis. Doctors in this field must be clinicians first and last, not laboratory experts.

#### THE MADRID MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL GEOLOGICAL CONGRESS

FOLLOWING is a list of American geologists who expect to attend the International Geological Congress to be held in Madrid, Spain, from May 24 to 31, 1926. There will be excursions before the formal opening of the congress, the first of which will take place on May 5.

Alcock, F. J., Geological Survey, Ottawa, Canada.  
Ashley, George H., and wife, State Capital, Harrisburg, Pa.  
Ami, Henry M., Geological Survey, Elgin Annex, Ottawa, Canada.

Bain, H. F., wife and daughter, Sec. A. I. M. and M. E., 29 W. 39th St., New York City.

Bateman, Alan M., and wife, Yale University.

Bonine, C. A., Pennsylvania State College.

Bruce, E. L., Queen's University, Ontario, Canada.

Cleland, H. F., England.

Cobb, Collier, University of North Carolina.

Coleman, A. P., University of Toronto.

<sup>1</sup> Cooke, C. W., U. S. Geological Survey.

De Wolf, F. W., Mason Building, Houston, Texas.

D'Inwilliers, Edward V., and family, Cannes, France (Villa Lochabair, Chemin de Provence, care of Mrs. J. P. Holt).

Darton, N. E., U. S. Geological Survey.

Fairbault, E. R., Canadian Geological Survey.

Fenneman, N. M., University of Cincinnati.

Ferguson, H. G., and wife, U. S. Geological Survey.

Field, R. M., Princeton University.

Gardner, Dr. Julia, U. S. Geological Survey.

Goldman, M. I., and wife, U. S. Geological Survey.

Hall, G. M., U. S. Geological Survey.

Harris, G. D., and wife, Cornell University.

Hewett, D. F., and wife, U. S. Geological Survey. (Sailed March 12.)

Jacques, Miss L., U. S. Geological Survey.

Kemp, J. F., and wife, Columbia University.

Keyes, Charles R., 944 Fifth Ave., Des Moines, Iowa.

<sup>1</sup> Lahee, F. H., Sun Oil Co., Dallas, Texas.

Latimer, Miss N. E., U. S. Geological Survey.

Lawson, Andrew C., University of California. (Abroad now.)

Leith, C. K., and wife, University of Wisconsin.

Mathews, E. B., and family, Johns Hopkins University. (Sailed February 27.)

Merrill, Geo. P., U. S. National Museum.

Miller, Benjamin L., Lehigh University.

Moore, E. S., wife and daughter, University of Toronto.

Noble, Levi F., and wife, Valyermo, Los Angeles Co., California.

Palache, Charles, Harvard University. (Sail May 8.)

<sup>1</sup> Penrose, R. A. F., Jr., Bullitt Building, Philadelphia, Pa.

Powers, Sidney, Amerada Petroleum Corp., Tulsa, Okla.

<sup>1</sup> Petty-Dabney, E., 10 Tenth St., San Antonio, Texas.

Quirke, T. T., University of Illinois.

Scott, William B., Princeton University.

Sellards, E. H., University of Texas.

Singewald, Joseph T., Jr., Johns Hopkins University.

<sup>1</sup> Soper, G. W., 1401 Cowper St., Palo Alto, Calif.

<sup>1</sup> Stose, G. W., U. S. Geological Survey.

Thom, W. T., Jr., U. S. Geological Survey.

<sup>1</sup> Udden, J. A., University of Texas.

Ulrich, E. O., U. S. National Museum.

Walker, T. L., Montreal.

<sup>1</sup> Weaver, Charles E., University of Washington.

Wilson, M. E., U. S. Geological Survey.

Wrather, W. E., and wife, 6044 Bryan Parkway, Dallas, Texas.

<sup>1</sup> Hope to go but not yet certain.