

General discussion will follow the presentation of each set of recommendations.

An additional feature of the meeting will be an actual demonstration of the performance of the Eagle, Hinton, Kahn, Kline, and Kolmer tests by the originators of these procedures.

Those interested in obtaining further information should write to the Surgeon General, U. S. Public Health Service, Washington, D. C.

THE DEPARTMENT OF NEUROPSYCHIATRY AT WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, ST. LOUIS

A NEW department of neuropsychiatry that will conduct an intensive study of mental and nervous diseases in the hospitals and clinics affiliated with the Medical School of Washington University, St. Louis, has been made possible by a grant of \$150,000 from the Rockefeller Foundation. Three professors have been appointed, each of whom will direct a division of the department. Dr. David M. Rioch, associate professor of anatomy at the Harvard Medical School, will become professor of neurology and administrative head of the department; Dr. John C. Whitehorn, director of the laboratories at McLean Hospital, Boston, will be professor of psychiatry, and Dr. Carlyle F. Jacobsen, assistant professor of psychology at the Cornell University Medical School and psychiatrist in the Payne Whitney Clinic, will be professor of medical psychology. Dr. Sidney I. Schwab, professor of clinical neurology and for many years head of the department in the Medical School, will continue his work in the new department, as will other members of the present staff.

In a statement issued by Dr. Philip A. Shaffer, dean of the Medical School, he said in part:

The establishment of this department is one more major step toward the creation in St. Louis of a great medical center of which the School of Medicine is the nucleus. During the past twenty-five years there has grown up a group of affiliated hospitals and departments of the medical school which collectively have become widely known as a leading center for medical research and teaching and for the practice of progressive methods of medical treatment. With the generous aid of a number of donors from this community, supplemented by large gifts from the Rockefeller Foundation and its affiliated General Education Board, one department after another has been put upon a sound basis, staffed by a corps of competent specialists, most of whom devote their full time to teaching and research. The essential departments concerned with the study of bodily structure and function, and with the application of this information to disease, have been provided.

Realizing the importance of greater progress in this direction the Rockefeller Foundation is now devoting a

portion of its large resources to an intensive study of nervous and mental disease. Several of the foremost medical schools, of which Washington University is one, have received grants from the foundation for this purpose. One reason why the Rockefeller Foundation has selected the Washington University School of Medicine as a center for a development in neuropsychiatry is the notable achievements already made in this Medical School in the study of the mechanism of nervous impulses and the behavior of the nervous system. Largely as a result of fundamental and widely known work done some years ago by Dr. Joseph Erlanger, professor of physiology, and Dr. Herbert S. Gasser, then professor of pharmacology and now the director of the Rockefeller Institute, many other members of the staff have become active in this very difficult field, and in consequence the Medical School is now regarded as a principal center for the study of nerve physiology. Besides Dr. Erlanger, Drs. George Bishop, James O'Leary, Peter Heinbecker, H. T. Graham, F. O. Schmitt and their associates have made notable contributions to this subject.

IN HONOR OF PROFESSOR SCHUCHERT

To mark the eightieth birthday of Professor Charles Schuchert, professor of paleontology emeritus in Yale University, his former students have presented to the Peabody Museum of Natural History a portrait of him painted by Professor Deane Keller, of the Yale School of the Fine Arts. Although the actual birthday date is July 3, the presentation of the portrait to the museum took place on June 17, in order that more of his students and his colleagues might be present. The portrait represents him in an attitude that will be familiar to his students, seated at a table, with a fossil brachiopod in one hand and in the other a small hand lens that he has used for many years. In the background are shelves of books and on the wall one of his paleogeographic maps, showing the distribution of lands and seas at an early period in the earth's history.

At the presentation ceremony, which took place in the Hall of Man at the Peabody Museum, the speakers were introduced by Professor Carl O. Dunbar, who succeeded Professor Schuchert in the chair of paleontology and stratigraphy, and who took his doctorate under him in 1917. Following him, Professor William H. Twenhofel, of the University of Wisconsin, B.A., Yale, '08, Ph.D., '12, spoke of the personal relations between Professor Schuchert and his students, and at the close of his talk the portrait was presented to the museum. It will hang with those of George Peabody, founder of the museum; O. C. Marsh, professor of paleontology from 1866 to 1899, and Colonel George Gibbs, whose mineral collection was one of the earliest to be acquired by the museum. The portrait was accepted by Dr. Albert Eide Parr, director of the museum.