

## **OBITUARY**

### **RUSSELL L. CECIL (1881-1965)**

Dr. R. L. Cecil, Professor Emeritus of Clinical Medicine at the Cornell University Medical School, who died on June 1, 1965, was one of the "Founding Fathers" of American rheumatology and at the time of his death was Consulting Medical Director of the Arthritis Foundation. His famous "Textbook of Medicine" is now in its twelfth edition. He was known and admired by most British rheumatologists who have visited America, and a summons to dine

at the last of the privately inhabited "brown-stone" houses down town in New York was esteemed a considerable honour and pleasure. It was his serious interest in the rheumatic diseases between the wars which led to the establishment of special hospital departments and encouraged Academic Medicine in the United States to award rheumatology status.

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## **SECOND NUFFIELD CONFERENCE ON RHEUMATISM**

In March, 1964, the Nuffield Foundation held a two-day conference at Pendley Manor, Tring, on the possible underlying causes of rheumatism, with special reference to inflammation.

This conference followed the pattern established at the successful first Nuffield conference on rheu-

matism, held at Ashridge College in May, 1962. Once again scientists from various biological disciplines speculated with rheumatologists on the nature of rheumatic disease. The report of this further exchange of views may be obtained without charge by writing to The Nuffield Foundation, Nuffield Lodge, Regent's Park, London, N.W.1.