

BRIEF NEWS NOTES

DR. HAVEN EMERSON

After a stay of several weeks in Porto Rico, Dr. Haven Emerson, Director and Professor of Public Health Administration of the De Lamar Institute of Public Health of Columbia University, sailed for New York on March 20th.

While here Dr. Emerson gave a series of lectures at the School of Tropical Medicine.

At the banquet given by the board of trustees of the University of Porto Rico, on March 12th in honor of the visiting delegates to the 25th anniversary of the University, Dr. Emerson made the following remarks as one of the representatives of Columbia University:

"As a graduate of the oldest University in the New World, and as teacher at present in the youngest school of your latest addition to the family of higher education permit me to express both admiration for your courage and lofty vision and confidence in your rapidly developing maturity.

"It is a matter of great distinction that the University of Porto Rico has established the first seat of learning in the tropics of the Americas devoted to increase in knowledge of the laws of health, under which man must live if he would establish greater security of life and freedom from unnecessary disease.

"The social sciences, commerce, agriculture, law and medicine are almost equally essential in the protection of your island community against preventable and premature death.

"The growth of population has its hazards where unemployment hangs as a shadow over many homes. Food supply is often of as much importance as sanitation in the protection of health.

"Within the walls of your University provision is now made for research and teaching in each of the great fields of information upon which the life of the family and the permanence of a civilization depend."

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ACTIVITIES

The practical demonstrations in dietetics have been continued during this month in the pre-natal clinics of the department, and increasing interest is being shown by the mothers who attend the classes.

On March first an interesting demonstration in the preparation of breadfruit croquets was given by a senior student of the Home Economics department of the University of Porto Rico. The class

was held at the pre-natal Clinic of Santurce. After the croquets were prepared and an explanation given of the food value of the ingredients, they were passed around and a copy of the recipe was given to each mother.

Following this series of demonstrations the work will be left in the hands of the public health nurses who will not only carry out the program planned to stimulate the use of native vegetables, but will give demonstrations in special formulas which are outlined by the physicians of the Prenatal and baby clinics, for the feeding of infants.

RECENT VISITORS

Among those who have visited the School of Tropical Medicine recently are the following physicians:

Dr. Ernesto O. de Lombardi, of Paris; Dr. Joseph Goldwaite, of Boston; Dr. Judson Daland, of Philadelphia; Dr. John G. Merselis, of Brooklyn.

THE SCHOOL OF TROPICAL MEDICINE

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

- March 1 (Thursday) 8:30 p. m. Seminar. "Studies on the Anopheles in Haiti in Relation to Malaria". Dr. Hoffman.
- March 3 (Saturday) 11:30 a. m. Clinic. Presentation of several cases, including one of pellagra. Dr. Galbreath.
- March 8 (Thursday) 8:30 p. m. Lecture. Dr. Haven Emerson.
- March 10 (Saturday) 11:30 a. m. Lecture. Dr. Haven Emerson.
- March 15 (Thursday) 8:30 p. m. Clinico-Pathological Conference. Dr. Lambert and Staff.
- March 17 (Saturday) 11:30 a. m. Clinic. "Evaluation of Liver Extract in Treatment of the Anemias of Porto Rico, with Cases." Dr. Ashford.
- March 22 (Thursday) No meeting. Legal Holiday.
- March 24 (Saturday) 11:30 a. m. Clinic. Cases for diagnosis. Dr. A. Serra.
- March 29 (Thursday) 8:30 p. m. Clinico-Pathological Conference. Dr. Lambert and Staff.

NOTE: Dr. Ramón M. Suárez will speak to the class in Advanced Immunology, March 1, 7:30 p. m. (Thursday) on "Asthma, Hay Fever and other Allergic Conditions."

Nine lectures constituting a course on "Public Health Problems", by Dr. Haven Emerson of New York, were announced with titles in a previous number of the REVIEW.