

BRIEF NEWS NOTES

DR. DAVID I. FRANKEL

After spending three months in Porto Rico, Dr. David I. Frankel returned to Boston on May 19th. While here he was interested in surgery and also attended the School of Tropical Medicine of the University of Porto Rico.

On May 11, he was asked to speak at the closing exercises of the first session of the School, basing his remarks from the student's viewpoint. He mentioned how especially privileged Porto Rico is in having the School of Tropical Medicine and what a great stimulus it is to the medical profession. He impressed upon the audience the fact that the instruction given in the School is adequate in the fullest sense of the word, and spoke of the high type of men who are actively engaged in the development of its program, and at the same time heartily interested in its success. Some of those whom he enumerated as having come to the School with this sole purpose in view were Flexner, of the Rockefeller Institute; Sellards, of Harvard; Juan Iturbe, of the University of Caracas, Venezuela, and Jobling and McKinley from Columbia. He praised Dr. Lambert's administration and management of the School.

Dr. Frankel's many friends in Porto Rico sincerely hope that he will return next year.

DR. PEDRO N. ORTIZ

On a recent trip of the S. S. *San Lorenzo*, Dr. Pedro N. Ortiz, Commissioner of Health, sailed for New York to take part in a Medical Congress planned to be held on board the English ocean liner *Lapland*.

The Congress is attended by a large group of the most prominent physicians and scientific specialists of the world. They will visit Havana, Panama and Jamaica.

Dr. Ortiz will lecture on "the Tropics from the Medical Viewpoint; inventions and realities", before the Medical Congress and will also give addresses on public-health problems both in English and Spanish in the different places that the Congress is scheduled to visit.

DR. J. W. JOBLING

As guest of the School of Tropical Medicine of the University of Porto Rico, Dr. J. W. Jobling, Professor of Pathology of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University, has been spending a few days in San Juan.

During his stay here Dr. Jobling lectured on "Some Phases of the Anemia Problem", at the School of Tropical Medicine and also addressed the students of the University of Porto Rico.

DR. BAILEY K. ASHFORD

After a short stay on the mainland, Dr. Bailey K. Ashford, U.S.A., has returned to San Juan. Dr. Ashford visited important medical centres and lectured before the New York Academy of Medicine and the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University on diseases of tropical origin while north.

THE PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL

Invitations were issued this month for the opening of the new bacteriological and biochemical laboratories which have recently been added to the Presbyterian Hospital of this city.

The inauguration took place on May 10th and was largely attended.

For many years the Presbyterian Hospital has felt the urgent need of a modern, scientific and well-equipped laboratory which would function as an intrinsic part of the hospital and aid in the diagnosis of many of the obscure local tropical diseases. This need will now be satisfied. The laboratories have been organized and are now being directed by Dr. Charles Weiss, of the Department of Bacteriology of the School of Tropical Medicine. The equipment of the laboratories makes it possible to do all types of clinical examinations of a bacteriological, serological, biochemical or pathological nature.

THE SCHOOL OF TROPICAL MEDICINE

A most interesting series of lectures has been planned for this month's program at the School of Tropical Medicine to which not only physicians but those interested in the various subjects treated are cordially invited.

From May 15 to September 15 the Clinics and Seminars will be held monthly instead of weekly.

SEMINARS. Thursday evenings at 8:30

April 20—Dr. R. A. Lambert: "Present Conditions of Medical Education in Latin America." (Illustrated with lantern slides) (In English)

May 5—Dr. Garry N. Burke: "Operative Treatment of Elephantiasis." (In English)

May 12—Dr. A. Martínez Alvarez: (a) "Paleo Pathology"; (b) "Medical Sidelights of My Recent Trip to Europe." (In Spanish)

CLINICS. Saturday mornings at 11 o'clock

April 30—Dr. V. Gutiérrez Ortiz: "Bone and Lymph-Gland Tuberculosis." (In Spanish)

May 7—Dr. W. R. Galbreath: "Sprue Cachexia." (In English)

May 14—Dr. R. A. Lambert, Dr. A. Serra and Dr. J. C. Ferrer: Clinico-pathological Conference. (In English)

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First term of second session begins Oct., 1, 1927; second term, Feb., 1, 1928. Special students and investigators admitted at other times as space and circumstances permit. In all cases arrangement in advance is advised.

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