

In view of this reduction in the amount of the annuities to be received from the Carnegie Foundation, the corporation voted the present plan in order to assure the officers of the university an annuity upon reaching the age of retirement and to provide for the widows of such officers.

Among the provisions of the plan several are outstanding and worthy of special mention. The first is that each officer participating in the plan shall pay each year a sum equal to five per cent. of the salary voted to him, and when this is done the university shall place in the retiring fund to his credit a like sum. This means that a sum equal to ten per cent. of the officer's salary will be paid in the sinking fund for him each year. If any participant ceases to be in the employ of the university prior to retirement for any reason other than his death, the university will pay him the amount of his accumulated credits in the retiring fund.

Each annuity paid by the Harvard Corporation under the plan will include any pension contributed for the annuitant's benefit by the Carnegie Foundation and the Carnegie Corporation. Also the amount standing to the annuitant's credit in the retiring fund will be used to aid in providing the annuity.

To each officer who participates in the plan the corporation will pay after retirement during his lifetime an annuity equal to one half the officer's average salary for five years previous to retirement; and if the officer dies after retirement leaving a widow, the corporation will pay to his widow during her lifetime an annuity equal to one half the amount of the annuity previously payable to the officer. With certain exceptions, not numerous, the maximum annuity under this plan to any officer of the university will be \$4,000; and the maximum annuity to any widow will be one half of this amount, or \$2,000.

THE NEUROLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF NEW YORK CITY

THE Neurological Institute of New York City is planning to make an elaborate survey of the cause and cure of mental and nervous disorders and their relation to crime.

Fifty-nine leading specialists in the neurological field already have been chosen to conduct the survey along 65 different avenues of investigation, covering crime, behaviorism, modern social problems, delinquency, insanity, epilepsy, sleeping sickness and other mental and nervous diseases. Their work will be coordinated and directed by a committee of three—Dr. Frederick Tilney, *chairman*; Dr. Charles Elsberg, and Dr. Walter Timme.

Robert Thorne, president of the Neurological Institute, announced the project following a meeting of the joint committee of the medical board and trustees

at which it was disclosed that an anonymous donor had given \$150,000 to erase the final payment on the new building at the Medical Center, Broadway and 168th Street.

During the building fund campaign the Neurological Institute officials promised that, after they had acquired a thoroughly equipped establishment at the Medical Center, they would undertake a program of research and would conduct a special investigation into crime and delinquency which would be an aggressive attack on the advance of lawlessness. This is what they now propose to do.

In addition to the individual research program Dr. Tilney, Dr. Timme and Dr. Edwin G. Zabriskie will make a special study of the organic brain changes in early life which lead to maladjustments, delinquency and criminal tendencies.

Dr. Tilney will supervise the section covering pre-natal brain disorders. Dr. Timme will direct research on ductless gland disorders and their relation to delinquency and criminal tendencies. Dr. Zabriskie will conduct the investigation into the early post-natal development of the child in its relation to maladjustment and anti-social reactions.

The publication of a scientific journal by the Neurological Institute to disseminate the results of the investigation also was approved at the meeting of the joint committee of the medical board and trustees. This journal will be distributed among scientific workers, lawyers, social service bodies and all those who are working in the field of crime, delinquency and social adjustment.

A joint committee has been appointed to raise the \$2,000,000 necessary to endow the research program.

THE MEDICAL CENTER IN RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

ANNOUNCEMENT has been made of plans for the development of the medical center in Richmond at the Medical College of Virginia by Dr. W. T. Sanger, president of the institution. The work will likely cover a number of years.

The first unit of the new center, a building for the college school of nursing costing approximately \$300,000 for construction, equipment and site, has been completed. The other units will go up as fast as funds, which are being sought in different directions, are available. Most of the ground to be used has already been acquired.

The buildings projected are:

1. A library to be constructed in association with the library of the Richmond Academy of Medicine—cost approximately \$125,000.
2. A teaching unit to house the outpatient department and laboratories for the teaching of chemistry, bacteriology and pathology—cost approximately \$750,000.

3. A nurses' dormitory for the St. Philip Hospital school of nursing, an institution maintained by the college for Negro girls—cost approximately \$150,000.

4. A building for clinical dentistry—cost approximately \$400,000.

5. A general hospital for white patients to be built in association with the outpatient department and teaching laboratories—cost \$1,000,000 or more.

6. A gymnasium, auditorium and recreational center—cost undetermined.

When this plan is carried through then it is hoped to provide dormitories for students in the schools of medicine, dentistry and pharmacy.

W. T. SANGER,
President

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THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON MENTAL HYGIENE

PROGRESS is being made in the organization of The First International Congress on Mental Hygiene, to be held in Washington, D. C., May 5-10, 1930. Educators, psychiatrists, other physicians, public officials, social workers, industrialists and many others from all over the world are expected to be present when the congress convenes.

Herbert C. Hoover has honored the congress by accepting the position of honorary president. Already twenty-six countries are represented on the Committee on Organization, of which Dr. Arthur H. Ruggles, of Providence, R. I., is chairman. Dr. William A. White, of Washington, D. C., is president of the congress, and Clifford W. Beers is secretary-general. The congress is being sponsored by mental hygiene and related organizations in many countries.

Questions to be discussed at the congress will include the relations of mental hygiene to law, to hospitals, to education, industry, social work, delinquency, parenthood and community problems. A world-wide view of mental hygiene progress will be given. The subject will be discussed also in specific application to the maladjustment problems of individuals, special attention being probably given to childhood, adolescence and later youth. It is the contention of those promoting the congress that mental hygiene has to do with the conservation of mental health in general, not merely with nervous and mental diseases. The point

of view of clinical diagnosis and treatment will be considered, as well as that of administration of institutions and agencies.

The basic expenses of the congress are being underwritten by the recently organized American Foundation for Mental Hygiene. Opportunity will be afforded for acquaintance among delegates of the various countries, and translations, together with other conveniences, will facilitate comprehension of all that may be said in unfamiliar languages. Administrative headquarters have been opened at 370 Seventh Avenue, New York City, where John R. Shillady, administrative secretary, is in charge. A membership fee of \$5 (including the *Proceedings*) has been fixed.

THE MAYO FOUNDATION CHAPTER OF SIGMA XI

THE Mayo Foundation Chapter of Sigma Xi held seven meetings during the season 1928-1929. The speakers and the subjects presented were:

October 23, 1928.

Dr. Clifton Tuttle, research laboratories, Eastman Kodak Company, "Recent Developments in Color Photography."

November 20, 1928.

Dr. Curt P. Richter, psycho-biological laboratory, the Johns Hopkins University, "Experimental Studies on Sleep and Similar Conditions."

December 11, 1928.

Dr. Edwin B. Frost, director of the Yerkes Observatory, Chicago, "The System of the Stars."

January 29, 1929.

Professor Edwin B. Hart, University of Wisconsin, "Iron in Nutrition."

February 15, 1929.

Dr. H. T. Stetson, professor of astronomy, Harvard University, "Sun-spots and Radio."

March 12, 1929.

Dr. Harvey Fletcher, director of acoustical experimentation, Bell Telephone Company, "How and What We Hear."

May 20, 1929.

Presidential address by Dr. Charles Sheard, Mayo Clinic, "Our Weather, Inside and Out."

The officers elected for next year were:

H. E. Robertson, *President*.

Walter Boothby, *Vice-president*.

A. E. Osterberg, *Secretary-Treasurer*.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

DR. ELMER D. MERRILL, professor of agriculture, dean of the college of agriculture, director of the experiment station and of the botanical garden of the University of California, has been appointed director of the New York Botanical Garden, to succeed Dr. N. L. Britton, who is retiring after reaching the age of seventy years.

At the Portland meeting of the American Medical Association, Dr. William Gerry Morgan, of Washington, D. C., was elected president to succeed Dr. W. S. Thayer, of Baltimore. Dr. Ernest A. Sommer, of Portland, was elected vice-president. Dr. Olin West, of Chicago, was reelected secretary; Dr. Austin A. Hayden, of Chicago, treasurer, and Dr. F. C. Warns-