

will do well to consider the solidity of Einthoven's work and the confidence with which his successors have been able to build upon it.

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## SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

### ACTIVITIES OF THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION

A REVIEW of the activities of the Rockefeller Foundation in 1927, written by its president, George E. Vincent, will be issued in a few days.

The first instalment of the review summarizes the year's work in brief and discusses the ways in which the foundation seeks to promote the training of doctors and public health personnel for a new era in medicine, in which the emphasis is changing from cure to prevention.

During 1927 the Rockefeller Foundation, in disbursing from income and capital \$11,223,124 (1) aided local health organization in eighty-five counties of six states in the Mississippi flood area; (2) operated an emergency field training station for health workers in this region besides contributing toward the support of nine other training centers elsewhere; (3) assisted nine schools or institutes of public health and three departments of hygiene in university medical schools; (4) gave aid to seventeen nurse training schools in nine countries; (5) furnished funds for land, buildings, operation or endowment to nineteen medical schools in fourteen countries; (6) supported the Peking Union Medical College; (7) paid two million dollars toward a new site for the University of London; (8) helped Brazil to maintain precautionary measures against yellow fever; (9) continued studies of that disease in West Africa on the Gold Coast and in Nigeria; (10) had a part in malaria control demonstrations or surveys in eight states of the Southern United States and in eleven foreign countries; (11) aided nineteen governments to bring hookworm disease under control; (12) contributed to the health budgets of 268 counties in twenty-three states of the American Commonwealth and of thirty-one similar governmental divisions in fourteen foreign countries; (13) helped to set up or maintain public health laboratory services or divisions of vital statistics, sanitary engineering, or epidemiology in the national health services of nineteen countries abroad and in the state health departments of sixteen American states; (14) made grants for mental hygiene work in the United States and Canada; (15) provided funds for biological research at the Johns Hopkins University and aided investigations in this field at Yale University, the State University of Iowa, the Uni-

versity of Hawaii, the Bernice P. Bishop Museum in Honolulu, and certain universities of Australia; (16) helped the League of Nations to conduct study tours or interchanges for 125 health officers from forty-four countries, to supply world-wide information about communicable diseases, to train government officials in vital statistics, and to establish a library of health documents; (17) provided, directly or indirectly, fellowships for 864 men and women from fifty-two different countries, and paid the traveling expenses of 115 officials or professors making study visits either individually or in commissions; (18) made minor appropriations for improving the teaching of the premedical sciences in China and Siam, for the operating expenses of hospitals in China, and for laboratory supplies, equipment and literature for European medical centers which have not yet recovered from the after-effects of the war; (19) lent staff members as consultants and gave small sums for various purposes to many governments and institutions; (20) made surveys of health conditions and of medical and nursing education in fourteen countries.

### THE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF PHOTOGRAPHY

IN connection with the seventh International Congress of Photography to be held in London during the second week in July, 1928, it has been decided to hold exhibitions of an international character for each of the sections of the congress. These exhibitions will include pictorial exhibits and scientific apparatus, as well as matter illustrating new photographic processes and apparatus. There will also be a trade exhibition showing the recent trade developments in photographic goods.

The pictorial prints will be especially invited by the section of the congress dealing with pictorial photography, but all other material which American workers may desire to submit to the congress should be referred to Dr. C. E. K. Mees, Kodak Park Works, Rochester, N. Y., who is acting as secretary for the American division. As far as is known at present there will be no charge for space at the exhibition, although a small charge may be made later for inserting notices in the exhibition catalogues in order to cover the cost of printing the catalogues.

### THE SELECTION OF CHIEF OF THE U. S. BUREAU OF AMERICAN ETHNOLOGY

THE United States Civil Service Commission states that the position of chief of the Bureau of American Ethnology, Smithsonian Institution, is vacant, through the recent retirement of Dr. J. W. Fewkes, and that, in view of the importance of the position, and to insure the appointment of a thoroughly qualified man