

ciety, the Pharmacological Society and the Society of Experimental Pathology, established a Placement Service, the function of which was to act as a medium of communication between those seeking positions in the above named sciences and institutions having vacancies in these departments. Previous to the establishment of this "Service" it was exceedingly difficult, for the young men especially, to make a change in location. In the first place they were just beginning their training, had perhaps taken their doctor's degree, but naturally they were not likely to hear of vacancies in other institutions. On the side of the universities it may be said that they often had vacancies, but they had difficulty in getting in touch with those who might be considered for an appointment. It was to remedy this situation that the service was established about ten years ago. During these intervening years it has been functioning in a quiet way, but with the wider knowledge of its existence its activities have increased considerably during the past three or four years.

At the present time, in addition to those who have already been placed, there are enrolled this year the names of forty who are desirous of a change of location. It is interesting to note the distribution of these forty among the various preclinical sciences. There are registered

Physiologists .....	14
Biochemists .....	20
Pharmacologists .....	5
Pathologist .....	1

These figures represent what may be called a typical distribution of the total registration as it has appeared for the past few years. The number of institutions represented on the active list at the present time is twenty-six. Twelve of these are inquiring for physiologists and ten for pharmacologists. It will be seen from these figures that the service is apparently filling a real need. It would be desirable, however, if more institutions would avail themselves of its help. It does little good for individuals to report that they are eligible for positions if institutions will not also report their vacancies. The peg is of little value unless there is a hole to fit it into.

It should be understood that the help of the service is open to non-members of the federation as well as to members and that there is no fee whatsoever charged for any help it may render. The executive officer of the Placement Service is Dr. C. W. Edmunds, Department of Pharmacology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

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#### THE JOSIAH MACY JUNIOR FOUNDATION

THE Josiah Macy Junior Foundation for preventing and curing disease and relieving human suffering has been established through a gift of \$50,000,000 by Mrs. Walter Graeme Ladd, of Far Hills, N. J. The foundation was incorporated on April 23 in Albany, with Dave Hennen Morris chairman of the board.

The foundation is a monument to the memory of Mrs. Ladd's father, who died in New York in 1876. He was president of the Devoe Manufacturing Company.

Dr. Ludwig Kast, since 1906 professor of clinical medicine at the New York Post-Graduate Medical School, has been elected president of the foundation. He reports that the trustees intend to start work immediately on an outline of their course of action.

It is understood that the foundation will not limit its work to any particular field, but that it will probably lean most strongly toward development of methods to relieve the suffering of the mentally disordered.

In the letter accompanying her gift Mrs. Ladd said in part:

It is my desire that the foundation in the use of this gift should concentrate on a few problems rather than support many undertakings, and that it should primarily devote its interest to fundamental aspects of health, of sickness and of methods for the relief of suffering.

To these ends the foundation might give preference in