

Is it not pitiable, and yet it is far more pitiable to think that the great majority of blind children need never be blind, and it is a fine and glorious thing to think that, at the present moment, preventive medicine is warding off blindness in thousands of cases. Ophthalmia neonatorum, the blindness of the newborn, can be easily guarded against, that of measles, which it would seem is by no means negligible, can be and should be prevented, as indeed can measles itself. In Egypt and in China, lands of flies and filth, devoted disciples of Hygeia are combating trachoma and other conditions leading to loss of sight. Yet listen to this poignant passage from a paper by Major W. R. Dear, of the Medical Corps of the United States Army, on trachoma in Russia:

What of the thousands and thousands of untreated trachomatous Chouvashes in their poverty-stricken little autonomous Soviet Republic along the south bank of the Volga!

They are there: neglected, untreated, blundering along the dusty roads of Summer, blinking at the dazzling whiteness of the glittering snowy plains in Winter, or sitting patiently on the door-step of the log-houses called home, and waiting—for what?—for the disease, trachoma, to gallop along its fiery path, searing, scarring and occluding until the course is run. And the world civilization as we know it, in this enlightened twentieth century, with its developed altruistic and humanitarian elements, will, because of certain fundamental differences of opinion between the Soviet Government and other nations, permit those thousands upon thousands to pass from the sunshine of life into the twilight of dim vision, and on into the deep blackness and despair of total blindness.

Is not that a ghastly picture, and is it not better to prevent blindness than to try and cure it, especially when we know that in most cases it can not be cured, for the age of miracles is past?

And yet is it? Think of what sunlight and artificial sunlight have done for miserable children, riddled with or deformed by tubercle, consider all that proper feeding can accomplish in rickets, remember how malaria, yellow fever, dengue and filariasis can now be met and mastered in terms of the mosquito. Reflect upon the way death-rates have come tumbling down and general morbidity rates have fallen. Recall the fact that in 1855 the expectancy of life in the U. S. A. at birth was forty years, while now it is fifty-eight.

And so on and so forth. It would take hours to recount the triumphs of hygiene, but, viewing them all, render thanks in this country to men like Shattuck, Sedgwick and Herman Biggs; Trudeau, Reed, Gorgas and Carter, who have passed away; Chapin, Edsall, Rosenau, Vaughan, Howell, Vincent, Russell and, most beloved of all and the best known, William

Welch, who happily are still with you, along with many others too numerous to mention who have fought the good fight and seen the works of their hands established upon them.

And what of the future? These men had not the facilities you are providing for the students of to-day. They had no schools of hygiene. In large measure they had to learn the lesson in that best of all schools, the school of experience. Yet it can not be doubted that your young men will now start upon their careers better equipped than were their predecessors. Their enthusiasm can be aroused, their imaginations quickened by what they hear and do in this new school at Baltimore, and the very sight of a magnificent building devoted wholly to the teaching of preventive medicine should impress upon them the importance of safeguarding the public health, should convince them that hygiene is indeed a world force. Let us hope that with such an Alma Mater the men of the future will emulate, and not only emulate, but surpass those who have led the way. The Johns Hopkins University has a splendid record of fifty years of effort, while not less notable is the record of its School of Medicine and of the hospital covering three to four decades, much of it under the inspiration of the revered Osler, for the good of humanity and the advancement of medical science. When another fifty years have passed, there can be no doubt that the school whose opening you are commemorating to-day and dedicating to Hygeia will also possess a record of which it can be proud, which will redound to the credit of those who guided its early destinies, and, what is far better, will demonstrate conclusively the power of modern and scientific hygiene in the prevention of sickness and death and in the alleviation of many of the sorrows of mankind.

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## ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PHILADELPHIA MEETING OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

### HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS

At the approaching fifth Philadelphia meeting, which will occur at the University of Pennsylvania, from December 27, 1926, to January 1, 1927, the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, one of the finest hotels in Philadelphia, will be general headquarters and many of the officers of the association, as well as others, will have rooms at that place. The numerous scientific societies that are meeting with the association this year will in many cases have their own headquarters

## PHILADELPHIA HOTELS AND THEIR RATES

| Name and address                             | No. of<br>rooms | Room rates per day |               |                 |               | Suites<br>Parlor, Bed-<br>room and<br>bath |
|--|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|--|
|  |                 | Single             |               | Double          |               |  |
|  |                 | Without<br>Bath    | With<br>Bath  | Without<br>Bath | With<br>Bath  |  |
| Adelphia                                     |                 |                    |               |                 |               |  |
| Thirteenth and Chestnut.....                 | 400             | .....              | \$4 upward    | .....           | \$7 upward    | .....                                      |
| Bartram                                      |                 |                    |               |                 |               |  |
| Thirty-third and Chestnut.....               | 210             | \$2.50             | \$3.50 to \$4 | \$4             | \$6           | \$10 to \$12                               |
| Belgravia                                    |                 |                    |               |                 |               |  |
| 1811 Chestnut .....                          | 182             | .....              | \$5 upward    | .....           | \$7 upward    | .....                                      |
| Belle-Claire                                 |                 |                    |               |                 |               |  |
| Fortieth and Girard.....                     | 100             | .....              | .....         | .....           | \$5 to \$10   | .....                                      |
| Bellevue-Stratford<br>(General Headquarters) |                 |                    |               |                 |               |  |
| Broad and Walnut.....                        | 750             | \$4 to \$6         | \$5 to \$8    | \$6 to \$8      | \$7 to \$14   | \$20 to \$30                               |
| Benjamin Franklin                            |                 |                    |               |                 |               |  |
| Chestnut and Ninth.....                      | 1,200           | .....              | \$4 to \$7    | .....           | \$7 to \$10   | \$14 to \$30                               |
| Claridge                                     |                 |                    |               |                 |               |  |
| 1334 Walnut .....                            | 60              | \$2 upward         | \$3.50 upward | \$3.50 upward   | \$4 upward    | \$8 upward                                 |
| Devon Park (American Plan)                   |                 |                    |               |                 |               |  |
| Devon, Pa. ....                              | 140             | *\$5 to \$9        | \$8 to \$12   | *\$12 to \$15   | \$16 to \$24  | \$18 to \$28                               |
| The Elks                                     |                 |                    |               |                 |               |  |
| Broad and Vine.....                          | 210             | .....              | \$5 to \$6    | .....           | \$8 to \$12   | .....                                      |
| Esmond                                       |                 |                    |               |                 |               |  |
| Twelfth and Spruce.....                      | 75              | .....              | \$4 upward    | .....           | \$6 to \$10   | \$15 to \$20                               |
| Ferguson Hotel                               |                 |                    |               |                 |               |  |
| Girard Ave and 16th.....                     | 150             | .....              | \$2 to \$3.50 | .....           | \$3.50 to \$6 | \$5 to \$8.50                              |
| Gladstone Hotel                              |                 |                    |               |                 |               |  |
| Eleventh and Pine .....                      | 300             | \$3 to \$4         | \$5           | \$5 to \$8      | \$6 to \$10   | .....                                      |
| Green's Hotel                                |                 |                    |               |                 |               |  |
| Eighth and Chestnut.....                     | 320             | *\$2.50            | \$3.50 to \$4 | *\$3.50 to \$5  | \$5 to \$6    | .....                                      |
| Green Hill Farms                             |                 |                    |               |                 |               |  |
| City Line and Lancaster Pike                 | 150             | .....              | \$7 to \$8    | .....           | \$8 to \$14   | \$16 to \$18                               |
| Lafayette Hotel                              |                 |                    |               |                 |               |  |
| 1339 Arch .....                              | 100             | *\$3 to \$5        | \$5 to \$8    | \$4 to \$8      | \$6 to \$10   | .....                                      |
| Lorraine Hotel                               |                 |                    |               |                 |               |  |
| Broad and Fairmount.....                     | 200             | *\$4 to \$6        | \$5 to \$9    | \$6 to \$8      | \$9 to \$12   | \$20 to \$30                               |
| Majestic                                     |                 |                    |               |                 |               |  |
| Broad and Girard.....                        | 200             | \$2.50 to \$3      | \$4 to \$6    | \$4 to \$5      | \$6 to \$12   | \$12 to \$18                               |
| Maidstone                                    |                 |                    |               |                 |               |  |
| 1327 Spruce .....                            | 200             | .....              | .....         | .....           | .....         | \$8 to \$28                                |
| Normandie                                    |                 |                    |               |                 |               |  |
| Thirty-sixth and Chestnut.....               | 234             | .....              | .....         | \$4             | \$5 to \$6    | .....                                      |
| Pennsylvania                                 |                 |                    |               |                 |               |  |
| Thirty-ninth and Chestnut.....               | 600             | *\$2.50 to \$3     | \$3.50 to \$6 | *\$4 to \$5     | \$5 to \$10   | .....                                      |
| Reading Hotel                                |                 |                    |               |                 |               |  |
| Twelfth and Market.....                      | 75              | \$2 to \$3         | \$3 to \$3.50 | \$4 to \$4.50   | \$5 to \$6    | .....                                      |
| Rittenhouse                                  |                 |                    |               |                 |               |  |
| Twenty-second and Chestnut...                | 200             | .....              | .....         | .....           | \$10          | \$24                                       |
| Ritz-Carlton                                 |                 |                    |               |                 |               |  |
| Broad and Walnut.....                        | 161             | .....              | \$6 to \$8    | .....           | \$10 to \$15  | \$20 to \$30                               |
| Robert Morris                                |                 |                    |               |                 |               |  |
| Seventeenth and Arch.....                    | 208             | .....              | \$3.50 to \$5 | .....           | \$5 to \$10   | .....                                      |
| Ruric Hotel                                  |                 |                    |               |                 |               |  |
| 139 North Sixteenth.....                     | 100             | .....              | *\$4          | .....           | *\$5 to \$7   | .....                                      |
| Spruce Hotel                                 |                 |                    |               |                 |               |  |
| Thirteenth and Spruce.....                   | 220             | \$2.50 to \$4      | \$3 to \$5    | \$5 to \$6      | \$5 to \$10   | \$10 to \$20                               |
| Stenton Hotel                                |                 |                    |               |                 |               |  |
| N. E. Cor. Broad and Spruce...               | 50              | \$3.50             | \$5           | \$6             | \$8           | \$15                                       |
| Sylvania Hotel                               |                 |                    |               |                 |               |  |
| Juniper and Locust .....                     | 400             | .....              | \$4 upward    | .....           | \$8 upward    | \$15 upward                                |
| Thomas Jefferson                             |                 |                    |               |                 |               |  |
| 1816 Arch .....                              | 100             | \$3 to \$5         | \$5 to \$8    | \$4 to \$8      | \$6 to \$10   | .....                                      |
| Vendig Hotel                                 |                 |                    |               |                 |               |  |
| Thirteenth and Filbert.....                  | 216             | .....              | \$3.50 to \$5 | .....           | \$6 to \$8    | .....                                      |
| Walnut                                       |                 |                    |               |                 |               |  |
| 208 South Eighth .....                       | 134             | *\$2 to \$2.50     | \$3 to \$3.50 | *\$3 to \$3.50  | \$4 to \$5    | \$10                                       |
| Walton Hotel                                 |                 |                    |               |                 |               |  |
| Broad and Locust.....                        | 350             | \$3 to \$4         | \$3.50 to \$5 | \$5 to \$6      | \$6 to \$8    | \$12 to \$16                               |
| St. James .....                              | 350             | \$3                | \$3.50 to \$4 | \$4 to \$8      | \$5, \$6, \$8 | \$10, \$12, \$14                           |

An asterisk denotes running water. The above rates are on the European plan. Some of the hotels listed offer an American-plan rate which will be furnished on application.

at other hotels. The society headquarters hotels have not yet been decided on and the list of these can not be published until later. Those who plan to attend the meeting should arrange for their hotel accommodations as soon as possible, addressing the hotel management in each case. The accompanying list of Philadelphia hotels and their rates has been supplied by the local committee on arrangements.

#### THE LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR THE MEETING

The members of the local committee on arrangements for the fifth Philadelphia meeting are shown in the following list, as far as appointments have been made.

C. E. McClung, General Chairman.  
 Samuel W. Fernberger, Secretary.  
 W. H. DuBarry.  
 G. H. Hallett.  
 G. E. Nitzsche.  
 Reese James.  
 W. T. Taggart.  
 Thomas Hart.  
 Arthur W. Goodspeed (representing the American Philosophical Society).  
 T. Chalkley Palmer (representing the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences).  
 Howard McClenahan (representing the Franklin Institute).

The names of the subcommittees of the local committee and their chairmen are shown below.

*Finance:* W. H. DuBarry.  
*Meeting Places:* G. H. Hallett.  
*Hotels and Housing:* G. E. Nitzsche.  
*Publicity:* Reese James.  
*Exhibition:* W. T. Taggart.  
*Transportation:* Thomas Hart.  
*Entertainment:* G. E. Nitzsche.

The local representatives for sections of the association, who are also local representatives for the scientific societies of their respective sections, are as follows:

Section A (Mathematics). George G. Chambers.  
 Section B (Physics). Arthur W. Goodspeed.  
 Section C (Chemistry). Walter T. Taggart.  
 Section D (Astronomy). Samuel G. Barton.  
 Section E (Geology and Geography). Frederick Ehrenfeld.  
 Section F (Zoological Sciences). D. H. Wenrich.  
 Section G (Botanical Sciences). Rodney H. True.  
 Section H (Anthropology). Frank G. Speck.  
 Section I (Psychology). Edwin B. Twitmyer.  
 Section K (Social and Economic Sciences). James P. Lichtenberger.  
 Section L (Historical and Philological Sciences). Arthur C. Howland.

Section M (Engineering). Robert H. Fernald.  
 Section N (Medical Sciences). Wm. Pepper.  
 Section O (Agriculture). John W. Harshberger.  
 Section Q (Education). James C. Miller.

All correspondence for the local committee or any of its members, concerning local arrangements for the meeting, should be addressed to the general chairman, Dr. C. E. McClung, Zoological Building, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. Local representatives for sections may be addressed individually at the University of Pennsylvania.

#### RAILWAY RATES AND CERTIFICATE VALIDATION AT PHILADELPHIA

The usual reduced railway rates have been secured from the regional passenger associations. The certificate plan will again apply for the United States and for eastern Canada. Persons going to the meeting, whether members of the association or not, should purchase one-way tickets, securing a certificate for the American Association for the Advancement of Science and Associated Societies. (A receipt is not what is needed.) After validation at the meeting the certificate will entitle the bearer to purchase a return ticket at half the regular fare.

Those in attendance should register as soon as possible after they arrive in Philadelphia. The registration offices will be in Weightman Hall, at 33rd and Spruce Streets, which is the gymnasium of the University of Pennsylvania. In the same hall will be held the general science exhibition, which will be this year more attractive than ever before.

A registration fee of one dollar is to be paid upon registration, the funds thus collected being used to help defray some of the expenses of the meeting. Registration will entitle a person to the official badge for the meeting, a copy of the general program and other literature pertaining to the meeting, and the validation of one railway certificate. *It should be noted, however, that the registration fee will be remitted, if so desired, to life members of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and also to annual members who are not in arrears to the American Association, that is, whose dues for the current year (due last October 1) have already been paid.* Those holding railway certificates should deposit them at the validation desk as soon as they have registered, to be called for later in the meeting.

BURTON E. LIVINGSTON,  
*Permanent Secretary.*