

BRIEF NEWS NOTES

DR. ALWIN M. PAPPENHEIMER

In accordance with the policy of Columbia University to send to the School of Tropical Medicine of the University of Porto Rico each year specialists in different fields for teaching and research, Dr. Alwin M. Pappenheimer, Professor of Pathology of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University arrived this month and is giving an eight to ten weeks' course on Tropical Pathology, at the School.

DR. FRANCIS W. O'CONNOR

A year ago Dr. Francis W. O'Connor was a visiting lecturer at the School of Tropical Medicine and many enjoyed both his scientific and popular lectures. He has returned again this year and will conduct a six to eight weeks' course in Protozoology beginning early in February.

Dr. O'Connor will also resume the study of filariasis which he began last year.

DR. BAILEY K. ASHFORD

At the International Congress of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine held in Cairo, Egypt, last month a degree was conferred upon Dr. Bailey K. Ashford, Professor of Tropical Mycology of the School of Tropical Medicine.

There were 2,200 delegates at this Congress. Dr. Ashford not only represented the United States but also Porto Rico. He was introduced as "a prophet of tropical medicine in the New World who has rendered incalculable service to the scientific world and humanity."

At the presentation of delegates from the various nations and universities special seats had been reserved in the great auditorium for persons of renown among which Dr. Ashford figured but he preferred to honor Porto Rico and occupied the chair marked for the University of Porto Rico, and in answering to the roll call he said in greeting the president of the University of Egypt "from the youngest School of Tropical Medicine to the Mother of the Medical Science."

DR. ALVIN F. COBURN

The resident physician of the Department of Medicine of the Presbyterian Hospital, New York City, Dr. Alvin F. Coburn arrived in Porto Rico on the 17th of this month, and remained here for one week.

Dr. Coburn's mission to Porto Rico was instigated through the desire to observe the effect of a tropical climate on rheumatic-fever patients suffering from cardiac involvement, and in order to carry out the experiments nine patients ranging from nine to twenty-one years came with him from the Presbyterian Hospital of New York City to remain until June.

The party is accompanied by Miss Isabel M. Goodearle, one of the head nurses of Presbyterian Hospital. Without her valuable assistance in the professional care and observation of these visiting patients it would have been practically impossible to carry out the plan.

Dr. Coburn has made a study of rheumatic fever in its various forms for several years, having found this disease to be one of the greatest problems that the hospitals of New York are facing to-day. It is believed that as only one or two cases of rheumatic fever have ever been discovered in Porto Rico the tropical climate may prove beneficial. If the patients improve in this climate the investigation will continue in order to ascertain the exact reasons for the improvement.

Before leaving Porto Rico Dr. Coburn gave a bed-side clinic on rheumatic fever at the District Hospital of San Juan, which public health officers and physicians attended.

Fortunately the District Hospital has been placed at the disposal of Dr. Coburn and party through the courtesy of Dr. Ortiz, the Commissioner of Health.

THE SCHOOL OF TROPICAL MEDICINE

The following schedule has been planned for the School of Tropical Medicine of the University of Porto Rico during the month of February:

- Feb. 2 (Saturday) 11:30 a. m. Clinic. (Quarantine Hospital.) "Infectious Diseases of Children." Dr. José S. Belaval.
- Feb. 4 (Monday) 8:30 p. m. Lecture. "The Pneumonias". Dr. Ernest E. Irons, Dean of Rush Medical College, University of Chicago.
- Feb. 5 (Tuesday) 8:30 p. m. Lecture. "Food Poisoning." Dr. Edwin O. Jordan, Professor of Hygiene and Bacteriology, University of Chicago.

NOTE: Professor Jordan will also address the class in bacteriology on Wednesday, February 6, on "Filterable Viruses" and again on Friday, February 8, on "The Bacteriology of Influenza." On Monday, February 11, Professor Jordan will lecture to the class on "Bacterial Variations." These lectures will be given at 1:30 p. m. Physicians and Public Health Officers are cordially invited to attend.

- Feb. 6 (Wednesday) 8:30 p. m. Lecture. "Relation of Chronic Infections to Lesions of the Joints and Eyes." Dr. Ernest E. Irons.
- Feb. 7 (Thursday) 8:30 p. m. Lecture. "The Epidemiology of Paratyphoid Infection." Dr. Edwin O. Jordan.
- Feb. 9 (Saturday) 11:30 a. m. Clinic. "Filariasis." Drs. F. W. O'Connor and Garry Burke.
- Feb. 14 (Thursday) 8:30 p. m. Lecture. "The Epidemiology of Influenza." Dr. Edwin O. Jordan.
- Feb. 16 (Saturday) 11:30 a. m. Clinic. "Neurological Cases." Dr. Mario Juliá.
- Feb. 21 (Thursday) 8:30 p. m. Seminar. "Pathology of Rheumatic Fever." Dr. A. M. Pappenheimer.
- Feb. 23 (Saturday) 11:30 a. m. Clinic. "Relation of Distention of the Pelvis Obstructing Venous Circulation with Special Reference to Pyelovenous Backflow." Dr. José C. Ferrer.
- Feb. 28 (Thursday) 8:30 p. m. Seminar. "Clinico-Pathological Conference." Dr. A. M. Pappenheimer.