

of Diabetes Week. Presentation of the newly established J. Howard Rieber award for an outstanding contribution in the field of diabetic patient education, will be made.

**WISCONSIN DIABETES ASSOCIATION:** A postgraduate forum on diabetes was sponsored by the Wisconsin Dia-

betes Association on September 19 in Marquette University School of Medicine. Members of the Association participating were William W. Engstrom, M.D., Milwaukee; F. Raymond Keating, Jr., M.D., Rochester, Minn. and Francis D. Murphy, M.D., and Bruno J. Peters, M.D., both of Milwaukee.

## News Notes

### International Physiological Congress

The International Physiological Congress held in Montreal, Canada, from August 31-September 4 was attended by more than 3,000 persons, with scientists present from 48 countries.

Prof. Charles H. Best served as President of the Congress. The opening plenary session was highlighted by his address of welcome in which he spoke in six different languages. During the course of the meeting, he received many eloquent tributes for his contributions to medical science and, particularly, for the part which he played in the discovery of insulin.

Doctor Best subsequently was elected President of the newly formed International Union of Physiological Societies. The latter organization was initially proposed at the Copenhagen Convention in 1950. It is a member of the International Council of Scientific Unions affiliated with the United Nations Educational, Social and Cultural Organizations and acts to coordinate the National Physiological Societies of the World.

The scientific sessions opened with a program on the metabolic influence of insulin. Chairman of the Symposium was Prof. B. A. Houssay, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Other members of the Symposium were Drs. Francis D. W. Lukens, Philadelphia; DeWitt Stetten, New York; F. G. Young, Cambridge, England; and W. C. Stadie, Philadelphia. A special program was devoted to insulin on Tuesday afternoon, September 1, under the direction of Prof. Joseph Hoet, Louvain, Belgium. The papers included: "Addition of Radioactive Amino Acids to Insulin" by Dr. H. Fraenkel-Conrat, Berkeley, Calif.; "The Nature of the Action of Insulin" by Drs. D. R. Drury and A. N. Wick, Los Angeles, Calif.; "The Effect of Insulin on the Distribution of Free Glucose in Muscle" by Drs. C. R. Park and L. N. Johnson, Nashville, Tenn.; "Effect of Insulin in Vitro upon the Contractility of the

Isolated Rat Diaphragm in Potassium Deficiency" by Drs. F. G. J. Offerijns, D. Westerink and A. F. Willebrands, Amsterdam, Holland; "The Effects of Combined Adrenocortical Steroid-Growth Hormone Regimens upon the Responses to Insulin and Glucose of Hypophysectomized Dogs" by Drs. R. C. de Bodo, M. W. Sinkoff, S. P. Kiang and H. Den, New York; "A Comparison of the Insulin Extractable from the Pancreas and Islet Cell Histology in the Diabetes Mellitus of Dogs and Human Subjects" by Drs. G. A. Wrenshall, W. S. Hartroft and C. H. Best, Toronto, and "Effect of Insulin on Nitrogen Retention in the Hypophysectomized Rat" by Drs. R. T. B. Lawrence, J. M. Salter and C. H. Best, Toronto.

Of related interest were papers dealing with glucagon (the hyperglycemic-glycogenolytic factor) by Drs. A. Staub, L. Sinn and O. K. Behrens, Indianapolis; Drs. C. de Duve and C. A. Vuylsteke, Louvain, Belgium; and Drs. P. P. Foa, Harriet Weinstein, E. B. Magid, M. D. Glassman and J. A. Smith, Chicago.

### Dedication of the Charles H. Best Institute

The new Charles H. Best Institute of Physiology was formally opened in Toronto, Canada, on September 15. Erected beside the Banting Institute, it will provide improved accommodations for the Department of Physiology at the University of Toronto and, in addition, it also will provide increased facilities for the work of the Banting and Best Department of Medical Research.

The dedication of the building was preceded by a special convocation at which honorary degrees were awarded to four of the distinguished visitors who were present for the occasion. These were: Dr. Detlev W. Bronk, President of The National Academy of Sciences; Dr. Elliott P. Joslin, Honorary President of the American Diabetes Association; Dr. Bernardo A. Houssay, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Nobel Laureate; and Sir Lionel Whitby, Vice Chancellor of the University of Cambridge. Other noted guests and speakers included: Sir Henry Dale, Past Presi-

dent of The Royal Society of London, Nobel Prize winner and Chairman of the Scientific Advisory Committee to the British Government during the war years; Dr. E. D. Adrian, President of The Royal Society, London; Prof. Joseph Hoet, Head of the Department of Medicine, University of Louvain, Belgium; and Dr. R. D. Lawrence, President of the International Diabetes Federation.

The Institute was formally opened by Sir Henry Dale. Lectures and informal talks given at the scientific programs proved to be of unusual interest and importance.

A complete description of the event, along with scientific papers, will appear in the January-February number of *DIABETES*.

### Personal

The following members of the American Diabetes Association, according to an announcement from the American Heart Association, are among the recipients of the 89 research grants made for that organization's 1953-54 fiscal year: Douglas R. Drury, M.D., Los Angeles, Calif.; George W. Thorn, M.D., Boston, Mass.; Louis Tobian, Jr., M.D., Dallas, Tex.; F. Curtis Dohan, M.D., Philadelphia, Pa.; J. Russell Elkinton, M.D., Philadelphia, Pa.; T. S. Danowski, M.D., Pittsburgh, Pa.; and B. A. Housay, M.D., Buenos Aires, Argentina.

George E. Anderson, M.D., Brooklyn, New York, on September 30 addressed the 47th Annual Meeting of the Fifth District Branch of the Medical Society of the State of New York on the subject of "Recent Advances in the Treatment of Diabetes."

Blair Holcomb, M.D., Portland, Ore., presented a paper at the Annual Session of the Michigan State Medical Society in Grand Rapids on September 24. The paper was entitled "Patients Are People—A Physician's Soliloquy."

Priscilla White, M.D., Boston, Mass., spoke before the New Jersey Academy of General Practice in Trenton on September 26. Advances made in the treatment of diabetic coma were discussed by Dr. White.

Frederick W. Williams, M.D., New York City, addressed members of the Fourth District Branch of the Medical Society of the State of New York on "Current Concepts on the Treatment of Diabetes Mellitus." The meeting was held October 1 in the Johnstown Hotel, Johnstown, N. Y.

### Obituaries

HAROLD I. GRICE, M.D., a member of the American Diabetes Association since 1941, died in Ellis Hospital, Schenectady, N.Y., on April 23 after a long illness. He was 52 years old.

Doctor Grice was born in Scranton, Pa., and received his B.S. in Biology from Bucknell University in 1925 and his medical degree from Western Reserve University.

Following his internship at Ellis Hospital in Schenectady, Doctor Grice was appointed resident physician. While there he established a diabetes clinic and a diabetes service. He later entered private practice in Schenectady. In recent years, he had been a member of the staff of Ellis Hospital and also chief of the diabetes service.

Before coming to Ellis Hospital, he had been at New York State Hospital at Ray Brook, N. Y., and Lakeside Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio.

JOHN DAVIS PAUL, M.D., a member of the American Diabetes Association since 1944, died on February 23 at the age of 62.

A native of Philadelphia, Doctor Paul was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Medical School in 1915, and for the next two years was a resident at Episcopal Hospital in Philadelphia. He later served at various periods as chief of the diabetes departments of Episcopal, St. Christopher's and Stetson Hospitals, all of Philadelphia. He likewise was pathologist at Misericordia Hospital, Philadelphia, from 1919 to 1924 and at St. Christopher's Hospital from 1923 to 1946. He became Medical Director of Stetson Hospital in 1944. Since 1946 he had been a staff physician at Germantown Hospital. During World War I he was a captain in the Army Medical Corps.

Doctor Paul was a member of the American Society of Clinical Pathologists and the American College of Physicians. He furthermore had been Secretary of the Philadelphia County Medical Society, a Governor of the Medical Club of Philadelphia, and a Director of the Physician's Motor Club.

JAMES J. COLLINS, M.D., Galena, Ill., a member of the American Diabetes Association since 1948, died on April 2 at the age of 47 in Dubuque, Iowa.

Doctor Collins received his B.S. from the University of Detroit and completed his medical training at Marquette University. He was a staff member of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital and Finley Hospital, Dubuque, and maintained a general practice in Galena.