

NEWS ITEMS

Dr. F. W. O'Connor of the Department of Practice and Medicine, College of Physicians & Surgeons, Columbia University Medical Center arrived at the School of Tropical Medicine on November 10 to continue the study of filariasis in Porto Rico. Dr. O'Connor has spent several periods of study of filariasis in Porto Rico since 1927 and soon will publish a monograph on his work here and in New York.

Dr. Ross Golden, Assistant Professor of Medicine and Visiting Physician to Roentgen Ray Department, Presbyterian Hospital, Medical Center, New York, arrived at the School of Tropical Medicine and the University Hospital on November 17, to collaborate with Dr. O'Connor on the study of filariasis in Porto Rico.

Dr. Edwin O. Jordan, Professor of Bacteriology and Hygiene, Chicago University, who has spent two periods of research at the School of Tropical Medicine and was visiting lecturer at this institution in 1928, will spend the Winter quarter during 1931 at the Gorgas Memorial Institute in Panama.

Dr. Pedro N. Ortiz tendered his resignation as Commissioner of Health to Governor Theodore Roosevelt to take effect in February, 1931 at the close of his present term. Dr. Ortiz has been Commissioner of Health for eight years and during that time has developed the old department of sanitation into a modern public health department. His department and his work have been associated with several most important advances in public health work in Porto Rico. The new Insane Asylum near Río Piedras, the new Leprosarium, the organization and development of the Tuberculosis Sanitorium, the District Hospital in Ponce, the University Hospital of the School of Tropical Medicine, the health units of the Island and several other institutions for the prevention and cure of disease have come during his administration. He has had no small part in the early development of plans and the progress of the School of Tropical Medicine. His administration has been an unusual one and his kind sympathy, his vision and foresight, his personality, his devotion to his office and personnel have gained for him an enviable reputation in all of Latin America as a health administrator. The accomplishments of the Department of Health during the administration of

Dr. Ortiz will forever serve as a monument to his service to the people of Porto Rico and to other health organizations with which he has always worked and cooperated.

Dr. Antonio Fernós Isern, sub-commissioner of health during the past eight years has been given an interim appointment as Commissioner of Health by Governor Roosevelt. Dr. Fernós is admirably fitted to succeed Dr. Ortiz in the Department of Health and he will bring to the department the same devotion that has characterized the administration of Dr. Ortiz.

Dr. James W. Jobling, Professor of Pathology, College of Physicians & Surgeons, Columbia University, will come to Porto Rico in April, 1931, on an official inspection of the School of Tropical Medicine for Columbia University under whose auspices the School is operated.

Visiting professors to the School of Tropical Medicine for the current year will include Dr. Theobald Smith of the Rockefeller Institute, Princeton, N. J.; Colonel Charles F. Craig, director of laboratories, Army Medical School, Washington, D. C.; Dr. Walter W. Palmer, Bard Professor of Medicine in the College of Physicians & Surgeons, Columbia University; Professor Malcolm H. Soule, Department of Bacteriology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, and Professor E. Brumpt, University of Paris.

Dr. William A. Hoffman, Assistant Professor of parasitology in the School of Tropical Medicine, has been invited by Dr. George Baehr to deliver an address before the medical staff of Mount Sinai Hospital in New York on December 23, 1930. Dr. Hoffman will speak on Schistosomiasis in Porto Rico and will show a motion picture film of the School of Tropical Medicine.

In February, 1931 the medical staff of the University Hospital of the School of Tropical Medicine will present a program at the Ponce District Hospital.

Dr. George C. Payne, International Health Division of the Rockefeller Foundation and special advisor to the Department of Health of Porto Rico on hookworm, is now on leave in the United States. He is expected to return to Porto Rico in February or March to continue his work in the Island.