## AWARD OF THE GOLD MEDAL OF THE NEW YORK ACADEMY OF MEDICINE

THE Gold Medal for distinguished service in medicine of the New York Academy of Medicine was presented to Dr. Oswald T. Avery, of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, at a meeting of the academy on October 5.

This is the first time the medal has been awarded since 1938. The previous recipients of the award are:

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| Dr. Carl Koller | 1930 |
| Dr. David Marine | 1931 |
| Dr. Charles Norris | 1934 |
| Dr. Alfred Newton Richards | 1936 |
| Dr. Bela Schick | 1938 |

The citation delivered by the president of the academy, Dr. Arthur Freeborn Chace, follows:

Dr. Oswald T. Avery, for more than thirty years you have been on the staff of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, and your investigations have led to discoveries and great advances in the science of bacteriology. With Dochez, in 1917, you discovered the "soluble specific substance" of the pneumococcus, and in the early twenties you revealed that it was a polysaccharide different from each of the three types of pneumococci studied. But you have persisted for years in your quiet, modest way, and have ever given credit to others. During this present year with Mac Leod and MacCarty, you have studied the transformation of one type of pneumococcus into another and isolated the "transforming principle" as a thymonucleic acid. This discovery has very far-reaching implications for the general science of biology. I have the pleasure and the honor of presenting to you the Medal of The New York Academy of Medicine, which is awarded to one who has contributed in a distinguished way to the progress of medicine.