

lows of the society wherever they may be. It has been giving valuable service to doctors in the fighting forces, oversea and at home, since the outbreak of war, and supplying information to men in the emergency medical services as well as in every department of medical life in this country. These services have been rendered in difficult circumstances, as the society lives almost entirely on the subscription income received from its fellows. This income has seriously diminished since the outbreak of war, but the society has nevertheless carried on with its important work. Officers returning from the beaches of Dunkirk have reported to the secretary that information received from the library was invaluable, and that they regretted having had to abandon books, bibliographies and photostatic reproductions in the face of the advancing enemy. The Rockefeller Foundation, learning of the society's service and of its plight, has generously given £1,000 to enable its headquarters at 1, Wimpole Street, to spread the target which it offers to bombing aeroplanes. With this gift it is being arranged to remove a large number of irreplaceable volumes to a suitable place in the country, where they will be easily available to inquirers for information."

#### EMERGENCY COURSES TO TRAIN ENGINEERS AND TECHNICIANS

EMERGENCY courses to train engineers and technicians needed in the nation's defense industries will be offered soon in a cooperative program sponsored by Harvard University, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Northeastern University and Tufts College.

The proposed program comprises full-time day courses, as well as evening courses of college grade for men who are employed. Organized to comply with the engineering defense training program of the United States Office of Education, this plan, which has been presented for formal approval, is part of a project supported by the government for specialized training in fields essential to national defense. The courses will be offered if there is sufficient demand to satisfy the requirements of the United States Commissioner of Education, and will be given without charge to the students for tuition.

The other engineering schools in the Northeastern regional district, which includes Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont, as well as Massachusetts, are preparing to offer similar intensive courses. These programs are being planned by the individual colleges, which have the cooperation of the regional adviser on engineering defense training, Dean Edward L. Moreland, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The joint program of the four greater Boston institutions was arranged to avoid duplication of courses and to assure the most effective utilization of the special teaching and laboratory resources of each. The

committee in charge of the project, which is expected to train approximately 1,000 students, includes Dean Harald M. Westergaard, of the Harvard Graduate School of Engineering; Professor Raymond D. Douglass, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Dean William C. White, of the College of Engineering of Northeastern University, and Dean Harry P. Burden, of the Tufts School of Engineering. None of the courses conflicts with or replaces regular evening courses now being offered by such agencies as the State University Extension Service, the Lincoln Institute, the Lowell Institute School or the university extension courses of Tufts College.

All courses in this program are of collegiate grade and in general the requirements for admission include at least three years in an accredited engineering school or its equivalent. In some instances two years in an evening engineering school plus practical experience may be considered sufficient preparation, and in certain cases other preparation may be acceptable. Certain highly specialized courses will require engineering degrees.

Application for detailed information on all courses to be given at the participating colleges in the Boston area should be made immediately, and by mail only, to the Engineering Defense Training Bureau, Room 7-102, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge.

#### THE HOSPITAL OF THE MEDICAL COLLEGE OF VIRGINIA

DEDICATION of the new six hundred bed hospital at the Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, took place on December 5, Founders' Day. Among those participating were Governor James H. Price; Colonel E. W. Clark, Commissioner of Public Works, Public Works Administration; Dr. Walter L. Bierring, past president, American Medical Association; Dr. Walter B. Martin, president of the Medical Society of Virginia; Dr. H. E. Jordan, dean, department of medicine, University of Virginia; M. Haskins Coleman, Jr., secretary, Richmond Hospital Council, and Dr. Lewis E. Jarrett, director of the hospital division, Medical College of Virginia. Beginning at two o'clock in the afternoon the new hospital was opened for inspection to the general public, and on Tuesday night, December 3, a reception and hospital open house was observed at the hospital for the local medical profession and specially invited guests.

The new hospital, completed at a cost of approximately \$2,500,000, with equipment, provides for two new services, neuropsychiatry and contagious diseases, enlarged facilities for physical therapy and many other activities, including ample provision for teaching. It is built in the form of a Maltese cross with the various utility services in the center of the cross, the wings themselves being used for the housing of patients. By