

cine. The first in the series was held in 1934 on orthopedics. During the next two years gastro-intestinal diseases and diseases of the heart, kidney and circulation were discussed. The symposium last year was on the diseases of women and children.

First speakers and their subjects for the forthcoming symposium will be: Dr. Allen Weir Freeman, dean of the School of Hygiene and Public Health, the Johns Hopkins University, "Public Health Development in the South," and Dr. George W. McCoy, of the School of Medicine of Louisiana State University, "Leprosy in the United States."

Three speakers will discuss "The Future of American Medicine" in the first evening session. They will be: Henry L. Mencken, of Baltimore; Dr. John Punnett Peters, professor of medicine, Yale University, and Dr. Morris Fishbein, editor of the *Journal* of the American Medical Association. Dr. Milton J. Rosenau, of the School of Medicine of the University of North Carolina, will preside.

The subsequent speakers on the symposium program will deal with more technical subjects of interest to Southern physicians. These speakers will be: Dr. George Hoyt Whipple, dean of the University of Rochester and a Nobel laureate, "Anemia and the Building of Hemoglobin in the Body"; Dr. William Henry Sebrell, surgeon in the U. S. Public Health Service, "Pellagra"; Dr. Charles F. Craig, of the Medical School of Tulane University, "Amebiasis"; Dr. Edward W. A. Ochsner, of the Medical School of Tulane University, "The Surgeon's Contribution to Treatment of Amebiasis"; Dr. William G. MacCallum, of the School of Medicine of the Johns Hopkins University, "Malaria"; Dr. Arturo Lorenzo Carrión, Columbia School of Tropical Medicine, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, "Rising Significance of Fungus Infections in Man," and Dr. Albert M. Snell, the Mayo Foundation, "Tropical and Non-Tropical Sprue: Their Probable Interrelationship."

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF SUGAR CANE TECHNOLOGISTS

THE sixth congress of the International Society of Sugar Cane Technologists will be held in Louisiana, with headquarters at the Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, from October 24 to November 5.

This society includes in its membership technical men interested in the production and manufacture of cane sugar. There are at present more than 725 members. The society holds triennial meetings alternating between the western and eastern hemispheres.

The delegates will assemble and register at the Roosevelt Hotel in New Orleans on October 24. During the first week, the delegates coming from outside Continental United States will be the guests of the State of Louisiana, the Louisiana State University and the American Sugar Cane League, and will be taken on a tour of the sugar-producing area of Louisiana.

During the second week, from October 31 to November 5, the sessions for the presentation of technical papers and for discussions will be held at the Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge. More than 130 papers have already been received by the secretary. These will be presented at sectional meetings. There are sections for pathology, entomology, cultivation, field technique, soils and chemistry and mill operations.

Delegates will be present from most of the sugar-producing tropical and sub-tropical countries, including Java, India, Australia, South Africa, Egypt, Hawaii, British and French West Indies, Puerto Rico, Cuba, Hawaii, Mexico and others.

The congress is being directed by a committee, with J. G. Lee, Jr., dean of the College of Agriculture, Louisiana State University, as chairman. The officers for the sixth congress are: *General Chairman*, E. W. Brandes, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.; *General Vice-chairman*, P. Honig, Experiment Station of the Java Sugar Industry, Pasoeroean, Java; *General Secretary-Treasurer*, C. W. Edgerton, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

KING LEOPOLD of Belgium has appointed, according to *Nature*, the first thirty members of the Royal Flemish Academy of Belgium. The academy comprises three classes: Sciences, Letters (including Political and Moral Sciences) and Fine Arts. A decree creating a Flemish Academy of Medicine may be expected to follow soon. This will form a complete equivalent of the old Académie Royale de Belgique, the official language of which is French. Further members will be coopted, the total number being confined to twenty per class. The members in the sciences are: J. De Smedt, A. Dumon, W. Robyns and G. Verriest, all of

the University of Louvain; J. Gillis, J. Meuwissen, A. Schoep, H. L. Vanderlinden and A. J. J. Vandevelde, all of the University of Ghent, and H. Schoute-den, director of the Congo Museum.

A DINNER was given in honor of Dr. Virgil Snyder, professor of mathematics emeritus at Cornell University, and Mrs. Snyder on Friday evening, September 9, at the Hotel Woodstock, New York City. The number attending was thirty-six. A silver bowl was presented on which is engraved: "Presented to Professor Virgil Snyder, Cornell University, by his Ph.D.'s as a token of appreciation," and also the names of the thirty-nine