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#### PSYCHIATRY AND MENTAL HYGIENE IN YALE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

THE appointment of Dr. Eugen Kahn, of Munich, Germany, as professor of psychiatry and mental hygiene in the Yale School of Medicine is announced by President James Rowland Angell.

Dr. Kahn studied at Heidelberg, Munich and Berlin, where he interested himself primarily in the fundamental sciences which deal with the nervous system. For many years he worked under the late Emil Kraepelin, the noted psychiatrist, in whose honor the Rockefeller Foundation in 1928 presented a building to the German Psychiatric Research Institute in Munich, a unit of the Kaiser Wilhelm Institut, recognized as the foremost organization in that country for the promotion of scientific research. When Dr. Kraepelin decided in 1925 to give his whole time to the Psychiatric Institute, which he had founded, he left the active direction of the psychiatric and nerve clinic of the University of Munich to Dr. Kahn, who has since been professor in that clinic.

Dr. Kahn is among the first to be appointed in connection with the program for developing the study of psychiatry and mental hygiene at Yale. Early in 1929 the Rockefeller Foundation pledged \$100,000 a year for ten years to develop this program, and in addition provided the funds for the Institute of Human Relations building, now under construction, in which the department will be housed. For the development of the mental hygiene aspects of the program the Commonwealth Fund is making an annual allowance of \$50,000.

Dr. Kahn recently spent several weeks in New Haven studying the plans and will return in March to assist in equipping the institute building for the work in psychiatry. The building will have facilities for the care of fifty individuals who will be studied from the point of view of their mental economy. Some of these will be of inferior mentality while others will be average and superior. The keynote of the work will be the prevention of mental disease by tracing it in all its forms to the contributing factors and origins.

Associated with Dr. Kahn will be Dr. Lloyd J. Thompson as resident and chief of staff; Dr. Edgar Van Norman Emery, former chief of the Los Angeles child guidance clinic; Dr. C. C. Fry, who is consultant and adviser for university students, and others to represent the varied interests of the institute.

According to Dean M. C. Winternitz, of the Yale School of Medicine, the work in the department of psychiatry and mental hygiene will rest upon the fundamental fields of neuro-physiology, neuro-anatomy and neuro-pathology. These branches are being constantly strengthened by the addition of personnel and funds. In the clinical field the new department will be closely associated with the clinical departments now in existence in surgery, internal medicine, diseases of women and diseases of children.

## SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

AN Associated Press dispatch from Stockholm reports that the Nobel prize in physics for 1928 has been awarded to Professor Owen W. Richardson, King's College, London. Dr. Richardson was professor at Princeton University from 1906 to 1914. The prize in physics for 1929 has been awarded to the Duc de Broglie, of Paris. The prize in chemistry has been divided between Dr. Arthur Harden, head of the biochemical department of the Lister Institute and professor of biochemistry in the University of London, and Dr. Hans von Euler, professor of biochemistry in the University of Upsala. As already announced in *SCIENCE* the prize in medicine has been divided between Dr. Frederick Gowland Hopkins, pro-

fessor of biochemistry at the University of Cambridge, and Dr. C. Eijkmann, professor of hygiene and legal medicine at the University of Utrecht.

ACCORDING to the *Journal* of the American Medical Association the French government has awarded a gold medal in honor of the researches made on infectious diseases by the late Dr. Hideyo Noguchi, of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, who died in Africa during his studies on yellow fever. The medal was given to his nephew on August 26, through the department of foreign affairs.

DR. FLORENCE RENA SABIN, member of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research since 1925 and