

EDITORIAL



THE Heberden Society awarded its medal in 1940 for original work and research in Rheumatology to Lieutenant-Colonel Copeman, F.R.C.P., R.A.M.C., for his communication on "Improvised Methods of Physical Treatment of Rheumatism in the Field." It has selected for its next award another member of the Editorial Committee of the ANNALS, Dr. Philip Hench, of the Mayo Clinic, for his work on "The Effect of Jaundice in Rheumatoid Arthritis." Dr. Hench,

who is now Lieutenant-Colonel in the United States Medical Corps, hopes to continue these studies after the War and may be able to study fresh aspects of the subject under the conditions of military service.

In acknowledging the award Dr. Hench writes to the Heberden Society: "I know that this award is not merely an expression of your interest in my own work. It is more particularly and more importantly a gracious symbol of your sympathetic approval of the work of the American Rheumatism Association, the organisation in this country which is trying to accomplish aims essentially similar to those which the Heberden Society and the Empire Rheumatism Council are so ably accomplishing in your country despite the difficulties of war. American physicians are proud to join with you in your humanitarian efforts on behalf of the rheumatism sufferers everywhere, but to continue the efforts we must have a world in which the word humanitarianism has some meaning, and to guarantee such a world the people of our countries are again firmly joined. Here's to the day when American and British rheumatologists may again meet with other men of science in an atmosphere of lasting peace and hope."

The Heberden Society, which takes its title from a distinguished physician who was one of the early British students of rheumatic diseases and whose name is associated with a form of chronic arthritis, was founded in 1936 for the advancement of the study of rheumatic diseases. The Society's bronze medal, designed and struck by the Goldsmiths and Silversmiths' Company, was inaugurated in 1938, and is awarded from time to time for original work of distinction in this field.

We have received the following Medical Journals: *Revista Argentina de Rheumatologia*, *El Dia Medico*, Buenos Aires, *Revista Medica de Chile*, *Revista de Sanidad y Asistencia Social*. We hope to review articles on rheumatic diseases appearing in them when circumstances permit, and in the meantime note with satisfaction the interest which is being taken in the problems presented by rheumatism in South America.