

pletion of the Natural Resources Building promises to begin a new chapter in the development of the state. It is equipped with the most modern facilities for research, with complete offices and laboratories, that will make it possible to pursue research investigations of the natural resources of Illinois that, although planned, until now have had to be postponed for want of adequate facilities.

The Mineral Industries Conference will begin with an open-house gathering on Thursday morning that will afford an opportunity for complete inspection of the new offices and laboratories of the Geological Survey. At noon there will be an all-mineral-industries luncheon followed in the afternoon by concurrent separate sessions on coal, oil and gas, clay and clay products, rock and rock products, and a symposium on "The Geology of the Devonian System" conducted jointly with the department of geology of the university. There will be a general mineral industries banquet on Thursday evening.

In honor of the dedication of the new building, the Industrial Minerals Division of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers will hold its autumn meeting in Urbana and its members will participate in the sessions on clay and rock products. The dedication ceremonies will take place on Friday afternoon under the auspices of the Board of Natural Resources and Conservation and the University Board of Trustees. Dr. Isaiah Bowman, president of the Johns Hopkins University, will give the dedication address.

The Natural History Survey, which shares the building with the Geological Survey, will also sponsor conferences for its allied groups, and they will join in the dedication. State officials will be present and also delegates from leading universities and research institutions of the country, and from various scientific and technical societies.

Following the ceremonies a reception will be held in the foyer of the Natural Resources Building and in the evening all groups will join in a dedication banquet.

NEW DISPENSARIES IN NEW YORK CITY

THE cornerstone laying ceremony at the Kings County Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y., of the third of a series of ten new modern dispensaries, planned by the Department of Hospitals for different sections of the city, was held on September 25. The speakers were: F. H. La Guardia, mayor of the City of New York; John Cashmore, president of the Borough of Brooklyn; Irving V. A. Huie, commissioner of the Department of Public Works; Dr. Walter A. Coakley, president of the Medical Board; Dr. Emanuel Giddings, medical superintendent, and Rev. Charles E. Schmidt, chaplain. Dr. S. S. Goldwater, who has now

retired as commissioner of the department of hospitals, presided.

The building for the dispensary, which will be erected at the cost of a million dollars, will be a five-story, steel-framed structure with concrete foundation and floors, and exterior walls of brick, trimmed with limestone with a granite base.

In a statement made by Dr. Goldwater he pointed out that legitimate demands for the services of the clinic by citizens unable to pay for private medical care continue to increase. As a sample of the increases that have been experienced at all the clinics, he said that at the Kings County Hospital clinic visits had increased from 163,638 in 1933, when the present quarters were first opened, to 358,072 in 1939. He said further:

The additional space which the new dispensary makes available will greatly facilitate the registration of patients, thereby avoiding the necessity of long hours of standing in line. Provision will be made for registration of double the present number of patients treated daily. Examining rooms will be provided where physicians in light, bright surroundings, unencumbered by the stress of overcrowding, will be able to give better service to the patients. The tuberculosis clinic, now housed in makeshift quarters in the tuberculosis pavilion of Kings County Hospital, will occupy quarters in the new dispensary which will provide a complete set-up for fluoroscopy and collapse therapy. The expanded social service division of the dispensary will provide more privacy and a more cheerful atmosphere for the solution of the many problems of clinic patients. In addition, it will provide more space for the adequate follow-up of venereal, fracture and luetic prenatal cases. Extensive equipment for x-ray and physical therapy will be provided in the building, thus relieving the strain on departments originally intended for hospital service only.

In the development of the dispensaries first relief was sought at Greenpoint Hospital, also in Brooklyn, where a modern building was opened in 1937. The second dispensary in the series was the Welfare Island (Consolidated) Dispensary at East End Avenue and 80th Street, Manhattan, which was opened on August 1 of this year and which serves patients of the three city hospitals on Welfare Island. Other new dispensaries or major additions to present services for the relief of indigent patients have been authorized and planned at Queens General Hospital in Jamaica, Coney Island and Cumberland Hospitals in Brooklyn, Lincoln and Morrisania Hospitals in the Bronx, and Harlem and Bellevue Hospitals in Manhattan.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE COLLEGE OF MEDICINE OF NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

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