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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.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AUDITORIUM—4:00 P.M.  
Patent Office Society dedication ceremony.

DINNER PROGRAM—MAYFLOWER HOTEL

“Patented” Dinner.  
“Mother Necessity,” by the New York Theater Guild,  
Lawrence Langner, director.  
Address by the Honorable Daniel C. Roper, Secretary  
of Commerce.  
Address by the Honorable Conway P. Coe, Commis-  
sioner of Patents.  
Toastmaster’s address—Dr. Charles F. Kettering.  
Radio program.

MAYFLOWER HOTEL BALLROOM

Patent Office Society dance.

RECENT DEATHS AND MEMORIALS

HENRY MINER EAKIN, director of the section of hydrodynamics of the Soil Conservation Service of the Department of Agriculture, died on October 20. He was fifty-three years old.

DR. LOWELL C. LLOYD, of the department of zoology

of the University of Washington, died on October 7 at the age of thirty-two years.

PROFESSOR WILLIAM ARTHUR PARKS, formerly head of the department of geology and paleontology of the University of Toronto, and director of the Royal Ontario Museum of Paleontology, has died in his sixty-ninth year.

WILLIAM SOLLAS, for thirty-nine years professor of geology at the University of Oxford, died on October 22 at the age of eighty-seven years.

THE *Journal* of the American Medical Association states that a fund that it is hoped will amount to \$100,000 is being solicited by Northwestern University to establish a foundation in memory of Dr. Howard Taylor Ricketts, who graduated from the Medical School in 1897 and who died in 1910 from typhus fever incurred in Mexico while engaged in a study of its mode of transmission. Dr. Ricketts was later associate professor in pathology and bacteriology at the University of Chicago. In 1910, the year of his death, he accepted an appointment as professor of pathology at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

THE American Public Health Association at its meeting in New Orleans awarded the Sedgwick Memorial Medal for distinguished service in public health to Dr. Frederick F. Russell, lecturer in preventive medicine and public health in the Harvard Medical School and in the Harvard School of Public Health, formerly director of the International Health Division of the Rockefeller Foundation.

BRONZE medals were presented to Dr. William J. Mayo and Dr. Charles H. Mayo at the twenty-first annual banquet of the Interstate Post-Graduate Medical Assembly of North America at St. Paul, Minn., on October 14. The presentation was made by Dr. David Riesman, of the University of Pennsylvania, president of the association.

THE University of Edinburgh conferred on September 17 the degree of doctor of laws on Dr. William Bowie, chief of the division of geodesy of the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey. Dr. Bowie was attending the meeting of the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics at Edinburgh, of which he was president, when he received the degree.

PROFESSOR JOEL H. HILDEBRAND, of the department of chemistry of the University of California, has returned from abroad. He gave in September one of the introductory papers before the meeting of the Faraday Society at the University of Edinburgh.

During his visit to Edinburgh he was elected to honorary life membership in the Chemical Society of the university.

DR. NORMAN L. BOWEN, petrologist of the Geophysical Laboratory of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, was recently elected a member of the German Academy of Science at Halle. Presentation of the diploma was made by the German Ambassador on October 14, at a luncheon given at the German Embassy in Washington.

AT the recent celebration of the centennial of Mark Hopkins at Williams College the degree of doctor of laws was conferred among others on President James R. Angell, of Yale University; President Karl T. Compton, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; President Livingston Farrand, of Cornell University; President Lotus D. Coffman, of the University of Minnesota, and President Mildred Helen McAfee, of Wellesley College.

PUBLIC celebrations were held on October 15 in Lynn and Detroit marking the fiftieth anniversary of the development of electrical resistance welding by Dr. Elihu Thomson. He was represented at Detroit by his son, Malcolm Thomson, a welding expert at the Lynn River Works of the General Electric Company, who read greetings from Dr. Thomson to the Detroit section of the American Welding Society. Following the