

The plates for the intra-mercurial planet search recorded more than 300 stars, including some of the ninth magnitude. All were identified as well-known stars. It is felt that the Lick Observatory observations of 1901, 1905 and 1908 bring definitely to a conclusion the observational side of this problem, famous for half a century. It is not contended that no planets exist in the intra-mercurial region, but it is believed that undiscovered planets do not exist in sufficient numbers to provide the mass necessary to explain the anomalies in the motion of Mercury and the other minor planets.

*Value of the Solar Parallax from Photographs of Eros taken in 1900 with the Crosley Reflector:* C. D. PERRINE.

The following determination of the values of the solar parallax is based on 823 images of Eros and the images of surrounding groups of stars contained on 281 photographs. These photographs were secured on eighteen nights from October 6 to December 24 inclusive.

The value of the solar parallax obtained is

$$8''.8054 \pm 0''.0025.$$

The measurements and reductions were made under a grant from the Carnegie Institution by Mrs. Moore and Miss Hobe.

The general results will be published in a Lick Observatory Bulletin, and a full account of the work by the Carnegie Institution.

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#### THE CONVOCATION WEEK MEETINGS OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES

THE American Association for the Advancement of Science and the national scientific societies named below will meet at the Johns Hopkins University, at Baltimore, during convocation week, beginning on December 28, 1908.

*American Association for the Advancement of Science.*—Retiring president, Professor E. L. Nichols, Cornell University; president-elect, Professor T. C. Chamberlin, University of Chicago; permanent secretary, Dr. L. O. Howard, Cosmos Club, Washington, D. C.; general secretary, Dr. J. Paul Goode, University of Chicago.

*Local Executive Committee.*—William H. Welch, M.D., chairman local committee; Henry Barton Jacobs, M.D., chairman executive committee; William J. A. Bliss, secretary, Joseph S. Ames, William B. Clark, R. Brent Keyser, Eugene A. Noble, Ira Remsen, John E. Semmes, Francis A. Soper, Hugh H. Young.

*Section A, Mathematics and Astronomy.*—Vice-president, C. J. Keyser, Columbia University; secretary, Professor G. A. Miller, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois.

*Section B, Physics.*—Vice-president, Professor Carl E. Guthe, State University of Iowa; secretary, Professor A. D. Cole, Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

*Section C, Chemistry.*—Vice-president, Professor Louis Kahlenberg, University of Wisconsin; secretary, C. H. Herty, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. C.

*Section D, Mechanical Science and Engineering.*—Vice-president, Professor Geo. F. Swain, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; secretary, G. W. Bissell, Michigan Agricultural College, East Lansing, Mich.

*Section E, Geology and Geography.*—Vice-president, Bailey Willis, U. S. Geological Survey; secretary, F. P. Gulliver, Norwich, Conn.

*Section F, Zoology.*—Vice-president, Professor C. Judson Herrick, University of Chicago; secretary, Professor Morris A. Bigelow, Columbia University, New York City.

*Section G, Botany.*—Vice-president, Professor H. M. Richards, Columbia University; secretary, Professor H. C. Cowles, University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.

*Section H, Anthropology.*—Vice-president, Professor R. S. Woodworth, Columbia University; secretary, George H. Pepper, American Museum of Natural History, New York City.

*Section I, Social and Economic Science.*—Vice-president, Professor G. Sumner, Yale University; secretary, Professor J. P. Norton, Yale University, New Haven, Conn.

*Section K, Physiology and Experimental Medicine.*—Vice-president, Professor Wm. H. Howell, Johns Hopkins University; secretary, Dr. Wm. J. Gies, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University, New York City.

*Section L, Education.*—Vice-president, Professor John Dewey, Columbia University; secretary, Professor C. R. Mann, University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.

*The American Society of Naturalists.*—December 31. President, Professor D. P. Penhallow, McGill University; secretary, Dr. H. McE. Knowler, The Johns Hopkins Medical School, Baltimore, Md. *Central Branch.* President, Professor R. A. Harper, University of Wisconsin; secretary, Professor Thomas G. Lee, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn.

*The American Mathematical Society.*—December

30, 31. President, Professor H. S. White, Vassar College; secretary, Professor F. N. Cole, 501 West 116th St., New York City.

*American Federation of Teachers of the Mathematical and Natural Sciences.*—December 28, 29. President, H. W. Tyler, Boston, Mass.; secretary, Professor C. R. Mann, University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.

*The American Physical Society.*—President, Professor E. L. Nichols, Cornell University; secretary, Professor Ernest Merritt, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

*The American Chemical Society.*—December 29–January 1. President, Professor Marston T. Bogert, Columbia University; secretary, Professor Charles L. Parsons, New Hampshire College, Durham, N. H.

*The Geological Society of America.*—December 29, 31. President, Professor Samuel Calvin, University of Iowa; secretary, Dr. E. O. Hovey, American Museum of Natural History, New York City.

*The Association of American Geographers.*—January 1, 2. President, Dr. G. K. Gilbert, U. S. Geological Survey; secretary, Professor Albert P. Brigham, Colgate University, Hamilton, N. Y.

*The American Society of Vertebrate Paleontologists.*—December 28–30. President, Professor Richard Swan Lull, Yale University; secretary, Dr. W. D. Matthew, American Museum of Natural History, New York City.

*The American Society of Biological Chemists.*—December 28–30. President, Professor John J. Abel, The Johns Hopkins University; secretary, Professor William J. Gies, 437 West 59th St., New York City.

*The American Physiological Society.*—December 29–31. President, Professor W. H. Howell, Johns Hopkins University; secretary, Dr. Reid Hunt, Hygienic Laboratory, 25th and E Sts., N. W., Washington, D. C.

*The Association of American Anatomists.*—December 29–31. President, Professor J. Playfair McMurich, University of Toronto; secretary, Professor G. Carl Huber, 1330 Hill St., Ann Arbor, Mich.

*The Society of American Bacteriologists.*—December 28–January 2. Vice-president, Professor H. L. Russell, University of Wisconsin; secretary, Dr. Norman MacL. Harris, University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.

*The American Society of Zoologists.*—Eastern Branch, December 29–31. President, Professor William Morton Wheeler, Harvard University;

secretary, Dr. Lorande Loss Woodruff, Yale University, New Haven, Conn. *Central Branch*, December 28–30. President, Professor E. A. Birge, University of Wisconsin; acting secretary, Professor Thomas G. Lee, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn.

*The Entomological Society of America.*—December 29, 30. President, Professor W. M. Wheeler, Harvard University; secretary, J. Chester Bradley, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

*The Association of Economic Entomologists.*—December 28, 29. President, Professor S. A. Forbes, University of Illinois; secretary, A. F. Burgess, Washington, D. C.

*The Botanical Society of America.*—December 29–31. President, Professor W. F. Ganong, Smith College, Northampton, Mass.; secretary, Professor D. S. Johnson, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.

*American Nature Study Society.*—December 30, 31. President, Professor L. H. Bailey, Cornell University; secretary, Professor M. A. Bigelow, Teachers College, Columbia University, New York City.

*Sullivant Moss Chapter.*—President, Dr. T. C. Frye, Seattle, Wash.; secretary, Mr. N. L. T. Nelson, St. Louis, Mo. Address: Mrs. Annie Morrill Smith, 78 Orange St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

*Wild Flower Preservation Society.*—President, Professor Chas. E. Bessey; secretary, Dr. Charles Louis Pollard, New Brighton, N. Y.

*The American Psychological Association.*—December 29–31. President, Professor G. M. Stratton, University of California; secretary, Professor A. H. Pierce, Smith College, Northampton, Mass.

*The American Philosophical Association.*—December 29–31. President, Professor Hugo Münsterberg, Harvard University; secretary, Professor Frank Thilly, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

*Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology.*—Convocation week. President, Professor J. MacBride Sterrett, The George Washington University; secretary, Professor Edward Franklin Buchner, The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.

*The American Anthropological Association.*—December 28–January 2. President, Professor Franz Boas, Columbia University; secretary, Dr. Geo. Grant MacCurdy, Yale University, New Haven, Conn.

*The American Folk-lore Society.*—Week of December 28. President, Professor Roland B. Dixon, Harvard University; secretary, Dr. Alfred M. Tozzer, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.