

to be awarded to suitable candidates desiring to enter the Royal School of Mines. Provision has also been made for two, and possibly for more, scholarships for students taking an honors course in oil technology.

The Appointments Board of the Imperial College, in an appendix to the report, states that the year was a record one for the employment of college-trained graduates. Of the 247 on the register of the board only 11 were unemployed at the end of the year, and unemployment had never been so low. A remarkable feature was the persistently small number of candidates from the Royal School of Mines during the past few years; as was the case last year, there had been very many more demands for men trained in mining, metallurgy, oil, etc., than could be met.

The total number of students during the year was 1,143, made up of 530 at the Royal College of Science, 123 at the Royal School of Mines, and 490 at the City and Guilds College.

In a review of research development during the year it is reported that the Rockefeller Foundation has made an appropriation of a sum not exceeding £12,000 for researches on vitamins, sterols and related compounds, under the direction of the professor of organic chemistry, during the seven years to September 30, 1945. New subjects of research being investigated with the assistance of outside bodies included infestation of stored grain and grain products by insects, wear problems, investigation of thin carcinogenic films, combustion characteristics of coal dust and diseases of spring lettuce.

#### LECTURES TO THE LAITY OF THE NEW YORK ACADEMY OF MEDICINE

THE Fifth Series of Lectures to the Laity sponsored by the New York Academy of Medicine opened on Thursday, November 30, with an address entitled "The Inheritance of Mental Disease" by Dr. Abraham Myerson, clinical professor of psychiatry at the Harvard Medical School. The presiding chairman was Dr. Malcolm Goodridge, president of the academy.

The lectures are given on Thursdays at 8:15 P.M. in the building of the academy at 2 East 103rd Street. Subsequent lectures will be as follows:

*December 28.* The Ascent from Bedlam, Richard H. Hutchings, M.D., professor of clinical psychiatry, emeritus, Syracuse University Medical College. "The remarkable growth of the mental hospital. Is mental disease increasing? New standards for mental health." *Presiding chairman*, A. A. Brill, M.D.

*January 25.* The Story of our Knowledge of the Blood, Paul Reznikoff, M.D., assistant professor of clinical medicine, Cornell University Medical College. "Blood has had a fascinating importance for humans since ancient times. The invention of the microscope, and modern knowledge of blood. The great medical significance of the

recent hematological discoveries." *Presiding chairman*, Lloyd F. Craver, M.D.

*February 29.* The Romance of Bronchoscopy. Chevalier Jackson, M.D., and Chevalier L. Jackson, M.D., professors of broncho-esophagology, Temple University School of Medicine, Philadelphia. "The bronchoscope, what it is, how it is used and what is seen through it will be demonstrated by lantern slides and motion pictures." *Presiding chairman*, Charles F. Tenney, M.D.

*March 28.* The Story of the Viruses, Thomas M. Rivers, M.D., director, the Hospital of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research. "The development of knowledge of viruses; an historical review, and an evaluation of that knowledge in relation to certain other biological facts." *Presiding chairman*, Wilbur A. Sawyer, M.D.

*April 25.* Chemical Warfare against Disease, Perlin H. Long, M.D., associate professor of medicine, the Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore. "It has been the hope of physicians for many years that chemical compounds would be available which would cure bacterial infections. Since the introduction of Prontosil, remarkable strides have been made in the treatment of bacterial infections with sulfanilamide or its derivatives. It now appears as though within time the majority of infectious diseases may be conquered by chemical products." *Presiding chairman*, William S. Ladd, M.D.

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