

sideration to the existing situation through its Local Boards. In making their decisions as to deferment, the Local Boards should inquire whether the students who are matriculated in approved medical schools and the interns who are receiving training for a period not exceeding two years in approved hospitals are pursuing occupations which are essential to "the health, safety, or interest of the nation." In other words, as group deferment of medical students and interns is contrary to the spirit of the Selective Training and Service Act, the decision in each case should be weighed by consideration of national expediency, and for that the Local Boards have the necessary authority and responsibility under the law.

### THE AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

At the annual general meeting of the American Philosophical Society held in the Hall of the Society in Philadelphia on April 18, 19 and 20, officers re-elected were: *President*, Roland S. Morris; *Vice-presidents*, Edwin G. Conklin, William E. Lingelbach; *Secretary*, W. F. G. Swann, and *Curator*, Albert P. Brubaker; *Treasurer*, Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust Company. Dr. Frank Aydelotte, president of the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton, was elected a vice-president and Dr. Benjamin D. Merritt, of the university, was elected one of the secretaries. Members elected to the council to serve for three years were: *Class I*, Herbert E. Ives; *Class II*, Ross G. Harrison; *Class III*, Joseph H. Willits, and *Class IV*, William Bell Dinsmoor.

The following thirty resident and eight foreign members were elected:

*Mathematical and Physical Sciences—Class I*: Griffith Conrad Evans, professor of mathematics, University of California; Henry Eyring, professor of chemistry, Princeton University; Louis Frederick Fieser, professor of organic chemistry, Harvard University; John Robert Kline, professor of mathematics, University of Pennsylvania; Isidor Isaac Rabi, professor of physics, Columbia University; John Torrence Tate, professor of physics, University of Minnesota; Theodor von Kármán, professor of aeronautics, California Institute of Technology.

*Geological and Biological Sciences—Class II*: Fay-Cooper Cole, professor of anthropology, University of Chicago; Evarts Ambrose Graham, professor of surgery,

School of Medicine of Washington University; Albert Baird Hastings, Hamilton Kuhn professor of biological chemistry, Harvard Medical School; Walter Samuel Hunter, professor of psychology, Brown University; Charles William Metz, professor of zoology, University of Pennsylvania; William Jacob Robbins, director of the New York Botanical Garden and professor of botany, Columbia University; Lewis John Stadler, professor of field crops, University of Missouri; William Hay Taliaferro, Eliakim H. Moore distinguished service professor of parasitology, University of Chicago.

*Social Sciences—Class III*: Robert Treat Crane, executive director, Social Science Research Council; Manley Ottmer Hudson, Bemis professor of international law, Harvard University; Lindsay Rogers, Burgess professor of public law, Columbia University; Arthur Meier Schlesinger, Francis Lee Higginson professor of history, Harvard University; Thomas Jefferson Wertenbaker, Edwards professor of American history, Princeton University; Leo Wolman, professor of economics, Columbia University.

*Humanities—Class IV*: Carl William Blegen, professor of classical archeology, University of Cincinnati; Howard Mumford Jones, professor of English, Harvard University; Alfred Louis Kroeber, professor of anthropology, University of California; Lewis Mumford, America, N. Y.; Marjorie Hope Nicolson, professor of English, Columbia University; Arthur Darby Nock, Frothingham professor of the history of religion, Harvard University; Ephraim Avigdor Speiser, professor of Semitics, University of Pennsylvania.

*Council Nominees*: Andrew Ellicott Douglass, director of the Steward Observatory, University of Arizona; George William McClelland, provost of the University of Pennsylvania.

*Foreign*: Ronald Aylmer Fisher, Galton professor of eugenics, University College, London; Ejnar Hertzsprung, director, Leiden Observatory; Theodor Svedberg, professor of physical chemistry, University of Uppsala; August Krogh, professor of zoophysiology, of the University of Copenhagen; Sir D'Arcy Wentworth Thompson, professor of natural history, University of St. Andrews; William E. Rappard, professor of political science, University of Geneva; Harold Idris Bell, honorary reader in papyrology, the University of Oxford; Arnold Joseph Toynbee, research professor of international history, University of London.

## SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

A BRONZE bust of Dr. Ernest E. Tyzzer, George Fabian professor of comparative pathology and professor of tropical medicine at the Harvard Medical School, was recently presented to Dr. Tyzzer to be placed in his department in recognition of his long service to the university. Dr. Cecil K. Drinker made the presentation at a luncheon given in his honor.

THE John Scott Medal and the sum of \$1,000, given by the City of Philadelphia for "outstanding

achievement in medical science," has been awarded to Dr. Owen H. Wangensteen, professor of surgery and head of the department of the Medical School of the University of Minnesota, in recognition of his work in the development of a suction siphonage treatment of acute intestinal obstruction.

At the recent meeting in Chicago of the American Institute of Nutrition, the Mead, Johnson and Company prize of \$1,000 for work on the vitamin B com-