

members of the Army, Navy and teaching profession participating, so that each group could learn the needs and difficulties of the other.

There was a record attendance at the annual luncheon of the society. The president, Dr. E. C. Faust, New Orleans, La., gave his presidential address on "Horizons of American Tropical Medicine." The society, for the first time in its history, honored individuals outside of the United States. The Walter Reed Medals of the society were given to two individuals from South and Central American countries. The first was presented to the Brazilian Government through its Minister of Education and Public Health, Dr. Gustavo Capanema, for outstanding work in eradicating *Anopheles gambiae* from Brazil. In the absence of Dr. Capanema, Dr. Mario Kroeft, director of National Council Research, received the award. The second medal was awarded to Dr. Carlos J. Finlay (posthumously) for pioneer work in yellow fever. Due to the illness of Dr. Finlay's son, Dr. Carlos E. Finlay, the medal was received for him by Dr. Domingo Ramos, director of the Finlay Institute, Havana, Cuba.

A round-table discussion entitled, "Malaria Therapy During the Present Emergency," closed the scientific session of the society. Dr. Herbert C. Clark, of Panama, presided, with Lieutenant Commander C. M. Wassell, Hollywood, California, and Dr. R. B. Watson, Memphis, Tennessee, participating. Dr. Clark discussed primarily the efficiency of totaquine as compared with quinine.

The American Academy of Tropical Medicine held its annual dinner, with Colonel R. P. Strong, of Washington, serving as toastmaster. Dr. W. C. Clark delivered his presidential address entitled "Some Impressions of Medical Practice in the Tropics."

The hospitality group met informally in the Jefferson Room of the Jefferson Hotel upon adjournment of the afternoon scientific sessions. In addition to the closer relationship between members and their guests, these meetings provided opportunities for brief discussions on currently vital topics. The first, by Dr. R. E. Dyer, was entitled "The Present Status of Typhus Vaccination." At the second gathering, Colonel George Lull, head of personnel in the

Medical Division of the Army, discussed some of the problems associated with his office. These gatherings were again well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by the membership.

JOSEPH S. D'ANTONI,  
*Secretary-Treasurer*

### TENNESSEE ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

THE fifty-first meeting of the Tennessee Academy of Science was held at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, on November 27 and 28. A general session of the academy was held on Friday morning, November 27, with sectional meetings in mathematics, chemistry, geology and botany during the afternoon. A special session, new to the academy meetings, was held on Saturday, November 28. This new session was composed of a symposium on the teaching of the sciences under the chairmanship of Dr. A. J. Sharp, Department of Botany, University of Tennessee, and a Junior Science meeting with exhibits and demonstrations from the schools of central Tennessee. The Junior Science session was directed by Dr. Frances R. Bottum, of George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville. It has been proposed that a junior section of the academy be formed, extending interest in the sciences in the schools, and Edwin D. Schreiber, of the Tennessee Industrial School, was chosen as chairman of this section.

At the academy dinner on November 27, Dr. D. M. Brown, professor of biology, East Tennessee State Teachers College, presented an address as the retiring president. A word of welcome was extended to the academy by Dr. Philip G. Davidson, dean of the Graduate School, Vanderbilt University.

The new officers of the academy for 1943 are Dr. C. S. Shoup, associate professor of biology, Vanderbilt University, *President*, and Dr. Edward McCrady, Jr., professor of biology, University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn., *Vice-president*. Dr. Kendell E. Born, Tennessee Division of Geology, Nashville, was reelected *Secretary-Treasurer*, and Dr. J. M. Shaver, of George Peabody College, Nashville, was reelected as *Editor* of the *Journal of the Tennessee Academy of Science*.

C. S. SHOUP,  
*President*

## REPORTS

### THE WAR STATUS OF AUSTRALIAN SCIENCE<sup>1</sup>

DURING the past twelve months the problems involved in the rapid expansion of Australian war in-

<sup>1</sup>A report received by the American Association of Scientific Workers from the head of the Federal Council of the Australian Association of Scientific Workers.

dustries have become more acute, but paralleling the growing unity and determination of the Australian people to defeat the fascists, a number of steps forward in the use of science, for which our association has long been pressing, have been taken. The conferences of Australian scientific workers called by the