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# SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HOSPITALS OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

THE executive committee of the Research Council of the Department of Hospitals of New York City at a recent meeting voted grants amounting to \$7,875 for studies to be carried on in the Research Division of Chronic Disease, now functioning on Welfare Island, New York.

At the meeting, Dr. S. S. Goldwater, commissioner of hospitals, announced the completed organization of the scientific personnel, which includes:

*Research Director*, Dr. David Seegal, assistant professor in medicine, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University.

*Clinical Associate*, Dr. Arthur J. Patek, Jr., associate in medicine, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University.

*Research Associate in Immuno-Chemistry*, Dr. Forrest E. Kendall, assistant professor in biochemistry, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University.

*Research Fellow*, Dr. Dickinson W. Richards, Jr., assistant professor in medicine, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University.

*Research Fellow*, Dr. Kenneth B. Turner, associate in medicine, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University.

*Resident in Research Medicine*, Dr. Alfred Steiner, instructor in medicine, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University.

*Resident in Research Medicine*, Dr. James S. Mansfield, instructor in medicine, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University.

Studies which the Research Council is promoting include the following:

The mechanism of arteriosclerosis by Dr. Kenneth B. Turner and Dr. Alfred Steiner.

Pulmonary emphysema and fibrosis by Dr. Dickinson W. Richards and Dr. James S. Mansfield.

Cirrhosis of liver and hypertension by Dr. Arthur J. Patek, Jr.

The rôle of infection in chronic diseases with particular reference to chronic nephritis by Dr. David Seegal. Chronic arthritis by Dr. Forrest E. Kendall and Dr. Martin Henry Dawson.

The Research Council of the Department of Hospitals was organized last year to stimulate scientific research in chronic diseases. Grants made by the council supplement the grant of \$25,000 per annum

made by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for research work.

The officers of the Research Council for the current year are:

Marshall Field, *Chairman*; Dr. John A. Hartwell, *Vice-chairman*; Dr. Bernard Sachs, *Treasurer*, and Dr. S. S. Goldwater, *Secretary*.

The Scientific Advisory Committee includes:

Dr. Alfred E. Cohn, Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research.

Dr. Eugene L. Opie, professor of pathology, Cornell University Medical School.

Dr. W. W. Palmer, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University.

Dr. Alphonse R. Dochez, attending physician, Presbyterian Hospital.

Dr. Douglas Symmers, director of the Division of Laboratories of the Department of Hospitals.

Dr. William H. Park, director of Laboratories emeritus of the Department of Health.

Dr. Martin Henry Dawson is president of the Medical Board of the Research Division.

## CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE AMERICAN PATENT SYSTEM

A CELEBRATION of the one hundredth anniversary of the American patent system will be held at the Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D. C., on November 23. At the invitation of Secretary Daniel C. Roper, of the Department of Commerce, Dr. Charles F. Kettering, of the General Motors Research Corporation, consented to be chairman of the committee in charge. The following program has been arranged:

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES AUDITORIUM—  
10:00 A.M.

“Importance of Inventions to Civilization,” by Dr. Harrison E. Howe, editor, *Industrial and Engineering Chemistry*.

“The American Patent System,” by Thomas Ewing, a former commissioner of patents.

“The Great Inventions of the Century,” by Dean Dexter S. Kimball, College of Engineering, Cornell University.

“This is Not the End—Looking Toward the Future of Invention,” by Robert E. Wilson, vice-chairman, Pan American Petroleum and Transport Company.

2:00 P.M.

“Research Parade”—Demonstrations of scientific and technical principles and achievements which have not yet materialized into industrial applications.