

BRIEF NEWS NOTES

DR. PEDRO N. ORTIZ

Porto Rico has been honored through Dr. Pedro N. Ortiz, Commissioner of Health, who has received invitations from several medical centres in various states, to address them on matters relating to public health and tropical diseases.

Dr. Ortiz will sail for New York on June 17th. He will deliver addresses in three important medical centres: New York, Philadelphia and Boston.

Dr. Alexander Begg, Dean of the Boston University School of Medicine, has requested Dr. Ortiz to talk on June 25th before the faculty of the medical school and the hospital staff which is associated with it.

From June 27th to July 1st the Eighty-second Annual Convention of the American Institute of Homeopathy will be held at Philadelphia. It will be presided over by Dr. Gilbert Fitz Patrick of Chicago. The section on public health is in charge of Lieutenant Commander Joel T. Boone, M. C. U. S. N., who is physician to President Coolidge.

On the afternoon and evening of June 30th, Dr. Ortiz will speak at this convention, on "Public Health in Porto Rico", and will lay special stress upon the problems of infant mortality, tuberculosis, uncinariasis and malaria as they are being combated here at the present time, illustrating his lecture with a moving-picture display prepared at the Health Studio of the Department of Health of Porto Rico.

Among the prominent physicians who will take part in this conference are: Surgeon General Merritt W. Ireland, U. S. A., Surgeon General Edward R. Stitt, U. S. N., and others of international reputation.

On the evening of June 30th, Dr. Ortiz will address a mixed audience, lay and medical, taking as his topic "General Health Conditions in Porto Rico."

Dr. William Sharpe, prominent neurologist of New York, is arranging a conference and has requested Dr. Ortiz to discuss the "Neurological Aspect of Leprosy", before the Neurological Society.

DR. DAVID I. FRANKEL

After spending nearly four months in Porto Rico, Dr. David I. Frankel returned to Boston on May 20th, 1926, to resume his duties there.

While in Porto Rico he performed a number of surgical operations both in San Juan and in other cities of the Island.

Taking into consideration his long experience in connection with hospital work in the United States, the Commissioner of Health appointed him, while in Porto Rico, as Special Medical Inspector of the Department, and commissioned him to make a survey of the municipal hospitals functioning throughout the Island, and to make the necessary recommendations for the betterment of the service.

Before leaving Dr. Frankel submitted to the Commissioner a report of the results of his investigation, which will serve as the basis for future measures to be adopted by the Department regarding this matter. Part of the report has been arranged in article form and will be published in the next issue of the PORTO RICO HEALTH REVIEW.

As in former years, our friend also aided us in the translation of medical literature for the use of the different Bureaus of the Department. He has promised to send us contributions to the REVIEW as frequently as his many occupations will permit.

Since we take it for granted that we will have the pleasure of shaking hands with Dr. Frankel again next year, we will only say "*hasta luego*".

DR. W. C. GREENE

After a prolonged stay of several months in Porto Rico, Dr. W. C. Greene, of the University of Boston, sailed for New York on the 20th of May, 1926.

Dr. Greene has been greatly interested in the morphology of the blood, and has been carrying out a series of very interesting studies. He has recognized what seems to be a new form of erythrocyte.

During his stay in Porto Rico Dr. Greene resided most of the time in Luquillo, a village on the northern coast, which has one of the most beautiful beaches in the Island.

DR. A. BOU DE LA TORRE

The Chief of the Bureau of General Inspection, Dr. A. Bou de la Torre, sailed for the States recently.

Due to poor health, he has found it necessary to undergo special medical treatment and will visit the famous Mayo Clinic of Rochester, Minnesota.

DR. GEORGE C. PAYNE

The Director of the International Health Board of the Rockefeller Foundation, Dr. George C. Payne, has transferred his office from Vega Baja to Bayamón where the Rural Sanitation Unit of the Department of Health has its office.

This change makes it possible for Dr. Payne to be in closer contact with the work carried on by the Bureau of Rural Sanitation, and he believes that it will be of mutual benefit to all concerned.

