

BRIEF NEWS NOTES

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DR. DAVID I. FRANKEL

A warm welcome is extended to Dr. David I. Frankel of Boston University who has returned to Porto Rico again for a few months' rest.

Dr. Frankel is much interested in all public-health matters in Porto Rico and his yearly visits are anticipated with much pleasure.

FESTIVITIES FOR THE NURSES

A tea was given for the Public-Health Nurses and Social Workers of the Department of Health by Dr. Martha Eliot of Washington at her apartment in Miramar a few days ago.

Dr. Eliot with her colleague Dr. Jackson and five assistants have been carrying out a study of bone diseases in children in Porto Rico for some weeks and through the cooperation and help of the nurses and social workers it was possible to examine over six hundred babies in the short time that they were here.

The tea tendered by Dr. Eliot and her staff was a most pleasant occasion.

THE SCHOOL OF TROPICAL MEDICINE

The program of activities for this month in the School of Tropical Medicine has been very full and interesting.

Beginning the second term, Laboratory courses have been given in the following subjects:

Bacteriology and Mycology: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 to 12 a. m., by Dr. Charles W. Weiss, Dr. Bailey K. Ashford and Dr. O. Costa Mandry.

Immunology: Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 and Thursdays from 7:30 to 8:30 by Dr. Weiss and Dr. Costa Mandry.

Pathology: Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 8 to 10 a. m., by Dr. Robert A. Lambert and Dr. Alice Burke.

Clinical Pathology, Blood, Urine, Sputum, Feces, etc.: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 2 to 4 p. m., by Dr. Francisco Hernández and Mr. Luis G. Hernández.

Courses in Public-Health Administration and Transmissible diseases have also been held by Dr. Ortiz and his staff on Fridays at 4 p. m. and Saturdays at 9 a. m.

The series of lectures has been especially interesting throughout the month due to the presence of prominent physicians and professors from North and South America who took part in the program. Among these were Dr. Juan Iturbe, member of the Faculty of the School of Medicine, University of Caracas, Venezuela, who lectured on investigations made in the study of Bilharzia and Trypanosoma.

On February 22nd, Professor A. W. Sellards of the Department of Tropical Medicine of Harvard University lectured on "Points of contact between Tropical Medicine and General Medicine. He also lectured on "Recent Studies on the relation of Yellow Fever to Weil's Disease. On February 26th the subject of Framboesia was discussed by Dr. Sellards and Dr. Martín O. de la Rosa.

The lectures are held in the Assembly Room of the School of Tropical Medicine and a cordial invitation is extended not only to physicians but to any others who are interested in the subjects to be discussed. The program is increasingly interesting because some of the lectures are given in Spanish and others in English.

DR. ANTONIO MARTINEZ ALVAREZ

After an absence of several months in Europe and on the mainland, Dr. Antonio Martínez Alvarez and his wife Dr. Josefina Villaña de Martínez Alvarez have returned to San Juan where they will take up their duties again in the medical profession. A warm welcome home is extended them.

DR. E. RAYMOND HILDRETH

After an absence of several years Dr. E. Raymond Hildreth, former director of the Presbyterian Hospital of this city, returned this month for a ten days' visit. Dr. Hildreth was accompanied by his wife who has many friends in Porto Rico.

DR. E. GARRIDO MORALES

We are glad to report that Dr. E. Garrido Morales, epidemiologist of the Department of Health, who has been at the Díaz Gar-

cia Clinic as the result of an automobile accident which occurred a few days ago, is recovering nicely.

HOME HYGIENE COURSE

Classes in Home Hygiene and Care of the Sick were held under the auspices of the American Red Cross in the towns of San Sebastián in January and Lares on the first week of this month.

In San Sebastián two groups were organized out of which fifteen girls passed satisfactory examinations.

The volunteer services of a physician were obtained to examine school children and the scales for weighing and measuring them were purchased by the Junior Red Cross and the American Red Cross.

Of the three hundred children weighed and measured in San Sebastián, 82 per cent were found to be undernourished and a high percentage of the 185 children who were given medical examinations were found with physical defects. In very serious cases the parents were visited and instructed as to the physician's advice regarding the children, thus making it possible for them to have immediate attention.

Volunteer service was rendered by two ladies of the town who helped the physician in the examinations and the teachers in weighing the children.

Four rural conferences were held for parents and one conference was held for rural teachers. In all these conferences health problems among the school children were discussed.

In Lares two groups of twenty students were formed, most of whom were school teachers. Thirty-five passed the examination.

A physician volunteered his services and the same work of examining, weighing and measuring of school children was carried on as in San Sebastián.

Following up the courses Miss Beatriz Lasalle, Executive Secretary of the Porto Rico Chapter of the American Red Cross and Dr. J. Rodríguez Pastor, Chief of the Bureau of Social Welfare of the Department of Health, gave addresses on health problems and exhibited an educational film in both places.