

HAROLD G. MANDEL, associate professor of pharmacology at George Washington University School of Medicine, Washington, D.C., has received the 12th annual Abel Award of the American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics. The award was presented at the annual banquet of the society, held on 16 April in Philadelphia in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology. The \$1000 award is supported by the Eli Lilly and Company, Indianapolis. Mandel was honored for his fundamental work in the field of drug metabolism and mechanism of drug action. His investigations have been concerned particularly with the metabolism of salicylates and related compounds, and with the mechanism of action of carcinostatic and other metabolites that involve specific biochemical pathways concerned in nucleic acid metabolism.

RENE J. DUBOS, pathologist with the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, has received the University of Chicago's 1958 Howard Taylor Ricketts Prize. The award, which consists of a bronze medal, \$200, and travel expenses, was presented on 12 May at a ceremony in Chicago. Dubos, whose main field of investigation is bacteriology, is known for his development of a quick method for growing tubercle bacillus cultures, a technique useful in the accurate diagnosis of tuberculosis.

An annual lectureship to perpetuate the name of GEORGE KAMPERMAN has been established by the department of obstetrics and gynecology of Wayne State University College of Medicine. Kamperman, who has practiced obstetrics and gynecology in Detroit for 46 years, retired recently. The first George Kamperman lecture was delivered on 6 May by CURTIS J. LUND, chairman of the department of obstetrics and gynecology, University of Rochester School of Medicine.

WILDER G. PENFIELD, founder and director of the Montreal Neurological Institute at McGill University, Montreal, will receive an honorary Sc.D. degree from the University of Wisconsin in June.

HUGH H. HUSSEY, director of the department of medicine at the Georgetown University School of Medicine, has been appointed dean of the school, effective 1 July. He succeeds FRANCIS M. FORSTER, professor of neurology, who is resigning the post to devote all his time to his specialty. Forster will remain at Georgetown as director of the department of neurology.

Among the five alumni of the University of Kansas who are to receive the citation for distinguished service to mankind given by the university and its alumni association are: HENRY K. BEECHER, anesthesiologist and professor at Harvard University; BURTON McCOLLUM, petroleum geophysicist of Houston, Tex.; and D. RUTH THOMPSON, chemistry teacher at Sterling College who has been professor and head of the department for 38 years. The citations will be conferred during commencement exercises on 2 June.

BEN MOREELL, chairman of the board of Jones & Laughlin Steel Corporation, has received the Washington Award of the Western Society of Engineers for "distinguished service as a skilled engineer, outstanding naval officer, industrialist, and Hoover Commission associate." The Washington Award is the highest engineering award given in the United States. The winner is selected by a commission representing the American Society of Civil Engineers, the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, the American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical and Petroleum Engineers, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and the Western Society of Engineers.

Scientific visitors to North America from the United Kingdom include the following.

MARY F. LYON and H. J. EVANS of the Medical Research Council's Radiobiological Research Unit at the Atomic Energy Research Establishment, Harwell, will attend the 10th International Congress of Genetics at McGill University, Montreal, 10-27 August, and will also take part in the Radiation Biology Congress at Burlington, Vt.

D. RICHTER, director of the Medical Research Council's Neuropsychiatric Research Unit, Whitechurch Hospital, Cardiff, Wales, is visiting professor in the Menninger School of Psychiatry, University of Kansas. He will visit Boston, Washington, New York, and possibly Philadelphia before he leaves about 23 June.

G. B. M. SUTHERLAND, director of the National Physical Laboratory, Teddington, will be in the United States from 17 July until 5 August to attend a conference on biophysics in Boulder, Colo., organized by the U.S. Public Health Service.

DONALD M. PILLSBURY, professor and chairman of the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine's department of dermatology, has been named president of the 12th International Congress of Dermatology, to be held in Washington, D.C., in 1962.

W. MAYER-GROSS, senior fellow in the department of experimental psychiatry, Birmingham University Medical School, England, delivered the annual Adolf Meyer Research Lecture on 14 May during the 1958 meeting of the American Psychiatric Association, which took place in San Francisco. He discussed "Model Psychoses: Their History, Relevancy and Limitations." Mayer-Gross' lecture was the second in a 5-year program sponsored by Warner-Chilcott Laboratories, the ethical drug division of the Warner-Lambert Pharmaceutical Company, Morris Plains, N.J., in cooperation with the American Psychiatric Association.

Recent Deaths

JOHN J. CHAPMAN, Baltimore, Md.; 45; since 1950 director of the Dielectrics Laboratory of the Johns Hopkins University Institute for Cooperative Research; known for his research on high voltage-high frequency limits of plastic insulation; 27 Apr.

EARL W. FLOSDORF, Doylestown, Pa.; 54; chemist-inventor; had taught at Princeton University and the University of Pennsylvania; invented a method for the freeze-drying of human blood for plasma; 29 Apr.

W. B. HART, Philadelphia, Pa.; retired superintendent of services of the Atlantic Refining Company and since 1948 a trustee of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia; 23 Apr.

BENJAMIN F. HUBERT, Atlanta, Ga.; 73; former president of Georgia State College for Negroes; served on the National Advisory Committee on Illiteracy in 1929; 29 Apr.

ARMIN K. LOBECK, Englewood, N.J.; 71; professor emeritus of geology at Columbia University.

HENRY W. NISSEN, Orange Park, Fla.; 57; director of the Yerkes Laboratory; professor of psychology at Emory University, Atlanta; associate professor at Yale University from 1933 to 1957; author of many papers on psychology and related subjects; 28 Apr.

CHARLES F. STODDARD, New York, N.Y.; 81; inventor of the Ampico Player piano and automatic cooking devices; 29 Apr.

ALFRED WEBER, Heidelberg, Germany; 89; sociologist; emeritus professor at the University of Heidelberg, former director of the university's Institute of Sociology and Political Science; professor at the German University of Prague from 1904 to 1907; author of *Farewell to European History*; 2 May.

SUMNER B. WRIGHT, Orange, N.J.; 60; electrical engineer for Bell Telephone Laboratories; held more than 40 patents on electronic devices; 29 Apr.