

## BRIEF NEWS NOTES

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### MR. NARCISO RABELL CABRERO

MR. NARCISO RABELL CABRERO, a trustee of the University of Porto Rico and member of the Special Board of Trustees of the School of Tropical Medicine, died on February 19, 1928 at his home in San Sebastián, Porto Rico.

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### DR. W. H. TALIAFERRO

For the purpose of carrying on a series of immunological studies in Malaria and Schistosomiasis, Dr. W. H. Taliaferro, Professor of Parasitology of the University of Chicago arrived in San Juan on January 9th, as guest of the School of Tropical Medicine.

During this month he has given a special course in medical protozoology and delivered two public lectures at the School of Tropical Medicine.

Dr. Taliaferro is accompanied by Mrs. Taliaferro, who is also a scientific worker and holds the degree of doctor of science from Johns Hopkins University. Dr. and Mrs. Taliaferro will remain in Porto Rico until March 20th.

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### THE PORTO RICO MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

The newly appointed officers of the Porto Rico Medical Association for 1928 are as follows: Dr. Ramón J. Suárez, President; Dr. Rafael López Nussa, Vice President; Dr. Manuel Pavia Fernández, Secretary; and Dr. Manuel Pujadas Díaz, Treasurer.

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### THE NORTHERN DISTRICT PORTO RICO MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

The following program of lectures has been prepared for the regular monthly meetings of the Medical Association of Porto Rico for the Northern District:

February 28: "Some problems in Amebiasis." Dr. W. H. Taliaferro.

March 20: "The Treatment of Tuberculosis by Sanoerisin." Dr. Gutiérrez P. Igaravidez.

- April 17: "The actual state of Antigonococcic Therapy." Dr. I. González Martínez.
- May 15: "Review of recent studies in Experimental Cancer." Dr. Roberto A. Lambert.
- June 12: "The Health of our Urban Laborer", Observations based on the examination of five thousand laborers in San Juan, Porto Rico. Dr. E. Silva.
- July 17: "Pyelitis and Pyelo-nephritis." Dr. E. García Cabrera.
- August 14: "Some observations on B. C. G. Culture in Porto Rico." Dr. Salvador Giuliani.
- September 4: "Observations on Infant Mortality in San Juan, Porto Rico." Dr. A. Fernós Isern.
- September 25: "Recent Progress on Hookworm Control." Dr. George C. Payne.
- October 16: "Modern orientation in the Treatment of Fractures". Dr. M. Díaz García.
- November 6: "General considerations on the practice of Obstetrics in Porto Rico." Dr. J. Belaval.
- November 27: "Acute dilatation of the Stomach." Dr. J. del Toro.

Besides these regular monthly lectures special lectures will be given by physicians visiting the Island, and by other physicians resident in Porto Rico who have interesting subjects to discuss before the Medical Association.

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#### THE PONCE DISTRICT PORTO RICO MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Medical Association of Porto Rico, Ponce District, was held on February 12th in Ponce. Among the papers given by Dr. A. Mayoral, Dr. R. López Nussa and Dr. P. Gutiérrez Igaravidez was one on Serological Studies in Malaria by Dr. W. H. Taliaferro.

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#### THE SCHOOL OF TROPICAL MEDICINE

The following program of Clinics and Lectures is scheduled for this month at the School of Tropical Medicine:

- February 4 (Saturday), 11:30 a. m. Clinic. "Acute Poliomyelitis in Porto Rico." Dr. W. R. Galbreath.
- February 8 (Wednesday), 8:30 p. m. Lecture. "Health Resistance to Experimental Trypanosome Infections." Dr. W. H. Taliaferro.

- February 11 (Saturday), 11:30 a. m. Clinic. Two cases presented for diagnosis. Dr. A. Mayoral.
- February 13 (Monday), 8:30 p. m. Lecture. "Host Resistance to Experimental Malarial Infections." Dr. W. H. Taliaferro.
- February 18 (Saturday), 11:30 a. m. Clinic. Neurological Aspects of Pellagra. Dr. M. Juliá.
- February 23 (Thursday), 8:30 p. m. Clinic. Pathological Conference. Dr. Lambert and Staff.
- February 25 (Saturday), 11:30 a. m. Clinic. Treatment of Hemorrhoids. Dr. Guillermo Barbosa.

On Thursday, February 23rd at 7:30 p. m., Dr. J. Rodríguez Pas-to will speak to Dr. Weiss' class in Advanced Immunology on "The Erythrocyte Sedimentation Test and its Prognostic Value in Tuberculosis."

Courses to be given in the Second Term of the School of Tropical Medicine are given in the following provisional schedule:

Subject	Days and hours	First meeting
TM 1. Tropical Bacteriology and Immunology-----Dr. Weiss	Tuesdays and Fridays, 1: 30-4: 30 p. m.	February 7
TM 2. Tropical Mycology---Dr. Ashford	Tuesdays and Fridays, 8-10 a. m.	March 1
TM 3. Advanced Immunology--Dr. Weiss	Thursdays, 7: 30-8: 30 p. m.	February 9
TM 5a. Pathology of Tumors Dr. Lambert	Saturdays, 8-10 a. m.	February 11
TM 6. Clinical Pathology--Dr. Hernández	Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 4-6 p. m.	February 6
TM 9. Methods of Food Investigation Dr. Cook	Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 11-12 a. m.	February 8
TM 10. Biochemical Methods Mr. L. G. Hernández	Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 2-4 p. m.	February 6
TM 12a. Field Studies in Entomology Dr. Hoffman	Mondays, 1: 30-4: 30 p. m.	February 6
TM 15. Tropical Medicine Clinics	Saturdays, 11: 30 a. m.- 12: 30 p. m.	February 4
TM 16. Bedside Instruction in Tropical Diseases -----Dr. Galbreath	Wednesdays, 8-10 a. m.	February 8
TM 19 & 20. Seminars and Clinico Pathological Conferences	Thursdays, 8: 30-10 p. m.	February 23
TM 22. Public Health Problems Dr. Haven Emerson	To be announced-----	March 5
TM 24. Communicable Diseases--Dr. Ortiz	Fridays, 4 p. m.	February 10

Any additional courses listed in the Announcement for 1927-28 for this term will be given only if the number of students requesting

justifies. Further information may be had by writing to the Director, Dr. Robert A. Lambert.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ACTIVITIES

The first of a series of practical demonstrations in dietetics was begun on February 14th at the Barrio Obrero Clinic of the Bureau of Social Medicine to a Pre-natal Class. The demonstration was given by a Senior Student of the Home Economics Class of the University of Porto Rico.

The dish prepared for this class was *yautía* soup. It was served to the class, and afterward a lecture on the food values of the ingredients was given by the teacher. The recipe was distributed to the class.

This demonstration was also given on February 16th at the Santurce Clinic of Social Medicine to a pre-natal class.

The object of these demonstrations is to interest the people in having a more varied diet, and to bring to their attention the food values of the native vegetables.

