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These fellows propose to work at centers in the United States, with the exception of Dr. Smyth, who intends to study in Paris.

In addition, the Rockefeller Foundation has awarded similar fellowships, on the recommendation of the Medical Research Council, to the following candidates in the special field of psychiatry, neurology and related subjects:

Thomas Russell Cumming Fraser, M.B. (New Zealand), M.R.C.P. (Lond.), assistant medical officer, Maudsley Hospital, London.

William Walters Sargent, M.B. (Cantab.), medical officer, Maudsley Hospital, London.

Michael John Francis McArdle, M.B. (Lond.), M.R.C.P. (Lond.), assistant medical officer, Maudsley Hospital, London.

The trustees have made the following awards for Beit fellowships for scientific research, tenable at the Imperial College of Science and Technology for the academic year 1938-39.

Extensions of fellowships already satisfactorily held for one year:

D. W. Goodall, B.Sc., A.R.C.S., for the continuation of his research on the physiology of the tomato plant, under the direction of Professor F. G. Gregory, D.Sc., D.I.C.

H. A. C. McKay, B.A., B.Sc., for the continuation of his investigation of chemical problems by the radioactive indicator method, under the direction of Professor H. V. A. Briscoe, D.Sc., A.R.C.S., D.I.C.

A. K. Powell, B.Sc., for the continuation of his research on parasitic wasps, in particular that of *Microbracon hebetor*, under the direction of Professor J. W. Munro, D.Sc., M.A.

New fellowships tenable for one year but renewable for a second:

J. L. O. G. Michiels, B.Sc., A.R.C.S., Royal College of Science, for research on the positions and widths of the energy levels of atomic nuclei by means of experiments on the capture of slow neutrons by various elements, under the direction of Professor G. P. Thomson, F.R.S.

E. J. Harris, B.Sc., Royal College of Science, for research on hydrocarbon oxidation and the reactions of peroxides with reference to carbon processes, under the direction of Professor A. C. G. Egerton, F.R.S.

#### THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF GEODESY AND GEOPHYSICS

THE President of the United States has invited the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics to hold its seventh general assembly in the United States in 1939. The invitations have been extended on be-

half of the President by the Department of State through its diplomatic missions to the governments to which these missions are accredited, and invite the participating countries to be represented by delegates on this occasion.

It is planned to hold this seventh triennial assembly of the union in Washington, from September 4 to 15, 1939, according to a statement made by Dr. John A. Fleming, director of the Department of Terrestrial Magnetism of the Carnegie Institution, who is general secretary of the American Geophysical Union. The American Geophysical Union is the American Section of the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics, and its executive committee is the Committee on Geophysics of the National Research Council. The council is collaborating with the American Geophysical Union as host to the assembly. The last general assembly of the International Union was held at Edinburgh, Scotland, in September, 1936.

The thirty-five nations at present adhering to the International Union are: Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Colombia, Chile, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Holland, Hungary, Indo-China, Italy, Japan, Morocco, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Rumania, Siam, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United States and Yugoslavia.

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#### THE AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION

THE sixty-seventh annual meeting of the American Public Health Association will be held in Kansas City, Mo., from October 25 to 28.

It is announced that emphasis will be placed on the five major diseases which are being investigated with government funds. The problem of maternal and infant mortality will receive its share of attention. A special session will be devoted to a discussion of the "Public Health Aspects of Medical Care" with exponents of the National Health Program, spokesmen for organized medicine and representatives of the newly recognized medical consumers taking part. The recruiting and training of public-health personnel for specialized tasks for which trained workers are seriously lacking and the health department as a business organization will be discussed.

It is expected that more than four hundred papers and reports will be presented. Delegates will be present from every state in the Union, from Canada, Cuba and Mexico and from every branch of public health practice. There will be ten sections—Health Officers, Laboratory, Vital Statistics, Public Health Engineering, Industrial Hygiene, Food and Nutrition, Child Hygiene, Public Health Education, Public