

"Non-evaporating Mounts for Alcoholic Specimens," by Roy C. Miner.

"Some Experiments of a Small Museum," by Harold Madison.

"Lantern Slides in Geography Work," by Carlos E. Cummings.

"Circulation Cases for Mounted Birds," by Herbert E. Sargent.

The Round Table discussions included five topics, "The Insurance of Museum Collections," "The Classification of Specimens," "The Possibilities of Systematic Cooperation between Large and Small Museums," "An Exhibition to Show the Destruction of Wild Life and the Extermination of Species" and "The Handling of Classes in Exhibition Rooms."

A day was spent by the association at the Bronx, visiting both the Zoological Park and the Botanical Garden, and trips were made to the Museum for the Arts of Decoration at Cooper Union, the New York Aquarium, and the Children's Museum of the Brooklyn Institute. Many remained over Saturday in order to accept the invitation of the Staten Island Association of Arts and Sciences to inspect its museum and to see the island.

In executive session the council voted that it should be the policy of the association to deal with the principles of organization and administration of museums and with their problems of technique rather than with matters of art, history or science as such.

Balloting for officers for the year 1912-13 resulted in the election of Henry L. Ward, Public Museum of Milwaukee, for president; Benjamin Ives Gilman, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, for first vice-president; Oliver C. Farrington, Field Museum, Chicago, second vice-president, and Professor G. S. Morse, Peabody Museum, Salem, and Professor William C. Mills, Ohio State Archeological and Historical Society, Columbus, Ohio, as councillors for the next three years. The secretary, Paul M. Rea, Charleston Museum; assistant secretary, Laura L. Weeks, Charleston Museum; and treasurer, Dr. W. P. Wilson, Philadelphia Museums, were reelected. The four councillors continuing in office are Frederic A. Lucas, Henry R. Howland, Frederick J. V. Skiff and Henry W. Kent.

The association will meet next year in Philadelphia.

PAUL M. REA,
Secretary

SOCIETIES AND ACADEMIES

TORREY BOTANICAL CLUB

THE meeting of March 12, 1912, was held at the American Museum of Natural History at 8:15 P.M. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Z. S. Leonard in the absence of officers of the club. Mr. Sereno Stetson was appointed secretary pro tem. Twenty-five persons were present.

The paper of the evening consisted of an illustrated lecture by Dr. Marshall A. Howe on "Some Floral and Scenic Features of Cuba." Lantern-slide photographs were shown illustrating characteristic Cuban plant associations, particularly in the provinces of Oriente, Camagüey, Matangas and Pinar del Rio. Special attention was given to the numerous native palms of the island and to the cacti of the Guantanamo Bay region. The sugar, tobacco and fruit-growing industries of Cuba were also illustrated and commented upon.

SERENO STETSON,
Secretary pro tem.

THE meeting of March 27, 1912, was held in the lecture room of the New York Botanical Garden at 3 P.M. Vice-president Barnhart presided. Forty persons were present.

The scientific program consisted of a lecture on "Organization of *Pediastrum* Colony," by Professor R. A. Harper. The lecture was illustrated with lantern slides.

THE meeting of April 24, 1912, was held in the Laboratory of the New York Botanical Garden at 3:15 P.M., Dr. W. A. Merrill presiding. Fifteen persons were present.

The scientific program consisted of a paper on "Plant Hairs," by Dr. William Mansfield. The speaker exhibited a number of figures representing various types of plant hairs and showed how the four main types, simple, compound, septate and non-septate, could be made the basis of a key by which many species of plants could be identified.

THE meeting of May 14, 1912, was held in the American Museum of Natural History at 8:15 P.M. President Burgess presided. Nine persons were present.

The scientific program consisted of an illustrated lecture on "Dr. Charles H. Shaw's Botanical Studies in the Selkirks," by Miss Caroline S. Romer.

B. O. DODGE,
Secretary