

or experimental pathology under suitable direction in England. Research expenses will be provided in addition to stipend.

#### EXTENSION OF THE WORK OF THE U. S. WEATHER BUREAU

UNDER a special research grant provided from funds available under the Bankhead-Jones Act, an investigation of the structure of polar continental air and the development of cold waves in North America will be undertaken by the Weather Bureau. This will include twice-daily airplane observations at Fairbanks, Alaska, from September 15, 1936, to March 14, 1937. In addition, there will be made at Fairbanks, Alaska, and Fargo, N. Dak., detailed terrestrial radiation measurements. The Canadian Meteorological Service is endeavoring to establish an airplane observation station during the same period at Fort Smith, Northwest Territory, Canada, in the Mackenzie River Basin. The latter observations will considerably enhance the value of the project.

An increase in appropriations for the current fiscal year makes possible an extension of the fire-weather service of the Weather Bureau, mostly in western districts. It is contemplated that new fire-weather trucks will be purchased for mobile forecasting units similar to the one which has been used in California since 1929. The trucks are to be equipped with radio receivers and transmitters, meteorological instruments, charting facilities, camping equipment, etc. Two men, a forecaster and a radio operator, will travel with each truck to the site of large-going forest fires, where they will set up the equipment and prepare weather maps from signals and reports received by radio and over Forest Service telephone lines. Detailed forecasts and warnings are issued from this truck unit for the immediate use of forestry officials in charge of fire-fighting crews. The new truck units will be stationed, respectively, at Missoula, Mont., serving Idaho and Montana, and at Portland, Ore., serving Oregon, except the extreme southwest portion, and at Mount Shasta, Calif., serving northern California and a section of southwestern Oregon. First order stations of the Weather Bureau, for fire-weather purposes only, are being opened at Pasadena and Mount Shasta, Calif.

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#### THE ARMY MEDICAL LIBRARY

At the thirty-eighth annual meeting of the Medical Library Association the following resolutions were adopted recommending the appropriation of adequate funds for the maintenance and growth of the Army Medical Library's Book Collection and Index-catalogue.

The Medical Library Association, comprising two hundred of the medical libraries of the United States and Canada, assembled in its thirty-eighth annual session in St. Paul, June 22, 1936, notes with pleasure and pride the appearance of volume one of the fourth series of the "Index-catalogue" of the Library of the Surgeon-General's Office, United States Army (Army Medical Library). The association records with satisfaction the abbreviations and changes in composition in this new volume effecting a saving of twenty per cent. in space with accompanying reduction in cost.

After a delay of three years during which no volumes of this catalogue were printed, the appearance of this first volume of the fourth series gives renewed assurance of the continuation of this publication, which, together with the Army Medical Library, is considered the outstanding contribution which our country and its government have made to medical knowledge, and,

WHEREAS, The value and usefulness of the "Index-catalogue" is dependent upon the completeness of the files of medical publications contained in the Library of the Surgeon-General's Office—a public, national, medical library, the greatest in the world, serving in its present form of administration with satisfaction the medical profession and the medical libraries of our country, and,

WHEREAS, In recent years the annual appropriation of the Congress has been wholly inadequate to provide sufficient funds to acquire the current medical books and periodicals issued throughout the world, so that they might be available for use throughout the country and for inclusion in the "Index-catalogue;" therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Medical Library Association urges the Congress to appropriate annually to the Library of the Surgeon-General's Office an adequate sum for current medical books and periodicals and for the purchase of back publications lost during those recent years when the amount granted was grossly inadequate, thus depreciating the completeness and usefulness of the library's collection; and an additional sufficient sum annually, for as many years as may be required, in order to make for the greatest possible completeness of the collection and its catalogue; and, be it further

*Resolved*, That a sum be appropriated annually to defray the cost of printing regularly each year not less than one volume of the "Index-catalogue;" and, be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the annual meeting of this association and sent to the President of the United States, the presiding officer of both houses of Congress, the Secretary of War, the Surgeon-General of the Army, and to the national, state and other medical periodicals with a request for publication, and to the members of this association, urging the organization of which they are a part and all other medical associations and institutions to adopt similar resolutions to be sent to their local members of Congress requesting their support of these measures.