

exhibited a diabetogenic action. There is considerable controversy at the present time concerning the manner in which this diabetogenic substance acts. The controversy centers around the question of whether it works directly on the pancreas, directly on sugar metabolism in the muscles or whether its action is mediated through the thyroid gland or adrenal gland.

Dr. Houssay will give the address at the afternoon general session on Tuesday, December 31. He will speak on the hypophysis and metabolism at 4:30 in Assembly Room 4 of the Municipal Auditorium. He takes the period vacated by Dr. Karl F. Meyer, of the Hooper Foundation in San Francisco, who has been compelled to cancel his trip east and will not be able to deliver the address which was listed in the preliminary announcement recently published in *SCIENCE*.

DESPITE assurance that auditorium rooms were satisfactory for scientific sessions we find them unfinished and some without partitions. After careful study of the situation the local committee recommends and I agree that we must move all biological societies to Washington University Campus. This is unfortunate, since societies have mailed members programs showing auditorium assignments. All changes will be recorded in the official program available on registration at St. Louis.

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Permanent Secretary

THE ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION AND THE GENERAL EDUCATION BOARD

At the offices of the General Education Board it was announced on December 12 that Raymond B. Fosdick had been elected president of the board, to take office on July 1, 1936, on the retirement of Trevor Arnett, who has been associated with the board as trustees and president for a great many years.

At the offices of the Rockefeller Foundation it was announced that Mr. Fosdick had also been elected president of the foundation, to take office on July 1, 1936. Dr. Max Mason, the present president of the foundation, some time ago submitted his resignation to take effect on December 31, 1935, but at the earnest request of the trustees, through John D. Rockefeller, Jr., the chairman of the board, he has been persuaded to continue in office at least until next spring so that Mr. Fosdick may have opportunity to arrange for his own retirement from the law firm of Curtis, Fosdick and Belknap, of which he has been a member for many years, and from other corporations with which he is now connected and associations he now has.

In response to inquiry as to the significance of the election of Mr. Fosdick as president of both boards, it was stated that the General Education Board plans to

expend increasing amounts of its principal funds over a period of years; this may finally result in their complete exhaustion. Meanwhile, to avoid any overlapping in the activities of the two boards, it seemed wise to have one administrator for both.

In accepting Dr. Mason's resignation, the trustees of the Rockefeller Foundation expressed its deep appreciation of his services during the six years of his incumbency. He assumed the administrative burden at a time when, due to the consolidation of a number of programs in the Rockefeller Foundation, the organization was confronted with new and heavy responsibilities. It is said that under his leadership these programs in the various fields of knowledge have been brought together into a single unity, and harmonized in relation to a common objective, *i.e.*, the problem of human behavior.

RECENT DEATHS AND MEMORIALS

DR. HOWARD MCCLENAHAN, since 1925 secretary of the Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, previously professor of physics and dean of the college at Princeton University, died on December 17, at the age of sixty-three years.

PROFESSOR ARTHUR TAYLOR ROWE, associate dean and head of the department of prosthetics of the School of Dental and Oral Surgery of Columbia University, and Dr. Paul B. Wiberg, associate professor of dentistry, were shot and killed, and Dr. William H. Crawford, associate professor, wounded, on December 13. The assassin, Victor Koussow, a handyman in the laboratory, a Russian emigré who is assumed to have been insane, then killed himself.

DR. FREDERICK ROBERT ZEIT, professor of pathology of Northwestern University Medical School, died in Coronado, Calif., on December 5 at the age of seventy-one years. Dr. Zeit had been a member of the faculty for thirty-seven years.

DR. LEOPOLDO A. FAUSTINO, assistant director of the Philippine Bureau of Science, died on November 8. He was forty-three years old.

Nature reports the death of Professor Jakob Schetelig, professor of mineralogy and geology in the University of Oslo.

A MEMORIAL service in honor of the late Dr. Henry Fairfield Osborn was held at St. Bartholomew's Church, New York City, on December 18. Addresses were delivered by Dr. James Rowland Angell, president of Yale University; Dr. Harold Willis Dodds, president of Princeton University, and Dr. Henry Sloane Coffin, president of Union Theological Seminary.

A MEMORIAL lecture, sponsored by the University of