

WHEREAS, the primitive areas of the coast redwood forest in California constitute some of the most interesting and important life associations, and

WHEREAS, the Save the Redwoods League is vigorously advancing the cause of protection of the coast redwood forest plant and animal associations of California, it is

Resolved, That the council of the American Association for the Advancement of Science expresses its strong approval of the efforts of the Save the Redwoods League and of the State of California to preserve the primitive redwood areas, and respectfully urges that in carrying out this program every effort be made to secure representative areas sufficiently varied to illustrate the various types of forest, and of its associated flora and fauna, and sufficiently large to guarantee for the future the complete protection of these primitive floral and faunal associations.

A Resolution on the Need for the Preservation of Everglades Areas

(Adopted by the Council, January 1, 1931)

WHEREAS, the southern end of the Florida peninsula contains biological features of unique character, which are found nowhere else within the area of the United States, and

WHEREAS, it has been proposed to establish a national park for the preservation of these features in their primitive state; therefore the council of the American Association for the Advancement of Science

Approves of the establishment of such a park, but only under conditions that will completely exclude railway and other commercial developments and fully protect the floral and faunal associations within the limits that are to be established.

IN HONOR OF PROFESSOR JAMES EWING

A TESTIMONIAL dinner was given on Saturday, January 31, at the Hotel Pierre in New York City in honor of Dr. James Ewing, president of the medical board and director of cancer research at the Memorial Hospital of New York City. Dr. Ewing has just completed his thirty-second year as professor of pathology in the Cornell University Medical School.

There were four hundred invited guests including those eminent in the field of science from all parts of the country. The toastmaster of the dinner was Dr. George D. Stewart, formerly president of the American College of Surgeons and of the New York Academy of Medicine.

The speakers were: Surgeon General Hugh S. Cummings, of the U. S. Public Health Service; President Livingston Farrand, of Cornell University; Dr. Howard A. Kelly, formerly professor of gynecology at the Johns Hopkins Medical School and now surgeon and radiologist to the Howard Kelly Hospital in Baltimore; Dr. Francis Carter Wood, director of the Crocker Institute of Cancer Research and editor of *The American Journal of Cancer*; Dr. John A. Hartwell, president of the New York Academy of Medicine; Dr. James B. Murphy, member of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research; Mr. Archibald Douglas, of the executive committee and board of managers of the Memorial Hospital; Dr. C. C. Little, managing director of the American Society for the

Control of Cancer; Mr. Thomas DeBevoise, lawyer; Dr. G. Canby Robinson, dean and director of New York Hospital-Cornell Association, and Dr. Frank E. Adair, attending surgeon, Memorial Hospital.

The January issue of the *Annals of Surgery* was dedicated to Dr. Ewing and published as a tribute to his unique position throughout the world in the field of cancer research. It contained articles from forty-six contributors of international preeminence in this field. At the dinner an illuminated copy of this volume was presented to Dr. Ewing by Dr. Frank E. Adair, who had been associated with Dr. Lewis S. Pilcher, the editor of the *Annals of Surgery*, in editing this special "Ewing Cancer Number."

A letter was received from President Hoover in which he stated: "To the Medical Board of the Memorial Hospital, New York. Gentlemen: I want to thank you warmly for your kind invitation to attend the testimonial dinner in honor of Dr. James Ewing on January 31. I deeply regret that my duties here do not permit me to be present. I should like to share in person in paying honor to such a useful and distinguished citizen, whose work as scientific researcher, teacher and author has done so much to forward the attack on the problem of cancer in particular and of disease in general. Such a career is a service and an inspiration to humanity and deserves the tribute of public praise. Yours faithfully, Herbert Hoover."

A cablegram was sent by Madam Curie as follows: "Congratulations on the well-earned recognition of your important contribution to radiotherapy and your work in the field of cancer." A letter was read from Governor Roosevelt in which he said that Dr. Ewing's achievements in the field of cancer have received national and international recognition and it is a real pleasure to congratulate him upon them as well as upon his invaluable service to the state.

The sentiment expressed at the dinner by the speakers was one of profound admiration for Dr. Ewing, and it was a privilege to pay homage to this unique man in the field of medical science.

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THE NEW YORK POST-GRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL AND HOSPITAL AND COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

THE incorporation in the educational system of Columbia University of the New York Post-Graduate Medical School and Hospital, the oldest institution in the United States engaged solely in the teaching of post-graduate medicine, was announced at the annual dinner of the Post-Graduate Faculty Association held at the Biltmore Hotel on January 31.

The agreement between the two institutions, effective on July 1, 1931, said Dr. Arthur F. Chace, president of the New York Post-Graduate Medical School

and Hospital, makes the Post-Graduate an integral part of the Columbia University teaching system and, in the future, the center of a comprehensive program of post-graduate medical teaching sponsored by the university.

To carry out the program for placing all the post-graduate teaching on a university basis, provision for an interlocking of the governing bodies has been made. Dr. Butler has been elected a member of the corporation and of the board of directors of the New York faculty, which will be under the jurisdiction of the University Council. Other members will be appointed in the near future.

Dr. Chace presided at the dinner. The speakers included Dr. James F. McKernon and Dr. Willard C. Rappleye, the newly elected dean of the College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Among congratulatory letters read at the dinner was one from Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, Secretary of the Interior, who is chairman of the Committee on the Cost of Medical Care. Secretary Wilbur said: "I am very much pleased with the opportunity that is opening for continuous educational facilities for the practitioner in the State of New York. I have felt for years that it is one of the most important things that could be done for the advance of medicine in this country."

The affiliation, according to Dr. Edward H. Hume, executive vice-president of the school, is a response to a community demand that the medical profession regard itself more fully as the servant of the social order. Dr. Hume believes that "the new opportunity of the Post-Graduate Medical School, with its fifty years of experience in the teaching of the practitioner, and its new university association, is to make available to the medical profession a center of increased power where the practitioner's powers may be renewed, and his practice raised to a higher level." Starting as a secession from a university medical school, and continuing for nearly fifty years as an independent institution, the institution has become once more a member of a university.

THE BRAUN-SCHUCHERT COLLECTION

DR. CHARLES SCHUCHERT, professor emeritus of paleontology at Yale University, has given the Peabody Museum the Fred Braun collection of invertebrate fossils and other objects of natural history. The gift will be known as the Braun-Schuchert Collection.

It required five large motor vans to transport the collection from its storage quarters to Peabody Museum, as the invertebrate fossils alone number almost 100,000 specimens. Besides these fossils, the gift includes a collection of over 3,000 mineral specimens, a

large quantity of archeological material, and a conchological collection of about 10,000 specimens.

Fred Braun, who died in 1918, was a dealer in natural history materials, who began his business career in Cincinnati about 1870. In later years he traveled widely in this country and in Europe, visiting most of the localities which had classical collections of fossils, to gather material for sale or exchange. In some places he opened extensive quarries and at one time he employed as many as 20 quarrymen. Throughout his long life as a dealer, it was his ambition to build up a collection of invertebrate fossils that would be second to none, and into this private collection went the majority of the choice specimens that came into his possession. During his declining years, as adversity overtook him, Braun was obliged to sell certain portions of his great collection, but clung to most of it, and kept it together in spite of his distress. Upon his death in 1918, the collection came into the possession of his friend, Mr. G. E. Ashby.

Professor Schuchert, himself a native of Cincinnati, had been acquainted with Braun since his youthful days in that city. Through later visits to Braun after he had moved to Brooklyn, Professor Schuchert came to appreciate the extent of this great collection. For many years he hoped to secure the collection for Yale, and in 1916 attempted to raise the funds for its purchase. Although at the time this proved to be impossible, due to conditions raised by Braun, Professor Schuchert never gave up the hope which he has just brought to reality by privately purchasing the collection to present to the Peabody Museum.

In 1929 the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia awarded Professor Schuchert the Hayden Memorial Geological Medal, an honor given once in three years for preeminent research in geology, paleontology and related sciences. At commencement last year Yale University conferred upon him the honorary degree of doctor of science. In presenting him for the degree, Professor William Lyon Phelps, as public orator, described him as "one of the most distinguished scientists of Yale, in the front rank of paleontologists, and the world's leading authority on paleo-climatology."

CONFERENCE ON MEDICAL EDUCATION

DR. RAY LYMAN WILBUR, Secretary of the Interior, will deliver the opening address on February 16 at the Palmer House, Chicago, at the first session of the three-day annual congress on medical education, licensure and hospitals called by the council on those subjects of the American Medical Association. Dr. Wilbur is chairman of the council. He will discuss mental health as a national problem, which will be the keynote of three sessions.