

celebrated on April 29 when a convocation was held in which speakers representing faculty, alumni and the university administration participated.

The alumni cooperated in making the celebration a success by holding special smokers and gatherings in various sections of the country. The first of these was held in New York City on April 24, when former Governor Alfred E. Smith, president of the board of trustees; Senator J. Henry Walters and George W. Sisson, also members of the board; Chancellor Charles W. Flint, Dean Samuel N. Spring and Dr. Hugh P. Baker, now president of Massachusetts State Agricultural College, were the speakers.

The institution opened in 1911 with the registration of fifty-two students. Dean William L. Bray, now head of the Graduate School at Syracuse University, was in charge for the first and part of the second semesters. The school at that time occupied a corner in the basement of Lyman Hall when Dr. Hugh P. Baker was brought from Penn State Forest School to take charge. He placed the college on a solid foundation and laid plans for its future development which have been largely fulfilled under his administration and that of the late Dean Franklin Moon. A large building was erected on the campus by state appropriations and occupied in 1917. Another building was constructed for housing the scientific departments and occupied in 1932.

In the meantime the college has grown from a class of fifty-two students to an enrolment of nearly 500 with two modern college buildings and several separate completely equipped laboratories at Syracuse and a large school building housing fifty Ranger School students at Cranberry Lake. During these years the college has acquired approximately 20,000 acres of forest lands in various sections of the state while the teaching staff, including the Ranger School, has grown from two to forty-seven.

#### GIFT OF THE GENERAL EDUCATION BOARD TO THE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, NEW YORK CITY

THE General Education Board, founded by John D. Rockefeller, has appropriated the sum of three million dollars to the Memorial Hospital for the Treatment of Cancer and Allied Diseases. With this sum there will be erected a twelve-story hospital building adjacent to the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, the New York Hospital and the Cornell University Medical College. The property on which the new hospital will be built is bounded by York and First Avenues and by Sixty-seventh and Sixty-eighth Streets. It is expected that ground for the project will be broken next autumn and that the building will be completed within a year.

Harry Pelham Robbins, president of the hospital, in his statement announcing the gift said:

This magnificent gift is a significant expression of the vision and generous spirit of the General Education Board and John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

It will create in North America for the first time a modern cancer institute even more broadly organized than those already existing in Rome, Milan and Buenos Aires. The scope of the project stirs the imagination.

Title to the property on which the hospital will be built is held by the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, which it is said will transfer it to the hospital. The site, comprising three acres and valued in 1934 at \$900,000, was assembled, parcel by parcel, several years ago by Mr. Rockefeller, Jr., who intended to turn it over to the Memorial Hospital as soon as the institution could raise the funds for a building. The depression made it impossible for the Memorial Hospital, with a deficit of \$50,000, to do this. In December, 1934, Mr. Rockefeller, Jr., gave the property to the institute.

The main building will house the service, administrative, laboratory, out-patient, ward and private patient facilities. There will be a nurses' home and, at some future time, a unit to handle advanced cases. Garden areas will be placed in the center of the block.

The present institution has only 110 beds, yet it accepted 3,200 patients for treatment last year and there are now more than 11,000 active cases under the care of the hospital. There is a daily average of 325 patients coming to the hospital and its nine clinics and x-ray and radium departments. Nearly 96,000 out-patient visits were made last year. About one third of the work of the hospital is free.

Memorial Hospital was founded in 1884 by Mr. and Mrs. John Jacob Astor and Elizabeth Hamilton Culum.

#### RECENT DEATHS AND MEMORIALS

DR. KARL PEARSON, emeritus professor of eugenics and formerly director of the Francis Galton Laboratory for National Eugenics at the University of London, died on April 27. He was seventy-nine years old.

PROFESSOR IRVING ALLSTON PALMER, head of the department of metallurgy of the Colorado School of Mines at Golden, died on April 29. He was seventy years old.

DR. GEORGE ELLSWORTH DAWSON, director of the psychological laboratory, Public Schools, Springfield, Massachusetts, died on April 21 at the age of seventy-four years.

WILLIAM B. VARNUM, who recently resigned as