

February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and thirty-eight, and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and sixty-second.

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Stamps bearing pictures of American wild animals and birds, designed by Jay N. ("Ding") Darling, cartoonist, already have gone on sale throughout the nation.

AWARD OF THE MEDAL OF THE NEW YORK ACADEMY OF MEDICINE

At the stated meeting of the New York Academy of Medicine on the evening of March 3 the medal of the academy was presented to Dr. Béla Schick, discoverer of the Schick test in 1913, on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the publication of his work on immunity in diphtheria. Dr. James Alexander Miller, president of the academy, made the presentation. He spoke as follows:

To you, Dr. Béla Schick, the Council of the New York Academy of Medicine has awarded the academy medal and upon this occasion I have the privilege of presenting this medal to you.

This is a well deserved honor.

Since you received your medical degree, in 1900, at the Karl Franz University at Graz, Austria, you have devoted your energies not only to clinical medicine but also to medical investigation and to teaching.

As early as 1905 you, with Clemens von Pirquet, also a distinguished pupil of Theodore Escherich, published the classical monograph—*Serumkrankheit*. This not only gave the first description of serum sickness, but also

established fundamental principles of allergy. In 1912, with Escherich, you published the celebrated clinical monograph on scarlet fever. You had meanwhile promulgated the idea that post-scarlatinal diseases were allergic in nature. This is now a firmly established fact, of wide significance.

You have also made important studies of the nutrition of the newborn, of infantile tuberculosis, of metabolism in infectious diseases, as well as of other subjects.

It was in 1913 that you published the discovery which has given you the widest fame—the reaction which so justly carries your name. This was no chance observation, but was the result of careful studies carried on over a number of years.

Through this discovery you made it possible to determine who is and who is not susceptible to diphtheria, and this laid the basis for the present-day effective campaign of prevention against this dreaded disease. Your place is, therefore, amongst the great benefactors of mankind.

It is an honor to present to you the Medal of the New York Academy of Medicine upon this date, made notable by the fact that it is the twenty-fifth anniversary of the announcement of the Schick reaction.

Dr. Schick was born in Boglar, Hungary, on July 16, 1877, and was graduated from the medical school at Graz, Austria, in 1900. Since 1923 he has been pediatrician-in-chief at Mount Sinai Hospital. He is also clinical professor for diseases of children at Columbia University, pediatrician in chief at the Sea View Hospital and consulting pediatrician at the Willard Parker Hospital and the New York Infirmary for Women and Children.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

THE Kelvin Medal Award Committee has awarded the Kelvin Medal for 1938 to Sir Joseph J. Thomson, master of Trinity College, Cambridge, in recognition of the eminent services he has rendered to engineering science. The presentation will be made by Lord Rayleigh at the Great Hall of the Institution of Civil Engineers on May 3.

THE University of Oxford will confer the degree of doctor of medicine on four newly appointed Nuffield professors. They are H. W. B. Sairns, R. R. Macintosh, J. Chassar Moir and J. A. Gunn, Nuffield professors of surgery, anesthetics, obstetrics and gynecology and therapeutics, respectively.

At a special convocation on February 21 at the University of Manitoba, presided over by Sidney E. Smith, president of the university, the doctorate of laws was conferred on Dr. E. V. McCollum, professor of biochemistry and head of the department at the School of Hygiene and Public Health of the Johns Hopkins University, in recognition of his contributions

to medical science. Premier John Bracken represented the Manitoba Government at the ceremony.

DR. HOWARD A. KELLY, professor of gynecology, emeritus, at the Johns Hopkins University, the only surviving member of the group that was instrumental in the founding of the Medical School, celebrated his eightieth birthday on February 20.

A DINNER in honor of Howard S. Warren, director of the protection development department of the Bell Telephone Laboratories, was given by his associates on March 2 in observance of his sixty-fifth birthday. On this occasion he was presented with a bronze desk set. Mr. Warren retires at the end of the present month, having served the Bell Telephone System for thirty-nine years.

DR. W. A. SETCHELL, professor of botany, emeritus, at the University of California, has been elected a foreign member of the Royal Society of Science and Arts of Göteborg, Sweden.

DR. ULYSSES P. HEDRICK, who retired as director of the State Agricultural Experiment Station at Geneva, N. Y., on January 15, has been elected honorary president for life of the New York State Horticultural Society, of which he is a past president.

AMONG honorary members elected on February 22 by the British Institute of Civil Engineers are Sir Robert Elliott-Cooper, consulting engineer and senior past president of the institute, and Sir Frank Smith, secretary of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research.

THE Cesare Lombroso prize for criminal anthropology has been awarded to Dr. Luigi Vervaeck, director of the service of criminal anthropology in Belgium.

DR. FRANZ VOLHARD, professor of internal medicine at Frankfurt, has recently been awarded the Billroth medal by the Medical Association of Vienna.

WHEELER McMILLEN, an authority in agriculture and the editorial director of *The Country Home*, has been elected to succeed the late Francis P. Garvan as president of the National Farm Chemurgic Council. Willard H. Dow, president of the Dow Chemical Company, has been elected vice-president representing industry.

THE Metropolitan Dairy Technology Society recently elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Dr. J. H. Shrader, *president*; Dr. C. H. Kimberly, *vice-president*; Dr. O. F. Garrett, *secretary-treasurer*, and D. F. Snyder, *sergeant-at-arms*. The society meets on the fourth Tuesday evening of every month in the McGraw-Hill Building, New York City.

THE council of the Royal Society has appointed Dr. M. C. G. Israels, assistant director of the department of clinical investigation in the Manchester Royal Infirmary, to a Foulerton research fellowship. Dr. Israels proposes to work on the nature and causes of blood disorders and allied conditions.

ACCORDING to *Nature*, Ramsay memorial fellowships for the year 1937-38 have been awarded to: A. E. Alexander, a British fellowship of £300, tenable for two years, at the University of Cambridge; T. P. Hughes, a British fellowship of £300, tenable for one year, at the University of Cambridge; Dr. E. de Salas, a fellowship of £300, tenable for one year, at University College, London; Dr. E. C. Stathis, a Greek fellowship, tenable at University College, London; Hazime Oosaka, a Japanese fellowship, tenable for two years, at University College, London; Dr. M. C. F. Beukers, a Netherland fellowship of £300, tenable for one year, at the Imperial College of Science and Technology, London; Dr. J. J. Hermans, a Netherland fellowship, tenable at University College, London. The

Glasgow fellowship held by Dr. R. R. Gordon at University College, London, has been renewed.

The British Medical Journal reports that the following awards have been made to medical men from the fund placed at the disposal of the Secretary of State for the Colonies by the trustees of the Carnegie Corporation for the purpose of enabling selected officers of the Colonial Service to undertake special courses of study: Dr. C. J. Austin (medical superintendent, Central Leper Station, Makongai, Fiji), for the study of leprosy in Egypt, India, Malaya and the Philippine Islands; Dr. W. B. R. Jones (medical officer, Nevis, Leeward Islands), for a course in general surgery at the University of Edinburgh; Dr. A. H. Lowther (Malayan Medical Service), for studies in ophthalmology in Europe, India and Egypt.

THE Rockefeller Foundation of New York has continued for another five years its support of the radiobiological investigations of Professors A. Kluyver, of Delft, and L. S. Ornstein, of Utrecht.

DR. RICHARD E. SCAMMON, "distinguished service professor" in the Graduate School of the University of Minnesota, who retired as dean of the medical sciences in 1935, recently was reported incorrectly in *SCIENCE* as having been appointed chairman of the Minnesota Drainage Basin Committee. W. W. Horner is chairman of this committee and Dr. Scammon is chairman of the Minnesota representatives on the Drainage Basin Committee.

THE fourth International Leprosy Conference will be held in Cairo, Egypt, from March 21 to 31, under the auspices of the International Leprosy Association. The *Journal* of the American Medical Association reports that the following delegation will represent the United States: Drs. Hermon E. Hasseltine, Carville, La., *chairman*; Victor G. Heiser, New York, president of the International Leprosy Association; Herbert W. Wade, Culion, P. I., medical director of the Leonard Wood Memorial (American Leprosy Foundation) and editor of the *International Journal of Leprosy*; Jose Rodriguez, of the Philippine Health Service, Manila, P. I.; James A. Doull, of Western Reserve University; George M. Saunders, director of the epidemiological department of the Leonard Wood Memorial; Perry Burgess, New York, president of the Leonard Wood Memorial, and Emory Ross, general secretary of the American Mission to Lepers. The group sailed from New York on March 1.

DR. LAURENCE E. DODD, associate professor of physics at the University of California at Los Angeles, has returned from Europe, where he spent six months' leave of absence. During this time he visited universities, technical institutes, research institutes, research

laboratories and libraries in England, France, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Belgium and Holland.

DR. HERBERT S. GASSER, director of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, New York, delivered the eleventh William Snow Miller Lecture on March 8 at the University of Wisconsin under the auspices of the Phi Beta Pi Medical Fraternity and the Medical Society of the University of Wisconsin. He spoke on "The History of Electrophysiology." Dr. Miller will be eighty years old on March 29.

DR. WENDELL M. STANLEY, associate member of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research at Princeton University, will deliver the sixth Harvey Society lecture of the current series at the New York Academy of Medicine on March 17. Dr. Stanley will speak on "The Isolation and Properties of Tobacco Mosaic and Other Virus Proteins."

DR. EDWARD L. THORNDIKE, director of the division of psychology of the Institute of Educational Research of Teachers College, Columbia University, lectured on March 9 before the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. His address was entitled "Great Abilities: their Causation, Discovery and Utilization."

DR. ROBERT CHAMBERS, research professor of biology at New York University, lectured on March 5 before the Royal Canadian Institute, Toronto, on "The Living Cell as an Architectural Unit of the Body." He also lectured on March 7 before the Aesculapian Society, at Queen's University, Kingston, on "Cellular Activities."

DR. A. STAMPAR, formerly director of health of Yugoslavia, delivered the De Lamar lecture on hygiene at the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health on March 3. The subject of the lecture was "International Health Work."

DR. WINFRED OVERHOLSER, recently appointed superintendent of Saint Elizabeth's Hospital, Washington, D. C., delivered the Smith-Reed-Russell lecture at the School of Medicine, George Washington University, on February 24. A large luncheon in honor of Dr. Overholser was given by Dean Earl B. McKinley at the Cosmos Club following the lecture at which faculty members, representatives of the medical services of the Army, Navy and Public Health Service and invited guests from Baltimore and New York attended. Announcement of the appointment of Dr. Overholser to fill the chair of psychiatry, vacated recently by the death of Dr. William Alanson White, was made. He will assume his duties as professor of psychiatry and executive officer of the Department of Psychiatry with the opening of the fall session in September, 1938.

PROFESSOR EDWIN GRANT CONKLIN, of Princeton University, executive vice-president of the American

Philosophical Society, will speak at the Founders' Day celebration of Randolph-Macon Woman's College on March 12, when the recently completed Fernando Wood Martin Science Building will be dedicated. Dr. Mary Sherrill, professor of chemistry at Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, Mass., an alumna, will also speak at the dedicatory exercises. The building, a memorial to the late Fernando Wood Martin, who was the first professor of chemistry at the college, has been erected at a cost of \$200,000. It was made possible by a gift from the General Education Board of New York, supplemented by contributions from faculty, alumnae, students and friends.

A SYMPOSIUM entitled "The Impact of Science on Every-day Life" will be held at the Harvard Club of New York City on March 11. President Conant will open the program by outlining the subject and will close it with a talk on "A Common Denominator." The other speakers and their subjects will be: Dean Wallace B. Donham, of the Graduate School of Business Administration, "The Front Office Watches the Laboratory"; Professor George W. Pierce, director of the Cruft Memorial Laboratory, "The Laboratory Works On, but Ponders"; Professor Harlow Shapley, director of the Astronomical Observatory, "A Telescopic View." President Conant will act as moderator in a question period following the symposium.

A MATHEMATICAL colloquium, similar to those held in 1926, 1930 and 1934, will be held at the University of St. Andrews, Scotland, from July 4 to July 15, under the auspices of the Edinburgh Mathematical Society. Short courses of lectures will be given on topics of pure and applied mathematics. Members will have the opportunity of attending a meeting of the Royal Society of Edinburgh on July 4. Those wishing further information in regard to the colloquium should apply to the Secretary, Edinburgh Mathematical Society, 16 Chambers Street, Edinburgh 1.

THE department of geology and geography at Smith College is sponsoring a series of lectures and conferences during the second semester of the current academic year. The series was opened on February 8 by Wallace W. Atwood, Jr., of Clark University, who spoke on "The Physiographic History of the Rocky Mountain Region." On March 2 Sydney H. Ball lectured on "The Diamond." A. C. Swinnerton, of Antioch College, will discuss "The Problems of Limestone Terranes" in conferences to be held on April 7 and 8. The series will be concluded on April 26 by Richard Foster Flint, of Yale University, who will present the results of four seasons of field research on the "Tertiary and Pleistocene Geology of the Columbia Plateau."