

be centralized, so that the various departments of the institution, as well as the three officers directly concerned with administration, namely, the dean of the medical school, the superintendent of the hospital and the principal of the school of nursing, will be responsible to the board of directors through the newly appointed executive officer.

The New York Post-Graduate Medical School and Hospital, founded by Dr. D. B. St. John Roosa in 1882, was incorporated on May 25, 1886, the object of the incorporation being the establishment of a school for the further instruction of persons already possessing the degree of doctor in medicine, and a hospital for the treatment of diseased and injured persons.

During the 42 years since its incorporation, over 25,000 physicians have matriculated at the medical school, coming from every state in the union and from many foreign countries to take graduate courses here.

The directors of the institution, appreciating the need of a new program adequate to the demands of advancing medical practice, have determined to build up for the institution such a program of medical opportunity in teaching and research, and such a financial foundation as will enable it more adequately to serve the field. In this connection it is significant that the New York Academy of Medicine has just completed a series of studies on the past, present and future of graduate medicine in the vicinity of New York. The study on the future of graduate medicine was prepared by a member of the staff of the New York Post-Graduate Medical School and lays chief emphasis on the fact that graduate medical teaching, like undergraduate teaching, is a part of the national health service.

THE ST. LOUIS MEETING OF THE AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY

A SYMPOSIUM on atomic structure and valence has been arranged in connection with the seventy-fifth meeting of the American Chemical Society which meets in St. Louis, from April 16 to 19. The underlying purpose of the symposium, according to a statement made by Professor George L. Clark, of the University of Illinois, chairman of the division of physical and inorganic chemistry, is to acquaint physicists and chemists with each other's points of view and each other's demands which must be satisfied by any comprehensive theory of atomic structure in the effort to arrive at some common basis of understanding.

Speakers will include: Professor M. S. Kharasch, University of Maryland; Professor William D. Harkins, University of Chicago; Professor Samuel C. Lind, University of Minnesota; Professor C. E. M. Jauncey, Washington University, St. Louis; Karl K.

Darrow, Bell Telephone Company; Professor W. H. Rodebush, University of Illinois; Professor J. H. VanVleck, University of Minnesota; Professor W. A. Noyes, University of Illinois; Professor H. Shipley Fry, University of Cincinnati; Professor Donald H. Andrews, the Johns Hopkins University; Victor Cofman, E. I. duPont de Nemours and Company.

All divisions of the society except the colloid, fertilizer, and leather and gelatin chemistry divisions will meet at St. Louis. A preliminary report of the section programs was printed in *SCIENCE* for March 2, page 235.

Following the registration of delegates at the Hotel Chase, the opening event will be a meeting at 2:00 p. m., on Monday, April 16, of the society's Council, presided over by the president of the society, Dr. S. W. Parr, professor emeritus of industrial chemistry in the University of Illinois.

G. S. Robins, of the G. S. Robins and Company, 316 South Commercial Street, St. Louis, has been appointed chairman of the executive committee in charge of arrangements for the convention. Other St. Louis committee chairmen have been named as follows: *Finance*, H. A. Carlton, Mallinckrodt Chemical Works; *divisional meetings*, L. A. Watt, Monsanto Chemical Works; *hotel arrangements*, Eugene S. Weil, G. S. Robins and Company; *registration*, T. R. Ball, Washington University; *transportation and plant visits*, J. R. Hoff, Anheuser-Busch; *entertainment*, Ralph R. Matthews, Roxana Petroleum Company; *ladies' entertainment*, Mrs. R. R. Matthews; *speakers' committee*, F. W. Russe, Mallinckrodt Chemical Works; *program*, A. F. Schlichting, St. Louis College of Pharmacy; *publicity*, Chas. W. Rodewald, Washington University.

THE MILTON RESEARCH AWARDS OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY

ANNOUNCEMENT is made of thirty-seven awards to teachers in Harvard University, in accordance with the provisions of the Milton Fund for Research. This fund, which Harvard received in 1924, yields about \$50,000 a year.

After the death of his wife the bulk of the estate of the late William F. Milton, '58, was to go to Harvard University for the building of a university library, or, if the university had a suitable library building, to defray the expenses of any special investigation of a medical, geographical, historical or scientific nature. It was further stated that such investigation should be "in the interests of, or for promoting the physical and material welfare and prosperity of the human race, or to assist in the discovery and perfecting of any special means of alleviating or curing