

Medical School

GRADUATE INSTRUCTION BY MEDICAL SCHOOL ACCORDED HIGH PRAISE

Summer Course Draws Men From Entire Northwest, Students Laud Faculty's Work

Portland, Dec. 8—(Special)—During the spring of 1919, there appeared in the "Northwest Medicine," the monthly publication of the state medical association of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Utah, an announcement concerning "Graduate Instruction in Medicine"—a course that was being offered by the faculty of the University of Oregon medical school for the benefit of the practicing physicians of this territory especially and any others who may be interested. Dr. Harold B. Myers, assistant dean of the school, said, "We have long felt the need of such a course, but have hesitated in presenting it to the profession. It was with the idea of testing out just how real this need was and to what extent our efforts would be successful that we launched this program. And now that it is over and we can view it as a whole, I can say that it was eminently successful and fully justified our fondest hopes."

Post Graduate School Success.
The University of Oregon school of Medicine is the only school of its kind in the northwest. Situated as it is in Portland, which by the way is fast being recognized as the medical center of the west, the school has a big field and many responsibilities, including post-graduate work.

The success of the first post-graduate school is undoubted. Because of this, its future continuance is assured. Not only will the course be offered every summer, but it will be enlarged and improved upon.

Graduate physicians from Oregon, Washington, Idaho and as far east as Nebraska made up the first class. They were so pleased with the courses offered and the manner in which they were presented that they sent to the faculty of the medical school and also filed in their minutes a resolution of appreciation, which stated in substance that they had the privilege of attending the first post-graduate course of instruction of the University of Oregon medical school and experienced the personal interest of the faculty in each individual and their constant effort to give everyone the exact points desired.

The resolution was signed by R. C. Kelsey, M. D., president; Ravena Spurrior, M. D., secretary, and the members of the class.

Eastern School Rivalled.
The reputation of the school and the excellence of its post-graduate work found full expression in the middle west judging from a letter received from a member of the first class who came from Nebraska. He reiterated his personal gratitude and appreciation for the course and stated that his confidence in the high quality and nature of the work the school was doing was so well established that he had brought the matter before his county medical association assuring them that the course equalled if it did not excel the work done in schools farther east. He told them that if they were contemplating taking such a course in the near future that they could do no better than enter at the Oregon institution.

A brief outline of the work offered last summer is as follows:

1. Clinical surgery. General—Orthopedic—eye, ear, nose and throat—genito-urinary.
2. Clinics in internal medicine. General medicine and pediatrics.
3. Laboratory diagnosis.
4. Special Dissection.
5. Lectures and demonstrations in pathology.
6. Operative surgery.
7. Elective courses in goitre, Roentgenology, electro-therapeutics and any other course requested, provided a sufficient number applied for that course.

Summer School Faculty Listed.
The faculty of the summer school included some of the best known and most skilled men in Portland. Such men as Dr. K. A. J. MacKenzie, Dr. T. M. Joice, Dr. R. C. Coffey, Dr. Eugene Rockey, Dr. J. A. Petit, Dr. J. Earle Elise, Dr. A. R. Rockey, Dr. E. F. Tucker, Dr. A. W. Baird, Dr. E. A. Summers, Dr. A. T. McKay, Dr. L. H. Hamilton, Dr.

W. B. Holden, Dr. I. C. Brill, Dr. H. T. Coffin, Dr. M. Rasiallon, Dr. William House, Dr. S. E. Joseph, Dr. William Knox, Dr. G. M. Kohler, Dr. N. W. Jones, Drs. Matson, Dr. Bilderbach, Dr. Rosenfeld, Dr. Rice, Dr. King and Dr. Parker all contributed to the success of the school. The clinics were held for the most part in St. Vincent's and the Good Samaritan hospitals, although some were held in the Portland surgical hospital, the Emmanuel hospital, the Portland medical hospital and the Weverly baby home.

This was the first post-graduate course offered by the medical school in a way it was a trial—to test out the need for such a thing in the northwest. It found the needs very real and satisfied the demands magnificently. Next summer the course will be given again, but in a bigger and better way.

DR. SCHAFER LEAVES SOON FOR NATIONAL HISTORY CONVENTION

School History Committee of Which He is Head to Meet in Cleveland

Dr. Joseph Schafer, head of the history department of the university, who is chairman of a committee on History and Education for Citizenship in the public schools of United States, has called a meeting of the committee to be held between December 29 and 31, in Cleveland, Ohio. The annual session of the American Historical Association, of which Dr. Schafer's committee is a branch, convenes in Cleveland at that time and as all representatives have planned to attend the meeting of the organization he deemed it an opportune time to meet with his committee men. A definite decision will be made then to determine what changes will be recommended in the courses of study followed by history and education departments of the public schools of the United States.

This committee is composed of seven other men from the leading universities and colleges in the United States. They met in Washington, D. C., last May and prepared for the printing of Syllabi and essembling of data for this meeting when a set of proposals for a course of study will be prepared in pamphlet or book form to be sent out to the teachers all over the country.

General Policy Followed.
"In laying down a definite set of proposals for a course of study," stated Dr. Schafer, "the committee is following out its general policy of presenting at each stage something constructive for teachers to consider and to criticize. It has been found that a general request for suggestions on the subject of a new course of study is apt to bring very scant returns. Most teachers are too busy to take the time needed to put their ideas into a coherent system in order that they may be able to present helpful points of view. But a constructive plan carries with it either a challenge or an appeal. Those who will be pleased will be very glad to explain why, while those who are dissatisfied ought to be even more eager to present their criticisms in order to avoid the infliction on the country of a system they deem faulty in any respect."

"Open Diplomacy" Justified.
This policy of "open diplomacy" which the committee has followed throughout is justified, according to Dr. Schafer, by the fact that the suggestions, both representing possible new high school courses and a revised elementary school course which have been presented before conferences of teachers and through the Historical Outlook have been met with great interest and helpful attitude on the part of the teachers of the country.

In studying the school systems the committee is working out new plans for the elementary schools, grades one to six; the junior high school, grades seven to nine; and the senior high school, grades ten to twelve.

Dr. Schafer leaves December 20 for Cleveland and will return for the opening of the second term of the university.

Iceland Attends Wisconsin.
The University of Wisconsin has a student who has come clean from Iceland, studying at the university this year.

UNIVERSITY BOARD TO INVESTIGATE STATE'S DEPENDENTS AT LARGE

Committee Also Named Among Portland Social Workers to Assist

John C. Almack, head of the extension division of the university, who has been appointed chairman of the commission to investigate dependent, delinquent and defective persons in the state, left for Portland Monday night to attend a meeting of the Social Workers' association.

Owing to the fact that there are a large number of defectives outside of institutions, the University of Oregon has been granted authority by the state legislature to conduct a survey of the conditions. A report will then be made to the next legislative assembly in which results of the study will be set forth, together with recommendations for needed legislation. The survey will be started the first of next year. Public Health Service Would Assist.

"This is an important work," said Mr. Almack. "I am in receipt of a telegram from A. J. Klein, secretary of the National Extension association, who promises support. The telegram stated that the National Public Health Service would assist in the survey with men and money." Beside Professor Almack, there are five other members of the commission, Dr. Burchard W. DeBusk, Dr. Raymond H. Wheeler, Dr. Edwin C. Robbins, and Dr. Franklin Thomas of Portland.

A committee has been appointed among the social workers in Portland to gather data in their particular division. At the same time investigations will be carried on in other sections of the state. The information gained will be submitted in forms of reports, and in turn will constitute the basis of the report to the legislature.

Oregon Ranks High.
There have been surveys in other states, as well as in different counties of many states. Two years ago, there was a similar study made by the University of Oregon, and this new project is really a continuation of that, according to Professor Almack. A special effort will be made to reach the children in the schools. County and city records will be consulted, and state social legislation will be studied.

"Oregon compares very favorably with other states in having a small number of defectives, and conditions are not so bad as some may suppose," said Mr. Almack. "The matter is closely connected with illiteracy, and our state ranked second in the recent army tests. In fact, there was a smaller percentage of illiteracy in the western states than in any other part of the country."

Winter Tennis at Colorado.
The girls at Colorado college are holding a tennis tournament.

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