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

THE sixth Series of Lectures to the Laity of the New York Academy of Medicine opened on November 14 with a lecture by Dr. Alan Gregg, director of the Medical Sciences of the Rockefeller Foundation, which was presided over by Dr. Malcolm Goodridge. Dr. Gregg pointed out that "the history of humanism shows that it began in protest at too much preoccupation with theology. The potential role of humanism to-day is to carry man, and especially the physician, beyond the limitations of natural science."

Other lectures in the series are as follows:

*December 12, 8:15 P.M.* Psychiatry and the Normal Life, by William Healy, M.D., director, Judge Baker Guidance Center, Boston. To what extent should the normal man be educated in psychiatric understandings for the sake of better management of himself and the advancement of civilization? *Presiding chairman*, Nolan D. C. Lewis, M.D.

*January 23, 8:15 P.M.* Paracelsus in the Light of Four Hundred Years, by Henry E. Sigerist, M.D., director of the Institute of History of Medicine, the Johns Hopkins University. Paracelsus was not only one of the greatest physicians of the Renaissance but also one of its great philosophers. His courageous and original approach to the problems of life and death, health and disease, physician and patient, gave him a unique position in the medical world and to-day, four hundred years after his death, he still brings us a significant message. *Presiding chairman*, Alfred E. Cohn, M.D.

*February 27, 8:15 P.M.* What We Do Know about Cancer, by Francis Carter Wood, M.D., director of Radio Therapeutic Department, St. Luke's Hospital, New York City. A review of the vast amount of research work on animals and of the clinical investigations of cancer, by the newer methods, which have yielded a large amount of knowledge, much of which is still unfamiliar to the layman. *Presiding chairman*, C. P. Rhoads, M.D.

*March 27, 8:15 P.M.* Philosophy as Therapy, by Irwin Edman, Ph.D., professor of philosophy, Columbia University. The possible union of empirical psychiatric investigation and the delicate insights of philosophical analysis. Philosophy may still have medicinal uses, and medicine itself may gain by the techniques and perspectives provided by philosophical discipline. *Presiding chairman*, Eugene H. Pool, M.D.

*April 24, 8:15 P.M.* The Promise of Endocrinology, by Oscar Riddle, Ph.D., Carnegie Institution of Washington, Department of Genetics, Cold Spring Harbor, N. Y. What is known about the regulation of body functions by hormones. The use of purified hormones in maintaining health and in combating disease. *Presiding chairman*, David Marine, M.D.

### RECENT DEATHS AND MEMORIALS

DR. RAYMOND PEARL, professor of biology in the School of Medicine and in the School of Hygiene and Public Health of the Johns Hopkins University, died suddenly on November 17 at the age of sixty-one years.

DR. OLIVER THOMAS OSBORNE, emeritus professor of therapeutics at the Medical School of Yale University, died on November 11 at the age of seventy-eight years.

ELNATHAN KEMPER NELSON, senior chemist in the Food Research Division of the Bureau of Chemistry and Soils of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, with which he had been connected for thirty years, died on November 10 in his seventieth year.

DR. OTTO E. PLATH, entomologist and professor of biology at Boston University, died on November 5 at the age of fifty-five years.

GRACE A. SANDHOUSE, since 1926 a specialist in the identification of bees and wasps in the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine, died on November 9 at the age of forty-four years.

IN recording the death of Dr. Carl Alsberg, it was said that he was director since 1937 of the Giannini Foundation of Stanford University. It should have been said that since October, 1937, he was director of the Giannini Foundation of Agricultural Economics of the University of California at Berkeley. Previously, he was director of the Food Research Institute at Stanford University.

THE *Journal* of the American Medical Association states that a Mayo Memorial Commission has been appointed by Governor Harold E. Stassen, of Minnesota, to study a proposal for the establishment of a fund of \$250,000 through public subscription throughout the world for a memorial to the late Drs. William J. and Charles H. Mayo. State Senator William B. Richardson, of Rochester, is chairman of the commission, which is composed of seventeen representative citizens of Minnesota.

## SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

THE Rudolf Matas Medal for vascular surgery of the School of Medicine of Tulane University was presented on November 14 to Dr. Daniel Collier Elkin, professor of surgery at Emory University, Atlanta.

THE Collier Trophy, presented annually since 1911 for achievement in aviation, has been awarded to Dr. Walter Boothby and Dr. W. Randolph Lovelace, II, of the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn., and to Captain