PRIZES AWARDED IN THE ANNUAL ESSAY CONTEST
OF THE
AMERICAN DERMATOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

Again this year, keen competition marked the annual Essay Prize Contest sponsored by the American Dermatological Association to stimulate investigators to original work in the field of Dermatology and Syphilology. A total of thirteen manuscripts were submitted to the Research Aid Committee of the Association, which based its decision on the following considerations:

1. Originality of ideas.
2. Potential importance of the work.
3. Experimental methods and the use of controls.
4. Evaluation of results.
5. Clarity of presentation.
6. Historical background.

The high quality of the manuscripts made it difficult to arrange them in order of merit. In the opinion of the judges, only a few points separated the four outstanding contributions.

The winner of the first prize is Dr. Alfred W. Kopf of New York, New York for his paper entitled "Histo-Chemical Studies on the Distribution of Alkaline Phosphatase in Normal and Pathologic Human Skin." The author will receive a cash prize of $500 as well as an invitation to present his paper at the annual meeting of the American Dermatological Association to be held in Santa Barbara, California, June 18–21, 1956.

The second prize went to Dr. James F. Riley and Dr. B. G. West of Dundee, Scotland for their manuscript on "Skin Histamines: Its Location in the Tissue Mast Cells."

The third prize was awarded to Dr. John G. Rukavina of Ann Arbor, Michigan for his paper on "Familial Primary Systemic Amyloidosis. An Experimental, Genetic and Clinical Study."

The fourth prize was awarded to Dr. John S. Strauss of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for his manuscript entitled "Pseudo Folliculitis of the Beard."

The sponsors of this project are encouraged by the number who participated and they extend heartiest congratulations to the winners. Details of the next annual contest will be forthcoming soon.