

## BRIEF NEWS NOTES

### DR. SIMON FLEXNER

Dr. Simon Flexner made a short visit to Porto Rico this month, at which time he gave a most interesting lecture at the School of Tropical Medicine on "Experimental Epidemiology" and another at the University of Porto Rico on "Medical Education". He visited the Department of Health, and was especially interested in the hookworm and malaria-control work being carried on at the present time in Porto Rico.

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### THE SCHOOL OF TROPICAL MEDICINE

The program of Seminars and Clinics presented by the School of Tropical Medicine for the latter part of March and the entire month of April is especially interesting.

The Seminars are held on Thursday evenings at 8:30 o'clock and the Clinics on Saturday mornings at eleven o'clock. They are open to all persons interested in any of these subjects. The program is as follows:

#### SEMINARS

- March 24—Father Palacios, "Epidemiology of Leprosy" (in Spanish)  
March 31—Dr. Gurbar Singh Sant, "Notes on Epidemic Diseases in India" (in English)  
April 7—Dr. Bailey K. Ashford, "Intestinal Fungi of Porto Rico" (in English)  
April 14—Dr. E. García Cabrera, "Syphilis in Porto Rico" (in Spanish)  
April 21—Dr. E. Fernández García, "Pneumo-thorax Treatment of Tuberculosis" (in Spanish)  
April 28—Dr. J. S. Dexter, "Heredity Problems as Seen in Studies on *Drosophila*" (in English)

#### CLINICS

##### (DEMONSTRATION OF CASES)

- March 26—Dr. J. C. Ferrer, "Carcinoma of Penis" (in Spanish)  
April 2—Dr. D. I. Frankel, "Gall-Bladder Disease" (in English)  
April 9—Dr. M. Díaz García, "Cancer in Porto Rico" (in Spanish)  
April 16—Dr. R. M. Suárez, "Asthma and Protein Sensitization" (in Spanish)  
April 23—Drs. R. A. Lambert and A. Serra, "Clinico-Pathological Conference" (in English)  
April 30—Dr. V. Gutiérrez Ortiz, "Bone and Lymph-Gland Tuberculosis" (in Spanish)

The classes on transmissible diseases under the direction of Dr.

Pedro N. Ortiz, are held at nine o'clock on Saturday mornings and visitors are welcome.

The following exercises are announced:

March 26—Dr. Walter C. Earle, "Treatment of Malaria"

April 2—Dr. Florence K. Payne, "Biological Factors Influencing the Transmission of Hookworm" (Demonstration)

April 9—Dr. George C. Payne, "Treatment of Hookworm Disease"

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#### AMERICAN RED CROSS

In the Annual Roll Call of the Porto Rico Chapter, American Red Cross, an attractive folder has been distributed which states exactly what the Red Cross is doing in the Island.

Among its many other activities the work done through the Social Welfare Department as well as that of the classes in Home Hygiene and Care of the Sick has been outstanding during the year.

Over sixteen hundred families were helped by this department in one way or another during the year and ninety-four sick persons or under-nourished infants received milk. Eight children were admitted to the Insular Anti-tuberculosis Sanatorium through the efforts of this department and 485 layettes were given to expectant mothers.

Classes in Home Hygiene and Care of the Sick were organized in the three leading cities of the Island as well as in other towns and at the University of Porto Rico. Over two hundred students were enrolled in these classes and one hundred and thirty-four received diplomas.

The Ponce Chapter, apart from its emergency relief work maintains a Day Nursery where 131 infants were cared for during the year, thus enabling needy mothers to gain and keep employment. The Mayagüez local chapter maintains a children's ward in the municipal hospital and the Aguadilla local chapter maintains a dental clinic for the poor.

