

# Heads Roll As Ax Falls On Staff Of Philadelphia Hospital In Probe

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 4—  
The long-expected "explosion" at Mercy hospital, one of the leading and approved hospitals operated by the Race took place last week, as the entire board of directors was asked to resign, the business manager was dropped, and steps taken to reorganize the 32-year-old institution.

With more alarm in what is not said and not known, rather than in what is known, there are rumors of laxities in money matters and gross inefficiencies in the administrative departments of the hospital.

Dropped was Fleming D. Tucker, for 20 years assistant superintendent and business manager. He was given a "leave of absence without pay for incompetency."

Others who are expected to be affected in some fashion by the present state of affairs are Dr. Henry Minton, superintendent and medical director; Dr. Eugene Hinson, assistant director, and Miss Lulu Warlick, superintendent of the Nurses training school.

Supported by both the state and the Community fund, rumors have long had it that Mercy was to be re-organized, especially since the Community fund has been finding it difficult to raise money for all the institutions needing it.

With the fund calling the signals, a study was authorized, with an eye to make economies. W. A. Dent, business manager of Flint-Goodridge hospital in New Orleans, and Dr. C. Rufus Rorem, of the

American Hospital Association, were called to Philadelphia and what they found is responsible for the drastic action here reported.

Among the directors resigning were two who had been elected to the board just about two weeks ago, and who attended their first meeting at the time the wholesale resignations were ordered on Tuesday.

These two are Dr. Leslie Pinckney Hill, president of the Cheyney State Teachers college, and Herbert T. Miller, executive secretary of the Christian Street Y.M.C.A.

Resigned, too, is the nonogeharian Archdeacon Henry L. Phillips, president of the board, who was perhaps the leading spirit in the found-

ing of the hospital, and who has been on its board ever since it was started.

Members of the Mercy board, in addition to those mentioned before, are John W. Harris, realtor; the Rev. John R. Logan, vicar, St. Simon's Episcopal church; Magistrate Joseph H. Rainey, William S. Hagan, Francis Fisher Kane, and Henry P. Paterson, member of the executive board of the Philadelphia N.A.A.C.P., the latter two white.