EDITORIAL NOTE

In the present issue we begin the publication of a series of articles on Filterable Virus and Rickettsia Diseases in the Tropics, by our Associate Editor Dr. Earl B. McKinley, Director of the School of Tropical Medicine. The series comprises eight articles in all, one of which will be published each month in the Review.

A most important feature of the study will be the bibliography which will accompany each article.

As a means of bringing our knowledge up to date concerning the causes of this interesting and important group of diseases this series of articles is an outstanding contribution to the many readers of the REVIEW.

These diseases are all covered in detail in a monograph by Dr. McKinley soon to be published, but the articles have been somewhat modified to adapt them to local conditions and needs.

A summary of the series, as they will appear follows:

ARTICLE I. -Introduction.

Historical and General considerations.

Classification of virus and Rickettsia diseases.

Bibliography.

ARTICLE II. -Variola.

Varioloid.

Vaccinia.

Para-vaccinia.

Alastrim.

Varicella.

Herpes Zoster.

ARTICLE III. -Rubeola.

Rubella.

Verruca.

Molluscum.

Trachoma.

Inclusion blennorrhea.

ARTICLE IV. -Herpes simplex.

Epidemic encephalitis. Epidemic poliomyelitis.

Rabies.

The common cold.

Epidemic influenza.

ARTICLE V. -Dengue fever.

Yellow fever.

Pappataci.

Typhus fever. Trench fever. Rocky Mountain spotted fever. Tsutsugamushi disease.

ARTICLE VI. -Scarlet fever.

Oroya fever and Verruga peruviana. Parotitis.

Foot and Mouth disease.

ARTICLE VII. —The Bacteriophage. With clinical aspects of its use in various diseases.

ARTICLE VIII.—Intracellular Inclusion bodies in virus diseases and their diagnostic significance.

NOTE: These articles are written as a review in the field of filterable virus and Rickettsia disease with particular reference as to what is known concerning the ctiology of each disease. History, symptomatology, pathology, immunity and control are also briefly discussed. A complete monograph dealing with this subject will soon appear in the Philippine Journal of Science.