

of Mexican mathematicians, with addresses presented by Professors Graef, Lefschetz and Wiener.

The generosity and gracious hospitality of the Mexican Mathematical Society and of the Governor of the State of Jalisco, of which Guadalajara is the capital, could not have been exceeded. In the middle of the week there was an excursion to the beautiful Lake Chapala, an hour's ride by automobile from the meeting place, and a very attractive dinner was served in connection with the excursion. There was, also, ample opportunity to see the artistic monuments and the like for which Guadalajara is famous. It will be remembered that the city is the location of some of the best murals of Orozco, and these were greatly admired by the members of the congress. The meeting terminated with a general banquet, and all these occasions provided many opportunities for close contact between the members and guests.

The meeting was a success in every way and the attendance was considerable, mathematicians and other scientists coming from all parts of the Republic. The fame of these meetings is spreading and there is no doubt that they are making a noteworthy contribution to the development of mathematics in Mexico and to the good relations between Mexican scientists and those of the United States. —S. L.

THE PROFESSIONAL TRAINING OF REGULAR ARMY MEDICAL CORPS OFFICERS

DURING the period of the emergency it has been necessary to place the bulk of Regular Army Medical Corps officers in administrative positions in the Major Commands of the Army. This necessary procedure has caused a shortage of adequately, professionally trained Regular Army Medical Corps officers to take up the care of the Army sick and wounded, upon the release of AUS officers to civilian life.

In order that the Medical Department may be prepared to continue the excellent professional care of the sick and wounded in Army hospitals, the Surgeon General has requested the chief of staff to authorize courses in professional training for Regular Army Medical Corps officers. This request has been approved and a plan of training officers relieved from administrative or other assignments where professional experience was not available has been developed and placed in operation. This plan calls for the assignment of Regular Army Medical Corps officers to installations where courses in professional training, eventually leading to board certification, is to be carried out. The plan calls for training, not only in military medical installations, but in outstanding civilian installations. Representatives of all major forces concerned have contributed to this

plan and officers assigned to any of these forces are eligible for the professional training.

The plan has been put into immediate operation in order that fully qualified Regular Army Medical Corps officers may be available to replace the presently highly qualified AUS officers, who are to be released in the present demobilization program, and who are at present holding the top professional positions in Army hospitals.

The Surgeon General is insistent that the outstanding record of care of the sick and wounded in this war be maintained, and for this reason, the far-reaching plan which he has prepared places foremost the professional qualifications and continued professional training of the Medical Corps officers. It is the sincere hope of the Surgeon General that all Medical Corps officers of the Army of the United States give earnest consideration to a career in the Regular Army, and he feels that with the development of his present plan, outstanding opportunity for professional advancement will be afforded to all Medical Corps officers.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE ILLINOIS STATE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

THE Board of Natural Resources and Conservation of the State of Illinois, upon the recommendation of Dr. M. M. Leighton, chief of the State Geological Survey, has recently made the following promotions and appointments:

Dr. Ralph E. Grim, petrographer and head of the Division of Petrography, has been made petrographer and principal geologist in charge of the Geological Resources Section. He will have general direction of the work done in that section, which comprises the following divisions: Coal, Oil and Gas, Industrial Minerals, Clay Resources and Clay Mineral Technology, Groundwater Geology and Geophysical Exploration, Areal and Engineering Geology, Stratigraphy and Paleontology, and Subsurface Geology.

Dr. Carl A. Bays, geologist and engineer, has been promoted to the position of head of the Division of Groundwater Geology and Geophysical Exploration. This division was recently established and is an outgrowth of the Division of Subsurface Geology.

Dr. C. L. Cooper, associate geologist, has been promoted to the post of geologist in the Division of Stratigraphy and Paleontology.

The following promotions and appointments were made in the Geochemical Section of the Survey:

Dr. G. Robert Yohe, chemist, becomes chemist and head of the Coal Division. Dr. Yohe and Dr. Orin W. Rees, chemist and head of the Analytical Division, are assistant chief chemists in interim during the absence of Dr. Frank H. Reed, chief chemist, now in Europe.

Dr. Glenn C. Finger, chemist, has been appointed chemist and head of the Fluorspar Division, and Oren