

THE SCIENTIFIC EXHIBIT AT THE CLEVELAND MEETING OF THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

THE Scientific Exhibit at the Cleveland meeting of the American Medical Association, as reported in the *Journal* of the association, was the largest in its history. All fifteen sections of the Scientific Assembly participated through special section exhibit committees appointed for the purpose, while sixty-three individuals reading papers before the various sections had exhibits on the same subjects.

There were three special exhibits authorized by the Board of Trustees. The exhibit on encephalitis, a cooperative undertaking by the Committee on Scientific Exhibit, with the United States Public Health Service, placed special stress on certain features of the 1933 outbreak; a pamphlet prepared by Theodore C. Hempelmann, St. Louis, was distributed. The committee in charge consisted of James P. Leake, Washington, D. C., Ralph S. Muckenfuss, St. Louis, and Ralph C. Williams, chairman, Washington, D. C.

The exhibit on nutrition was conducted in conjunction with the session on nutrition in the Section on Miscellaneous Topics. The exhibit, presented under the joint auspices of the Committee on Scientific Exhibit, the Committee on Foods and *Hygeia*, was under the direction of a committee composed of Walter C. Alvarez, Rochester, Minn., Reginald Fitz, Boston, and P. C. Jeans, Iowa City, assisted by a competent corps of demonstrators. A pamphlet on nutrition, prepared for the occasion, was distributed at the exhibit.

The special demonstrations in pathology were presented under the direction of Benjamin S. Kline, Cleveland, assisted by a group of local pathologists. In addition to the continuous demonstrations in the booth, practical talks were given at stated intervals.

Among the section exhibits there were several special features. The Section on Ophthalmology presented a comprehensive display on first aid in eye injuries and distributed a pamphlet on the same subject to supplement the exhibit; the Section on Obstetrics, Gynecology and Abdominal Surgery had an exhibit on home delivery technic and also showed motion pictures in an area adjoining the exhibit; the Section on Dermatology and Syphilology presented a symposium on cutaneous allergy; the Section on Practise of Medicine showed motion pictures on a prearranged schedule.

There were several symposiums to which exhibitors from different sections contributed. The symposium on the treatment of burns was a cooperative undertaking sponsored by the Section on Surgery, General and Abdominal, the Section on Practise of Medicine, and the Section on Pathology and Physiology. Besides nine exhibits dealing with various phases of the

subject there was a motion-picture program shown in an adjoining area.

The symposium on amebiasis included contributions from the Section on Gastro-Enterology and Proctology, the Section on Pathology and Physiology, the Section on Pharmacology and Therapeutics, and the Section on Preventive and Industrial Medicine and Public Health.

The group of exhibits on thyroid diseases was presented through the cooperation of the Section on Practise of Medicine, the Section on Surgery, General and Abdominal, the Section on Pharmacology and Therapeutics and the Section on Pathology and Physiology.

There were 162 individual exhibits open to medal awards, nineteen educational exhibits and five special exhibits sponsored by the Committee on Scientific Exhibit or by section exhibit committees, making 186 exhibits in all. There were 364 persons identified with the various exhibits.

The awards in Class I, made for exhibits of individual investigations, which are judged on the basis of originality and excellence of presentation, were as follows:

The gold medal to Gregory Shwartzman, Mount Sinai Hospital, New York, for original investigations of skin reactivity to bacterial filtrates, its rôle in immunology and its practical applications.

The silver medal to Timothy Leary, Boston, for original work on the relation of cholesterol to atherosclerosis.

The bronze medal to Charles C. Higgins, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, for original work on experimental production and solution of urinary calculi.

MEMORIAL TO SIR WALTER FLETCHER

AN appeal for funds for a memorial to Sir Walter Fletcher, made in a letter signed by an influential committee, appears in English journals. The letter follows:

The public life of this country suffered a loss of more than common magnitude through the death of Sir Walter Morley Fletcher, first secretary of the Medical Research Council, on June 7, 1933. He was then in his sixtieth year and in the height of those powers which he had used without stint in the service of science and of mankind.

The ideal that he held before him, in words which were frequently upon his lips, was the advancement of knowledge for the relief of human suffering. He strove ever towards this, both in his years at Cambridge as a brilliant investigator and an influential teacher of youth, and later in the administration of the public support provided for medical research, and in measures for bringing the results of scientific work more effectively to the assistance of the state.

Walter Fletcher gave richly to the common weal, and it is proper that some worthy tribute of an enduring

kind should be paid to his memory. The desire to take part in this will be wide-spread among those who were able truly to appreciate his great labors in the cause of medical science, and will be felt not least by the many research workers who were directly indebted to him for help and inspiration; it will extend, also, to others in different spheres of life who were privileged to enjoy that friendship for which he had so great a gift, and throughout a wider circle of those who admired his vigorous personality and his mastery of practical affairs.

It is considered that the tribute should consist in the first place of a personal memorial, and secondly of the inception of some scheme for the furtherance of the cause which Sir Walter Fletcher had so much at heart. It is therefore proposed first to commission a portrait bust, to be placed in a suitable setting in the entrance hall of the National Institute for Medical Research at Hampstead. The remainder of the sum collected will then be used as a fund for building—at the farm premises of the National Institute at Mill Hill—a Walter Fletcher Laboratory, to be devoted particularly to those nutritional studies in which he was so keenly interested. This will not only provide an appropriate memorial, but it will make an urgently needed contribution to the national equipment for work in what is at present among the most important of all branches of medical research.

In view of the wide utility and public value of the second part of the memorial, it has not been thought desirable to suggest for individual subscriptions any limit such as might have been fitting for a tribute of a purely personal character. It is strongly hoped, however, that this will in no way deter those who may wish to have a share in the personal memorial but are of necessity restricted to giving quite small sums. All subscriptions should be sent to the Secretary, Fletcher Memorial Fund, 38, Old Queen Street, Westminster, S.W.1.

We are, yours faithfully,

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June 7

IN HONOR OF PROFESSOR WILLIAM HERBERT HOBBS

IN accepting the resignation of Professor William Herbert Hobbs, head of the department of geology of the University of Michigan, who reached the age of seventy on July 2, the title of professor emeritus was conferred on him by the Board of Regents. The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That in accepting the resignation of Dr. William Herbert Hobbs as professor of geology, head of the department of geology and director of the geological laboratory, which is tendered at this time in pursuance

of the By-Law governing the retirement of members of the faculty, the Regents express to Professor Hobbs their lively appreciation of his distinguished services to this university over a period of twenty-eight years, during which time his accomplishments as a teacher and his constant activity in research, publication and exploration in little-known lands have brought credit both to him and to this institution.

At the last meeting of the faculty of the College of Literature, Science and the Arts, a resolution passed in appreciation of the work of Professor Hobbs says:

This faculty is convened in appreciation of the services of Professor William Herbert Hobbs, who after twenty-eight fruitful years of scholarly activity at the University of Michigan is now retiring, full of all the honor we can bestow upon him. If we look back over Professor Hobbs' career we can all agree that he has nobly measured up to the demands of his profession and has amply merited the title of professor, with all that it implies. Certainly, his creative scholarship, his leadership and his ability to inspire others are traits of which we have all had first-hand experience.

This profession of ours, if it makes harsh demands, seldom bestows its awards in the coin that the world recognizes. Of monetary rewards there are few enough; of fame there may be some, but too often the successful charlatan and political schemer is better known than the honest and honorable scholar. There is, however, the realization that one's colleagues know and respect one's worth; there is the affection of old students; there is the gratitude of the institution—these are all things that are not to be bought save by years of tireless devotion to an ideal. May our good colleague, Dr. Hobbs, live long to enjoy these rewards and to realize that he commands the respect and the regard of us all.

A concurrent resolution passed unanimously by the Michigan Legislature follows:

WHEREAS, Professor William Herbert Hobbs, for twenty-eight years a member of the faculty of the University of Michigan, will retire in July of this year at the age of seventy years; and,

WHEREAS, Professor Hobbs through his high academic attainments and many accomplishments in the science of geology has brought our university into front rank in the teaching of this science; and,

WHEREAS, Professor Hobbs has led expeditions into the South Sea Islands and into Greenland to further the study of natural phenomena; and,

WHEREAS, Professor Hobbs lent invaluable services to the allied cause during the World War for which the Republic of France made him a Chevalier of the Legion of Honor; now, be it

Resolved, By the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, that congratulations be extended Professor Hobbs for his long career of usefulness and that regret be voiced for his loss to the university, and, be it further

Resolved, That a suitable copy of this resolution be transmitted to this distinguished citizen of Michigan.