

U. S. Biological Survey: Appointed for a study of the embryology and the reproductive cycles of various South American mammals.

Dr. Michael Heidelberger, associate professor of biological chemistry, Columbia University, and chemist to the Medical Service of the Presbyterian Hospital, New York City: Appointed for studies of the mechanism of immune reactions. (Renewal.)

Dr. Morris Moore, research fellow in mycology and dermatology, The Barnard Free Skin and Cancer Hospital, St. Louis, Mo.: Appointed for a comparative study of the life-cycles of certain disease-producing fungi of North and South America. (Renewal.)

Dr. Donald McLean Purdy, assistant professor of psychology, University of Maine: Appointed for a study of European functional psychology.

Dr. Marshall H. Stone, associate professor of mathematics, Harvard University: Appointed for research in mathematics, in particular in the field of the theory of linear representation in abstract space.

Dr. Lloyd Raymond Watson, professor of chemistry and director of research, Alfred University: Appointed for research toward the development of new and improved types of honey-bees.

Dr. George Willard Wheland, research fellow in chemistry, California Institute of Technology: Appointed for quantum mechanical investigation into the structure of organic molecules in collaboration with European authorities, and the gathering of material for a monograph on the same subject.

Dr. Perry William Wilson, assistant professor of bacteriology and chemistry, University of Wisconsin: Appointed for research into the problem of the fixation of nitrogen by bacteria, in consultation with European authorities.

THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE MILBANK MEMORIAL FUND

MORE than eighty leaders in public health, medicine and social work, connected with various federal, state, county and municipal services, educational institutions, voluntary agencies and other organizations, assembled on March 26 for the annual conference of the Milbank Memorial Fund at the New York Academy of Medicine. Dr. Livingston Farrand, president of Cornell University, a director of the foundation, presided.

The "next steps in public health" were discussed by one of the round-table groups. There was consideration of possible public activity in the prevention of cancer, pneumonia, diabetes, mental diseases, maternal and neonatal mortality, heart diseases and industrial hazards. This group was to have been presided over by Edgar Sydenstricker, scientific director of the fund, who died on March 19. Professor C.-E. A. Winslow, of the Yale University School of Medicine, took his place on the program. A round-table group under the chairmanship of Dr. George T. Palmer, deputy commissioner of health of the City of New

York, discussed scientific methods of evaluating the effectiveness of specific health procedures and of measuring health services in relation to the needs of particular communities. A round-table on population studies was presided over by Professor Robert E. Chaddock, of Columbia University. On Friday afternoon the chairmen of these three groups presented reports of the discussions before the conference as a whole.

The Milbank Fund's annual dinner to its boards of counsel was given on the second evening. The speakers were: Albert G. Milbank, president of the foundation; Dr. Livingston Farrand, Professor C.-E. A. Winslow and Thomas I. Parkinson, president of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States.

Others scheduled to take part in the two-day conference include: Reginald M. Atwater, secretary, American Public Health Association; E. L. Bishop, director of health, Tennessee Valley Authority; Henry D. Chadwick, Massachusetts State Commissioner of Public Health; Miss Dorothy Deming, R.N., general director, National Organization for Public Health Nursing; Louis I. Dublin, third vice-president of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company; Kendall Emerson, managing director, National Tuberculosis Association; Charles E. Farr, president, Medical Society of the County of New York; Miss Elizabeth Fox, R.N., superintendent, Visiting Nurse Association, New Haven; John A. Hartwell, director, The New York Academy of Medicine; Charles J. Hatfield, executive director, Henry Phipps Institute, Philadelphia; Clarence Hineks, general director, National Committee for Mental Hygiene; J. H. Janney, Jr., health officer of Anne Arundel County, Maryland; Miss Katharine F. Lenroot, chief, United States Children's Bureau; H. S. Mustard, of the School of Hygiene and Public Health, the Johns Hopkins University; The Honorable Thomas Parran, Jr., Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service; Raymond Pearl, professor of biology, the Johns Hopkins University; Eugene H. Pool, president, the New York Academy of Medicine; the Honorable John L. Rice, New York City Commissioner of Health; William F. Snow, general director, American Social Hygiene Association; Frederic E. Sondern, president, Medical Society of the State of New York; Raymond Squier, executive secretary, National Committee on Maternal Health; John S. Sundwall, director, division of hygiene and public health, University of Michigan; the Honorable Henry F. Vaughan, City Commissioner of Health, Detroit; P. K. Whelpton, Scripps Foundation for Research in Population Problems, Miami University, and John Wyckoff, dean, University and Bellevue Hospital Medical College.