

members or patrons, since it is in accord with the prevailing ideas that underlie all educational work, viz., that sources of information should not be surrounded by barriers, and that agencies of instruction should be kept constantly active.

Moreover, it should not be forgotten that there are now many privileges extended to members. They receive the *Journal* and, on request, copies of all 'Guide Leaflets.' The member's ticket admits to the evening lectures, which are arranged exclusively for members and their friends, and to the various laboratories, workrooms and other portions of the building not open to the public. The appointment of an instructor, Mrs. Roesler, makes it possible for the guests of members to be received at the museum and shown about the building; or members may leave their children with Mrs. Roesler for a few hours for instruction in the various exhibition halls.

#### SECOND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF MUSEUMS

THE second annual meeting of the American Association of Museums will be held at the Carnegie Institute in Pittsburg June 4-6.

Owing to the unavoidable absence of Dr. Hermon C. Bumpus, who has sailed for Europe, the duty of making all arrangements has devolved upon Dr. W. J. Holland, director of the Carnegie Museum, who has associated with himself Mr. John W. Beatty, the director of the department of fine arts of the Carnegie Institute. Those who propose to attend the meeting of the association are requested to communicate directly with Dr. Holland, who requests more particularly that all who intend to present papers at the meeting will inform him at the earliest possible date of the titles of the papers which they intend to present, so that arrangements may be properly made for the program of the meeting.

Hotel accommodations in the city of Pittsburg are ample, and arrangements have been made with three of the leading hotels, which offer the following rates:

##### *Hotel Schenley—European Plan*

Single room, one person .....	\$2 00
Single room, one person, with bath .....	3 00

For two persons occupying the same room as a special concession, the same rates will be charged as for single occupants.

##### *Hotel Lincoln—European Plan*

Single room, one person .....	\$1 50
Single room, one person, with bath .....	2 00
Double room from \$3.00 up.	
Double room, with bath, from \$5.00 up.	

##### *Fort Pitt Hotel—European Plan*

Single room .....	\$1 50 to \$3 50
Single room, with bath .....	2 50 to 3 50
Double room .....	2 00 to 3 00
Double room, with bath .....	3 50 to 5 00

The Schenley Hotel, which is very near to the Carnegie Institute, will be made hotel headquarters.

Those who attend the meeting, the sessions of which will begin on the morning of Tuesday, June 4, at 10 A.M., will register in the library of the Carnegie Museum.

It is hoped that not only those who are at present members of the association, but all who are interested in museums and their work will identify themselves with the association. Under the terms of the constitution it is provided that,

Persons actively engaged in the work of Museums may become Active Members on the payment of two dollars per annum, and may become Active Members for Life upon payment of thirty dollars at any one time.

Persons not actively engaged in the work of Museums, contributing five dollars per annum, may become Associate Members.

Each Museum paying not less than ten dollars a year shall be a Sustaining Member of the Association, and through its chief executive officer, or a properly accredited representative, shall be entitled to cast a vote on all matters coming before the Association.

The association already enrolls in its membership nearly two hundred individuals and museums.

The magnificent new buildings of the Carnegie Institute, the home of the Carnegie Museum and the Carnegie Art Gallery, which were dedicated on April 11, will furnish an inspiration to those who attend the meeting. The annual international exhibit of paintings, which will not close until the middle of June, will still be on exhibition. This is regarded by art critics as the finest and most representative display of pictures which has been seen in this country since the time of the Exposi-

tion at St. Louis. It is hoped that all museums of art as well as of science will be largely represented at the gathering, and every effort will be made to make the occasion one of enjoyment as well as of instruction to those who attend the sessions.

All communications relating to arrangements should be addressed to Dr. W. J. Holland, the director of the Carnegie Museum.

*THE CARNEGIE INSTITUTION AND A DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY*

THE following letter urging the establishment of a Department of Anthropology for the purpose of investigating the problems of anthropology in South America has been signed by practically all students of anthropology in the United States:

APRIL 3, 1907

TO DR. R. S. WOODWARD,

*President of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, D. C.*

*Sir:*—The undersigned were appointed by the American Anthropological Association, the Archeological Institute of America, the American Folk-Lore Society, the Anthropological Society of Washington, the American Ethnological Society, and Section H of the American Association for the Advancement of Science—the six societies of the United States entirely or mainly anthropological in scope—to discuss the subject of the most important researches that should be undertaken for the furtherance of anthropological science, and to outline a plan of research of such importance as to be worthy of the consideration of the trustees of the Carnegie Institution of Washington.

The committee believes that the isolation of the continent of South America from the great land masses of the old world in recent geological times makes the study of man's appearance on the continent and the development there of the numerous tribes, languages and cultures in early times, a problem the solution of which would be of supreme importance to anthropological science.

In such a research the study of the racial and cultural development of the peoples of this continent and particularly of the con-

tact of this remote area with other parts of the world would be of fundamental importance.

Since it is not likely that any government will take up such an international investigation, and as it is impossible for any of the existing societies and institutions devoted to anthropological research to engage in so extensive an undertaking, the committee respectfully submits the following resolutions to the Carnegie Institution of Washington:

*Resolved*, That the trustees of the Carnegie Institution of Washington be respectfully requested to establish an anthropological department for the purpose of investigating the problem of the anthropology of South America, with special reference to the lines of contact between the early inhabitants of that continent and other continental areas.

*Resolved*, That should such a department be established its work should be based on the following four lines of investigation:

1. The antiquity of man in South America with special reference to the discoveries made in the Pampean formations. This work should be in charge of a competent geologist who should make a critical study of the strata in which the human remains have been found for which great antiquity is claimed. Associated with the geologist should be a trained archeologist who should make archeological investigations in the region of the alleged discoveries.

2. While historically no relation has been traced between the cultures of the more advanced tribes of the Andean Highlands and those of Central America, there is a general resemblance in fundamental types which seems to indicate that either a very early connection between North America and South America existed or that the later cultures grew up on the basis of an older type common to both continents. This investigation would require painstaking archeological researches extending from Mexico southward into the most southern regions to which the influence of Andean culture extended. The investigation of the ethnical relation between South America and North America would require particularly an exhaustive study of the early remains extend-