

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.