

NEWS ITEMS

Dr. Pedro N. Ortiz, former Commissioner of Health, left San Juan with his family on January 22 to enter private practice in New York City.

At the annual session of the Porto Rico Medical Association in December Dr. Manuel Díaz García was elected president of the association. Dr. Díaz García takes the office formerly held for several years by Dr. Ramón M. Suárez who made a record of achievement in bringing the association up to its present high standard of efficiency and service to Porto Rico. The association will, without doubt, continue this progress under the able leadership of its new president.

Dr. William C. von Glahn, Associate professor of Pathology, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University, arrived in San Juan on February 2 to spend three months at the School of Tropical Medicine.

Dr. Malcolm H. Soule, Associate professor of Bacteriology, University of Michigan, arrived in San Juan early in January to spend three months doing special research at the School of Tropical Medicine. Dr. Soule delivered four lectures before the faculty and students at the School in January and February.

Dr. Ernest Carroll Faust, Professor of Parasitology, Tulane University, arrived in San Juan on February 9 and remained at the School of Tropical Medicine for two weeks during which time he gave five lectures on various topics dealing with tropical medicine.

Professor Brumpt of Paris was prevented from visiting the School of Tropical Medicine this year on account of his inability to make proper boat connections in time to return to Paris for lectures there. He plans, however, to visit the School in 1932.

Dr. F. W. O'Connor, Associate professor in the Department of Practice of Medicine, Columbia University, returned to New York on January 22 after nearly three months' study of filariasis in Porto Rico.

Visiting professors to the School of Tropical Medicine in March include Dr. Theobald Smith of Princeton and Dr. Walter W. Palmer

of New York. Dr. James W. Jobling, Professor of Pathology, Columbia University, will visit the School in April of this year.

The following program of regular and special meetings was carried out during the month of March, 1931, in the School of Tropical Medicine.

- March 5, Thursday 8:30 P. M. SEMINAR: Dr. A. Fernós Isern.
- March 12, Thursday 8:30 P. M. HOSPITAL STAFF MEETING.
- March 16, Monday 8:30 P. M. LECTURE: "The Etiology of respiratory diseases as illuminated by data from comparative sources."
Dr. Theobald Smith.
- March 18, Wednesday 8:30 P. M. LECTURE: "Immunity towards *Bacillus coli* in relation to dissociation and capsule formation."
Dr. Theobald Smith.
- March 19, Thursday 8:30 P. M. CLINIC: Dr. José C. Ferrer.
- March 23, Monday 8:30 P. M. LECTURE: Cell parasitism in its relation to phagocytosis."
Dr. Theobald Smith.
- March 25, Wednesday 8:30 P. M. LECTURE: "Animal sources of *Brucella abortus* with special reference to the bovine disease."
Dr. Theobald Smith.
- March 26, Thursday 8:30 P. M. CLINICO-PATHOLOGICAL CONFERENCE:
Dr. William C. von Glahn.
Dr. Walter W. Palmer.
- March 30, Monday 8:30 P. M. LECTURE: Hypertension and Nephritis."
Dr. Walter W. Palmer.