

MISCELLANY

Under this department are ordinarily grouped: News; Medical Economics; Correspondence; Twenty-five Years Ago column; Department of Public Health; California Board of Medical Examiners; and other columns as occasion may warrant. Items for the News column must be furnished by the twentieth of the preceding month. For Book Reviews, see index on the front cover, under Miscellany.

NEWS

Rife Microscope Demonstration.—What might be called a supermicroscope, invented by Royal Raymond Rife, Ph. D., of San Diego, was shown on November 20 at the home of Dr. Milbank Johnson in Pasadena. Doctor Johnson, who is one of the founders of the Phi Rho Sigma Fraternity, had invited a former classmate, Arthur I. Kendall, head of the department of research bacteriology of the medical school of the Northwestern University to come to Los Angeles to test out this new instrument devised by Doctor Rife, which is such a radical departure from existing microscopes. The opening article in this number of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE gives further details. The instrument was set up on the stone fireplace in the living-room of Doctor Johnson's residence and the physicians who had been invited to be present had the opportunity, each in person, to see micro-organisms at a magnification of five thousand diameters. In addition to the host, Dr. Milbank Johnson, and the guests of honor, Doctors Arthur I. Kendall and Royal R. Rife, there were present the following colleagues from Los Angeles and Pasadena: Doctors S. Fosdick Jones, C. M. Hyland, V. L. Andrews, Alvin G. Foord, Wayland Morrison, F. C. E. Mattison, Joseph Heitger, E. M. Hall, C. W. Bonyng, A. S. Hoyt, E. W. Butt, R. W. Lamson, A. H. Zeiler, R. W. Hammack, G. D. Maner, Ellis Jones, J. Brandon Bruner, Samuel J. Mattison, George Dock, O. O. Witherbee, Harold Witherbee, B. O. Raulston, Linford Lee, W. H. Scions, W. V. Brem, George H. Kress, Richard Winter, Albert Ruddock, Allan B. Kanavel, Aubrey Davidson, and R. B. Hill.

Meeting of Northern District Society.—The semi-annual meeting of the Northern District California Medical Society was held October 13 at the Traveler's Hotel, Sacramento.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: D. Schuyler Pulford of Woodland, president; Edward S. Babcock, Jr., of Sacramento, secretary; W. E. Bates of Davis, treasurer; Richard O. Schofield of Hobart Mills, first vice-president; Bart Powell, Jr., of Stockton, second vice-president. Board of Censors—Junius B. Harris and Frederick N. Scatena, Sacramento; Granville S. Delamere, Marysville; Newton T. Enloe, Chico; and C. Verner Thompson, Lodi.

The society elected the above officers by acclamation.

Edward S. Babcock of Sacramento presented a paper on "Cerebrospinal Meningitis"; H. J. Templeton of Oakland, "The Management of Premalignant and Malignant Conditions of the Skin"; and Alson Kilgore of San Francisco outlined the program of the Cancer Commission of the California Medical Association.

After dinner, attended by ninety-four, Doctor Lawhead of Woodland related interesting anecdotes of some of the older members of the society and Junius B. Harris, president of the California Medical Association, gave an amusing lantern slide talk on incidents in the early life of some of the most revered members.

Three charter members, William Ellery Briggs of Sacramento, George W. Stratton of Marysville, and T. P. Perry of Yuba City, were present at the meeting.

Coming Meetings.—*American Medical Association*, New Orleans, Louisiana, May 9-13, 1932, Olin West, M. D., 535 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois, Secretary.

California Medical Association, Hotel Huntington, Pasadena, May 2-5, 1932, Emma W. Pope, M. D., Room 2004, 450 Sutter Street, San Francisco, Secretary.

Philippine Islands Medical Association, Manila, December 15-18, A. S. Fernando, M.D., 817 Taft Avenue, Manila, Secretary.

Society of American Bacteriologists, Baltimore, December 28-31, James M. Sherman, M. D., Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, Secretary.

American College of Physicians, San Francisco, California, April 4-8, 1932, William J. Kerr, University of California Medical School, Fourth Avenue and Par-nassus, San Francisco, General Chairman.

Lane Medical Library Historical Section Dedication.—Professor Henry S. Sigerist, the director of the Institute on the History of Medicine of Leipzig, Germany, who is now giving a course of lectures at Johns Hopkins University, will be present and assist in the dedication of the historical section of the Lane Medical Library and give two lectures on the history of medicine at the Medical School of Stanford University on January 11, 12, and 13, 1932.

Nineteen Thirty-Two Lane Lectures.—The Stanford University School of Medicine, San Francisco, announces a special course of popular medical lectures during the winter quarter of 1932 in celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of these lectures. The popular medical lectures were established by Dr. Levi Cooper Lane in 1881. Doctor Lane was the founder of the Cooper Medical College, now the Stanford University School of Medicine, the Lane Medical Library, and the Lane Medical Lectures. The popular medical lectures have been given in San Francisco during fifty consecutive years with increasing appreciation by the public. The lectures for 1932 are appropriately offered as a summary of the outstanding achievements in medicine during the past half-century. The following program of lectures by outstanding representatives of the respective fields in medicine has been arranged, to be given on alternate Friday evenings at 8 o'clock in Lane Hall, Stanford University School of Medicine, Sacramento and Webster streets, San Francisco:

January 8—"Dr. Levi Cooper Lane and the Popular Medical Lectures," Dr. Emmet Rixford, San Francisco.

January 22—"Half-Century of Progress in the Recognition and Treatment of Disease," Dr. George Dock, Pasadena.

February 5—"Achievements in Surgery of the Past Fifty Years," Dr. Andrew Stewart Lobingier, Los Angeles.

February 19—"Contribution of Experimental Biology and Medicine to the Alleviation of Human Suffering," Dr. Herbert M. Evans, Berkeley.

March 4—"Social Aspects of Child Welfare, Dr. Henry Dwight Chapin, New York City.

March 18—"Fifty Years of Progress in the Prevention of Disease," Dr. Jacob Casson Geiger, San Francisco.

Northern District Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat Meeting.—On September 8, 1931, the meeting of the Northern District Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat Society was held at the Sutter Club, Sacramento, preceded by a dinner. Seventeen members were present.