

cut and worked bone and masses of hay cut for food for the ground-sloth led us to infer that man lived in Patagonia with the various Pleistocene mammals which are now extinct.

REMOTE ISLANDS

The races of men who eventually reached New Zealand and other remote islands were so far advanced

in civilized life that they scarcely concern a paleontologist. They only interest him on account of the disturbance of the existing wild life and the extinctions which they have caused. The ethnologist now joins the human anatomist in attempting to explain the distribution of these people and to discover their relationships. They occupy a lowly sphere in the modern world.

SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

INTERNATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES

ACCORDING to the Geneva correspondent of the *British Medical Journal*, the Health Organization of the League of Nations received the usual compliments during the discussions in the Assembly, both in the second committee where the work of the organization is reviewed, and in the fourth, where the budget is approved. The amount estimated in the budget of 1936 for the International Health Organization is 1,180,000 Swiss francs, or about \$375,000 at the present rate of exchange. Of this sum the League contribution represents about three fourths, and the remainder is supplied by grants from the Rockefeller Foundation. The allocation which the League itself affords for health purposes is a sum about equal to the contribution it receives from Australia or Czechoslovakia. The health section consists of twenty-three posts, under a medical director, who receives a maximum salary of 53,000 Swiss francs, and eight immediate assistants, whose maximum is 28,000. The grants of the Rockefeller Foundation are made chiefly to provide the salaries of the special technical staff, which comprises a further eleven members, and is engaged in the service of epidemiological intelligence and health statistics.

A contribution of 20,000 Swiss francs annually is made by the Foundation to the Eastern Bureau at Singapore, which is also supported by League contributions and by contributions from certain Governments in the East. This Eastern Bureau has a director, two deputy directors and a staff of ten. Two considerable items in its budget for 1936 are to meet the expenses of a rural hygiene conference and an international course on malaria, both to be held in the Far East. The League is also committed to certain health and other investigations in Latin America, for which a sum of 100,000 francs has been set apart; a part of this will be devoted to the international leprosy center placed under the auspices of the League by the Brazilian Government.

During 1936 the Health Organization will pursue certain special technical studies which have been referred to it, such as rural hygiene and housing, nutrition and physical education. Its permanent tasks are

the collection of epidemiological intelligence and health statistics, international studies on malariology, biological standardization, technical studies in the sphere of the campaign against narcotic drugs and general and technical liaison with the national health administrations. The discussion in the Assembly revealed a "push" in various countries towards rural rehousing. Signor Mussolini some time ago ordered a census of rural dwellings throughout Italy, and as a result 170,000 such houses have been marked for demolition, 500,000 for serious reconditioning to make them fit for human habitation and a million more for minor repairs. The Duce has declared that within ten years every agricultural laborer must be provided with a healthy and spacious dwelling. To this end a rural housing exhibition and conference is to be held next year in Rome. France also has made an extensive inquiry into the same subject. To the discussion on health organization Great Britain contributed an account of the forthcoming conference in Geneva on biological standardization, which it is hoped may give rise to concrete proposals for a wider use of the various standards prepared by the permanent commission of experts.

THE FLOWER AND FIFTH AVENUE HOSPITALS OF NEW YORK CITY

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Fifth Avenue Hospital in New York City, held on October 16, the following members of the Board of Trustees of the New York Homeopathic Medical College and Flower Hospital were elected members of the board of the Fifth Avenue Hospital: William M. Baldwin, Thomas C. Buek, Eversley Childs, Jr., Joshua B. Everett, William H. English, Charles D. Halsey, David Q. Hammond, Clifford Hemphill, James M. Hills, Henry Clay Irons, George Link, Jr., James M. Mathes, Samuel R. Milbank, George S. Piper, Robert T. Pollock, Charles Presbrey and Webster B. Todd.

This action, which follows months of quiet negotiation between the two institutions, represents the first step in developing a close affiliation. For the present, each institution through its respective boards will operate independently although along parallel lines.