

PERSONALS

In 1943, MR. PERRY BURGESS, President of the Leonard Wood Memorial, was officially appointed a Consultant to the Secretary of War with assignment to the Commission on Tropical Diseases. Mr. Burgess appointed DR. NORVIN C. KIEFER of Geneva, Ohio, to be Medical Assistant to the President of the Leonard Wood Memorial, to aid him in this work. Thus far their work has consisted of a summary, prepared from the literature and with the collaboration of a number of well-known leprologists, of the recognition and management of leprosy. This formed the basis for the Army Circular Letter No. 180, which is reprinted in this issue of the JOURNAL. At present they are preparing reports on the worldwide distribution of leprosy for the Board for the Investigation of Epidemic Diseases of the United States Army. The information is being obtained from available literature and from communications with individuals who have personal knowledge of the distribution of leprosy in various areas.

The story of FATHER JOE SWEENEY's experiences at The Gate of Heaven leprosarium including the difficulties since the Japanese invasion was presented in *Men of Maryknoll* (Charles Scribner's Sons). It was excerpted in the *Readers' Digest* for July, 1943.

DR. JAMES A. DOULL, Acting Editor of the JOURNAL, spent six months of 1943 in Australia, New Guinea, and New Zealand as a special mission officer of the Lend Lease Administration. Dr. Doull's duties were to assist Australia and New Zealand in obtaining military and civilian medical supplies which the United States was committed to furnish under the Lend Lease agreement. Dr. Doull is Professor of Hygiene and Public Health in the School of Medicine, Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, and holds a reserve commission as Senior Surgeon, United States Public Health Service.

DR. EDWARD S. FISH, of Toronto, Canada, on leave from the China Inland Mission, is serving for the period of the war, as Assistant Physician at the Hawaii Territorial Leprosarium at Kalaupapa, Molokai. DR. NORMAN R. SLOAN remains in charge, replacing DR. IRA D. HIRSCHY, who is serving with the armed forces of the United States.

DR. MALCOLM SOULE, Professor of Bacteriology at the University of Michigan and a member of the Medical Advisory Board of the Leonard Wood Memorial, left for South America in December, 1943, on behalf of the Division of Health and Sanitation of the Office of Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs and the Leonard Wood Memorial. He is interviewing candidates for the fellowship program of 1944.

DR. CHESTER N. FRAZIER, who for many years was at Peiping University, Peiping, China, is now associated with the Department of Dermatology and Syphilology at the Medical School of the University of Texas, in Galveston.

DR. CARLOS GOMEZ PLATA, Chief of Leprosy Department in Colombia was in the United States for five months and in Brazil one month in 1943. He was in the United States under a special fellowship from the office of Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs.