

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*

JULY 12, 1929

### 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-