

The society voted to hold its next meeting in conjunction with the meeting of the Southern Medical Association in San Antonio, Texas, in November, 1934.

AWARD OF THE TOWNSEND HARRIS MEDALS OF THE COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

FOR the first time since its organization in 1853, the Associate Alumni of the College of the City of New York honored distinguished alumni for their achievements and for service to the college at the fifty-third annual dinner held in November. Five men received the Townsend Harris Medals, awarded for outstanding post-graduate attainments in their respective fields of endeavor.

According to a press report sent out by the college, the Alumni Service Award, a medal also lately established, was granted to 31 men who had advanced the welfare of the college through significant alumni activity. The awards are made possible through a contribution of the class of 1906 two years ago. Both medals are the work of Albert P. D'Andrea, '18, of the department of art.

The first recipients of the Townsend Harris Medals have gained distinction in the fields of medicine, engineering, religion, architecture and politics. They are Dr. William H. Park, '83, director of the Bureau of Laboratories of the New York Department of Health; Gano Dunn, '89, electrical engineer; the Rev. Dr. Joseph Herman Hertz, '91, chief rabbi of England; John Russell Pope, '93, leading architect, and United States Senator Robert F. Wagner, '98.

More than 600 alumni and guests attended. The principal speaker was Colonel Hugh L. Cooper, the engineer, who described the engineering projects he has recently supervised in Russia. The other

speakers were Dr. Lewis Freeman Mott, '83, who represented the fifty-year class; Joseph Dannenberg, '08, who spoke for the twenty-five-year class, and President Frederick B. Robinson, '04, who reviewed for the alumni recent intramural developments. Dr. Walter Timme, '93, president of the Associate Alumni, was toastmaster.

Dr. Park, who will be seventy years old on December 30 of this year, recently occasioned public opposition to his proposed retirement from the Board of Health of New York City because of his remarkable experimental work. Mayor O'Brien supported the plan to continue him in office. After receiving his A.B. degree at the College of the City of New York in 1883, Dr. Park studied at the College of Physicians and Surgeons and at the University of Vienna. In 1894 he became director of the New York Health Department Bureau of Laboratories, and has held that post with distinction since then. For thirty-six years he has been professor of bacteriology and hygiene at the Bellevue Hospital Medical School. He serves the state and nation as a consulting bacteriologist in their respective health divisions. He is president of the American Public Health Association.

Gano Dunn has gained distinction for his work in the field of electrical engineering. Even before his graduation from City College in 1889 he worked for three years with the Western Union Telegraph Company. Two years after he joined the J. G. White Construction Company, he became president, a position he holds to this day. Mr. Dunn has been president of the New York Electrical Society, the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, the Engineering Foundation, and has served as chairman of the National Research Council and the John Fritz Medal Board of Award.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

DR. FRANK R. LILLIE, since 1931 dean of the Division of Biological Sciences of the University of Chicago, has been appointed Andrew MacLeish distinguished service professor in "recognition of his brilliant and fruitful service to the university." There are six endowed professorships for distinguished service in the university.

THE first award of the gold medal of the Royal Agricultural Society of England in recognition of distinguished service for agriculture has been made to Sir Thomas Middleton, vice-chairman of the Development Commission. In commenting on this award, *Nature* writes: "Much of the success of the present system of agricultural education and research is due to him. He was one of the earliest members of the Agricultural Education Association, and was the first

president of the newly constituted Section M, Agriculture, of the British Association at the Dundee meeting in 1912."

ACCORDING to the *Journal* of the American Medical Association, the Medical Association of South Africa has awarded its gold medal for "meritorious services rendered to the profession" to Dr. A. J. Orenstein, director of sanitation of the Rand mines who for six years held office as president of the association and was largely responsible for the amalgamation of the two medical associations in South Africa. Dr. Orenstein is lecturer on tropical medicine at the University of the Witwatersrand.

THE degree of doctor of science has been conferred by the University of London on Sir Thomas Barlow,