

and are open to all those interested. Invitations are being issued to the faculties of various universities, members of medical associations and others.

In announcing the lectures, Mr. O'Connor further stated they will be so designed and prepared that they will serve as the material for a publication by the National Foundation, intended to constitute a recent survey of the field of infantile paralysis.

#### THE BOARD FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF EPIDEMIC DISEASES IN THE ARMY

DR. A. J. WARREN, of the International Health Division of the Rockefeller Foundation; Dr. Oswald T. Avery, of the Hospital of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, and Dr. Kenneth F. Maxcy, of the School of Hygiene and Public Health of the Johns Hopkins University, have recently become members of the Board for the Investigation of Epidemic Diseases in the Army, of which Dr. Francis G. Blake, Sterling professor of medicine and dean of the School of Medicine of Yale University, is president. Other members of the board are Dr. A. R. Dochez, the School

of Medicine of Columbia University; Dr. E. W. Goodpasture, the School of Medicine of Vanderbilt University, and Dr. O. H. Perry Pepper, the School of Medicine of the University of Pennsylvania. The board will serve in a consulting capacity in regard to the best means of controlling epidemics in the Army training camps. Through special commissions it will also undertake investigation of those aspects of epidemic disease, further knowledge of which is needed for improving present methods of prevention and control. Directors of special commissions have been appointed as follows: *Influenza*, Dr. Thomas Francis, Jr., the College of Medicine of New York University; *Epidemiological Survey*, Dr. S. Bayne-Jones, School of Medicine of Yale University; *Hemolytic Streptococcal Infections*, Dr. M. Henry Dawson, the School of Medicine of Columbia University; *Measles*, Dr. Joseph Stokes, Jr., School of Medicine of the University of Pennsylvania; *Meningococcal Meningitis*, Dr. Perrin H. Long, the School of Medicine of the Johns Hopkins University; *Neurotropic Virus Diseases*, Dr. John R. Paul, the School of Medicine of Yale University.

## SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

THE medal for outstanding service in the field of chemistry of the American Institute of Chemists has been awarded to Dr. Henry G. Knight, chief of the Bureau of Agricultural Chemistry and Engineering, U. S. Department of Agriculture, "in recognition of his outstanding accomplishments in the field of agricultural chemistry and his executive and creative ability as administrator of the four regional research laboratories recently established by Congress to search for new and wider industrial outlets for farm products." The presentation will be made on May 17 at a meeting of the institute to be held in Washington when the principal address will be made by Vice-president Henry A. Wallace, formerly Secretary of Agriculture.

THE Egleston Medal, established in 1939 in memory of Professor Thomas Egleston, who was a member of the faculty of Columbia University from 1863 until his death in 1900, has been awarded to Lazarus White, president of Spencer, White and Prentiss, construction engineers of New York City, for "distinguished engineering achievement." The medal is awarded by the Alumni Association of the engineering schools of the university to an alumnus who has "distinguished himself either in the furtherance of his branch of the profession in the development of processes or of technique or in the application of engineering principles." The presentation will be made on April 17 at the seventieth annual dinner of the engineering alumni.

THE presentation of the 1940 Pittsburgh Award

of the Pittsburgh Section of the American Chemical Society was made to Dr. Alexander Silverman, head of the department of chemistry of the University of Pittsburgh, at a dinner on March 20 at the University Club. The medal was awarded for "outstanding service to the profession of chemical education and for distinguished contributions to industrial chemistry and the ceramic industries." The acceptance speech of Dr. Silverman was entitled "Success: A Forward Reaction." The speakers at the dinner included Professor William Lloyd Evans, of the Ohio State University, president of the American Chemical Society; Dr. Edward R. Weidlein, director of the Mellon Institute of Industrial Research, past-president of the society; Chancellor John G. Bowman, of the University of Pittsburgh, and Dr. Ross C. Purdy, consulting ceramic engineer, of Columbus, Ohio, secretary of the American Ceramic Society. Dr. Adelbert W. Harvey, fellow in the Mellon Institute, was toastmaster.

*Nature* reports that the Charles Chree Medal and Prize, founded by Miss Jessie Chree in memory of her brother, the late Charles Chree, known for his work in geo-magnetism, is to be awarded biennially to men of science who have contributed to the advancement of knowledge in those subjects in which Dr. Chree was particularly interested, and to which he had made signal contributions. The responsibility for, and the administration of, the award has been placed by Miss Chree in the hands of the Physical Society, and the council of the society has made the first award of