

more, N. Y., and Mary Genevieve, who died at the age of 17. After a useful life devoted to her family and the service of others, Mrs. Dewey died at her home in Washington in 1938.

Those who were most intimately associated with Lyster Hoxie Dewey found in him an inspiring ex-

ample. His kindness, modesty, devotion to duty and sterling integrity were ever beyond reproach. His work remains as a monument to an exceptionally useful life, and his memory will be cherished by all who knew him.

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## SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

### THE MEDICAL HISTORY OF WORLD WAR II

ACCORDING to a report from Colonel Albert G. Love, historian of the Army Medical Department, plans have been made to complete the medical history of World War II six months after victory in the Pacific. Several officers are now assigned to the historical program, approximately half of them serving in overseas theaters. Most of these officers hold graduate degrees in history from leading universities throughout the country. They were commissioned in the Medical Administrative Corps following completion of training in Officer Candidate Schools. They are working on the administrative aspects of the medical service including supply, personnel, training and hospital construction. The professional medical experience of the Army will be recorded by medical officers especially qualified in various specialties.

By this means the history of the Medical Department in the current conflict should be completed within the time limit set by Colonel Love. Previous histories published by the department appeared several years after the cessation of hostilities. Twenty-three years were required to complete the medical history of the Civil War; ten years to complete that of the first World War. Early publication of the current history will be advantageous in that many of the administrative and scientific advances in military medicine will be applicable in planning for national defense and civilian practice. Thus the things which the Army is learning to-day on the world's battlefronts—improved methods of collection and evacuation of the wounded with prompt treatment, better medical and surgical care, the use of new drugs and appliances, control of communicable diseases, advances in reconditioning—will be made public while the knowledge acquired by the Army is still fresh.

At a meeting of historical officers held in the Office of the Surgeon General on December 6, announcement was made that sufficient volumes would be published to cover the entire scope of the professional and administrative work of the department. Material for the series is rapidly accumulating from installations in this country and overseas. Colonel Geo. R. Callender, director of the Army Medical School, stated that excellent reports on missile casual-

ties covering several campaigns have been received for the volume on wound ballistics.

The series gives promise of being the most complete chronicle of military medical advances hitherto compiled. The Surgeon General and other authorities in the War Department are lending their full support.

### THE INSTITUTE OF NUTRITION OF THE MICHIGAN STATE COLLEGE

A NEW service organization has been established at the Michigan State College to be known as the Institute of Nutrition. It is planned to coordinate and integrate instruction and research in nutrition and to bring together workers in the field. The program in research and teaching of the college has been broadened to include the production, processing and consumption of food by man and animal.

The institute will supply a contact between industry and the college to further research in food and nutrition and will supply the food industry with results from the laboratory. It in no sense competes with or supplants the research of the Experiment Station, but rather will supplement it through additional funds.

An administrative committee of seven has been appointed. Its members are R. C. Huston, dean of the Graduate School; V. R. Gardner, director of the Agricultural Experiment Station; C. L. Cole, professor of animal husbandry; C. A. Hoppert, professor of biochemistry; Margaret A. Ohlson, head of the department of foods and nutrition; W. L. Mallmann, professor of bacteriology, and C. F. Huffman, professor of dairy nutrition, *chairman*.

The objectives of the institute are outlined by the committee as follows: (1) To better establish Michigan State College as a research center of foods and nutrition; (2) to provide an organization for graduate training in foods and nutrition; and (3) to better serve the consumer, the farmer and the feed and food industries.

The institute will receive aid for its maintenance from the college, and it is hoped that industry, trade associations and agricultural organizations will provide grants for research and industrial fellowships, so that the scope and extent of the work may be materially increased.