

GIFTS FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH AT NEW YORK UNIVERSITY AND BELLEVUE HOSPITAL MEDICAL COLLEGE

GIFTS amounting to \$122,000 for medical research for the current year and a campaign now in progress for \$250,000 for special endowment have been announced by Dean Samuel A. Brown, of New York University and Bellevue Hospital Medical College. Included in the list are the activities of the Harriman Research Fund, which at the present time are devoted to research in pneumonia under the direction of Dr. William H. Park, professor of bacteriology and hygiene in the medical college and director of the Bureau of Laboratories, New York City Department of Health. The Harriman Research Fund, established by Mrs. Mary W. Harriman, has recently been allied with the university. Dr. William G. Lyle, Dr. Park and Dr. William J. Maloney are trustees of the laboratory, which is under the direction of Dr. K. George Falk. The staff of this laboratory, under Dr. Park's supervision, will devote its entire time to the perfecting and standardizing of the method of refining the serum for the prevention of pneumonia.

Other gifts announced are: the Lucius N. Littauer Fund of \$25,000 for research in the cause and cure of pneumonia; an Anonymous Fund of \$50,000, of which \$38,000 is devoted to the study of rheumatism and heart disease, and \$12,000 to pneumonia; \$10,000 annually from Richard T. Crane, Jr., of Chicago, for research in hay fever, asthma and related diseases; \$13,000 annually for three years from the Jeremiah Milbank Foundation for the study of infantile paralysis, and \$6,000 from the Commonwealth Fund.

The campaign for \$250,000 is being carried on by Mrs. A. F. Tiffany, with the help of friends, in an effort to endow the Cardiac Clinic established by Dr. John Wyckoff, associate professor of medicine and secretary of the University and Bellevue Hospital Medical College faculty. Mrs. Tiffany in past years has raised \$5,000 annually for this clinic.

Extensive research into the cause of rheumatism is also being carried on in the university medical school laboratories. Under the active direction of Dr. Bret Ratner, researches are progressing into the causes of hay fever, asthma and other allergic diseases. Dr. Covell and Dr. Weyer are directing the study of infantile paralysis, made possible by the gift from the Jeremiah Milbank Foundation.

PHYSICAL LABORATORIES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

GROUND has been broken at the University of Chicago for the new Bernard A. Eckhart Laboratory of Physics, Mathematics and Astronomy. The new structure will complete the Hutchinson Quadrangle,

adjoining the present Ryerson Laboratory on the east.

Made possible by a contribution of B. A. Eckhart, Chicago lumberman for whom it has been named, the laboratory will cost \$604,000 and will provide facilities for work now cramped in Ryerson Hall. First floor and basement will house research work in physics, except for a large lecture room seating 239. The departments of mathematics and astronomy, which have never been adequately housed, will use the second, third and fourth floors. There will be 9 classrooms, 39 offices for faculty and students, 38 research rooms for physics and a large reading room which will accommodate 88 persons and 50,000 books. There will also be a common room with kitchenette facilities and an exhibition room. It is planned to remodel Ryerson Hall for expansion of teaching and research projects in physics. Designed by Charles Z. Klauder, Eckhart Laboratory will conform to the Gothic tradition of the university buildings. It should be completed by the end of this year.

Buildings under way now at the University of Chicago or to be started during the year will cost over \$9,000,000. In addition to Eckhart Laboratory they are: Sunny Gymnasium, the Social Sciences Building, two quadrangles of dormitories, two additional units for the university clinics, the Chicago Lying-in Hospital, the Power Plant and the Oriental Institute.

THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INCANDESCENT LIGHT AND MR. EDISON

PLANS for the world-wide celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the invention of the incandescent electric light beginning on May 31 and ending October 21 in an international tribute to the inventor of the lamp, Thomas A. Edison, were announced by Mr. Paul G. Cravath, member of the general committee sponsoring the celebration, at a luncheon of the Bankers' Club of New York City.

President Hoover, in consenting to be chairman of the general committee for the celebration, which will be known as Light's Golden Jubilee, wrote: "I have your kind letter of March 30 requesting that I accept the honorary chairmanship of the sponsorship committee of the Edison Pioneers. I shall be delighted to act in any capacity that will mean a genuine tribute to Mr. Edison's services."

The celebration will be opened by a series of light festivals beginning at Atlantic City on May 31 to signalize Mr. Edison's contributions to the advancement and comfort of humanity, and will end in a great "festival of light," which will be observed in virtually every city in the United States on October 21, and in many foreign cities. A feature of the last night of the celebration will be general electric illuminations throughout the country.