

## BRIEF NEWS NOTES

### DR. PEDRO N. ORTIZ

After a short excursion to New York, Havana, Jamaica and Panama, Dr. Ortiz Commissioner of Health, has returned to take up the arduous duties awaiting him.

Among other honors conferred upon him, Dr. Ortiz was made honorary president of the Medical Congress which was held aboard the *Lapland*.

His addresses given before the Medical Congress and also in New York have been highly commented.

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### DR. ROBERT A. LAMBERT

Having made a short trip to New York, Dr. R. A. Lambert, Director of the School of Tropical Medicine, returned on the 6th of June.

He reports very satisfactory results from a conference held with officials of Columbia University regarding future plans for the School.

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### DR. JUAN ITURBE

Following an absence of a few weeks from Porto Rico, Dr. Juan Iturbe of Caracas, Venezuela, stopped over in San Juan for a few days on his way to New York.

While here the degree of Doctor of Sciences (*Honoris Causa*) was conferred upon him by the University of Porto Rico.

During his short visit here, Dr. Iturbe made several trips throughout the Island for the purpose of acquainting himself with certain scientific investigations being carried out by the School of Tropical Medicine and of observing the various activities of the Department of Health.

He also gave an illustrated lecture on "A Scientific Excursion through the Interior of Venezuela", at The School of Tropical Medicine.

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### FATHER GONZALO PALACIOS

Invitations have been issued by the Hospital Asilo de Damas of

Ponce for a lecture to be given by Rev. Dr. Gonzalo Palacios on June 12th at 8:30 p. m.

The lecture on "Leprosy from its Medical-Social Aspect" will be illustrated with cinematographic views.

Dr. Palacios is Director of the Fontilles Leprosarium of Valencia, Spain.

He has been doing important research work at Columbia University and at the School of Tropical Medicine in the preparation of his thesis for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

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#### DR. GURBAR SINGH SANT

The first student to receive the certificate in Tropical Medicine offered by the School of Tropical Medicine of the University of Porto Rico is Dr. Gurbar Singh Sant of Amristar, India, who has been attending the School during the year and has completed the course.

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#### THE LITTLE MOTHERS' LEAGUE

Graduation exercises of the Little Mothers' League of Mayagüez were held recently in that city, at which time thirty-four girls received diplomas as having completed the course of sixteen lessons given to girls from the sixth to the eighth grades. Most of the girls graduated in Mayagüez were members of Troop No. I of the Girls' Scouts of that city.

The Little Mothers' League of Mayagüez is only one of thirteen such groups that have been organized by the Public Health Nursing Service in the various clinics of the Department of Health.

Great enthusiasm has been shown in these classes and not only have the girls in each town followed up the course with marked interest but the fathers as well as mothers of the girls have attended the classes, and especially the graduating exercises of the League in their respective towns.

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#### SOCIAL-SERVICE WORK

A series of conferences on Social-Service Work has been organized by the Department of Health to be given at the University of Porto Rico from July 5th to July 22nd every afternoon from two to three o'clock. The program is as follows:

## FIRST SERIES

- July 5, 1927.—1. "The Field of Social Service", Dr. A. Fernós Isern, Assistant Commissioner of Health.
- July 6, 1927.—2. "Family Social Work", Miss Consuelo Delgado, Superintendent Social-Service Work.
- July 7, 1927.—3. "Medical Social Service", Miss Consuelo Delgado, Superintendent, Social-Service Work.
- July 8, 1927.—4. "The Court Worker", Miss Beatriz Lassalle, Executive Secretary, American Red Cross.
- July 9, 1927.—5. "Orphan—Neglected and Dependent Children—Their Care in Institutions—Causes and Effects—Treatment", Miss Beatriz Lassalle, Executive Secretary, American Red Cross.
- July 11, 1927.—6. "The Placing-out System", Dr. J. Rodríguez Pastor, Chief, Bureau of Social Medicine.
- July 12, 1927.—7. "Infant and Child Hygiene", Dr. A. Fernós Isern, Assistant Commissioner of Health.

## SECOND SERIES

- July 13, 1927.—1. "The Psychology of the School Child", Dr. F. C. Walters, Assistant Professor of Education.
- July 14, 1927.—2. "The Mentally Handicapped Child—His Treatment in Special Schools", Dr. F. C. Walters, Assistant Professor of Education.
- July 15, 1927.—3. "The Adolescent and His Problems—General Attitude and Handling of These Problems", Dr. Ramón Lavandero, Chief, Bureau of Health Education.
- July 16, 1927.—4. "Mental Hygiene, Mental Diseases and their Treatment", Dr. Pedro N. Ortiz, Commissioner of Health.
- July 19, 1927.—5. "Psychiatric Social Service", Miss Consuelo Delgado, Superintendent, Special-Service Work.
- July 20, 1927.—6. "Problem Children", Mr. F. E. Morse, Instructor in Psychology.
- July 21, 1927.—7. "Rural Sociology", Mr. José C. Rosario, General Superintendent of Rural Education.
- July 22, 1927.—8. "Social Hygiene", Dr. A. Fernós Isern, Assistant Commissioner of Health.

To those having a high-school diploma one college credit will be given by the University of Porto Rico for the completion of this course.

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THE SCHOOL OF TROPICAL MEDICINE

Exercises marking the close of the first session of the School of Tropical Medicine were held in the Assembly Hall of the School on the evening of May 11th.

Brief addresses were made by Chancellor Thomas E. Benner,

representing the University of Porto Rico, and by Dr. James W. Jobling, representing Columbia University. Dr. David I. Frankel of Boston and Rev. Dr. Gonzalo Palacios of Spain spoke on behalf of the students. Dr. V. Gutiérrez Ortiz and Dr. Osvaldo Goico expressed for the medical profession of Porto Rico the deepest interest of the physicians of the Island in the School.

The exercises were followed by an informal reception.

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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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