

pose of making the organization a permanent one. The following officers were elected: *President*, Carl Westerfeld, member California Fish and Game Commission, San Francisco, Cal.; *Vice-president*, Henry O'Malley, Pacific Coast Supt. of Hatcheries for U. S. Bureau of Fisheries, Oregon City, Oregon; *Vice-president*, Professor Trevor Kincaid, head of Department of Zoology, University of Washington, Seattle, Wash.; *Secretary*, John N. Cobb, editor *Pacific Fisherman*, Seattle, Wash., and *Treasurer*, Russell Palmer, Seattle, Wash.

The first annual meeting was held at the University of Washington, Seattle, on June 10-12, when the following papers were read:

Policy of the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries with respect to the Pacific Fisheries, by Dr. H. M. Smith, Commissioner of Fisheries.

Establishment of a Fishery School at the University of Washington, by Professor Trevor Kincaid.

Some Neglected Fishery Resources of the Pacific Coast, by John N. Cobb.

Angling and Netting; the Conservation of the Marine Fishes of Southern California, by Dr. Charles F. Holder.

The Nanaimo, British Columbia, Biological Laboratory, by C. McLean Fraser, Director.

Hybridization of Salmon, by Professor Victor E. Smith.

Rearing and Feeding Salmon Fry. Separate papers by Henry O'Malley, of the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries; W. H. Shebley, California Supt. of Hatcheries; R. E. Clanton, Oregon Supt. of Hatcheries; Stephen Butts, Supt. Willapa State Hatchery, Lebam, Wash., and L. M. Rice, Supt. Chehalis, Wash., Hatchery.

The society decided to retain for another year the officers elected at the March meeting, and in addition the following to serve as an executive committee: Dr. Barton W. Evermann, Director Museum California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco, Cal.; C. McLean Fraser, Director Biological Laboratory, Nanaimo, British Columbia; Dr. Charles F. Holder, Pasadena, California; Leslie H. Darwin, Washington Fish and Game Commissioner, Seattle, Wash.; M. J. Kinney, member Oregon Fish and Game Commission, Portland, Oregon; Ward T. Bower, Pacific

Coast Agent U. S. Bureau of Fisheries, Seattle, Wash., and M. D. Baldwin, Esq., member Montana Fish and Game Commission, Kalispell, Montana.

The next annual meeting will be held in San Francisco in 1916, the date to be fixed later.

The society will publish its annual proceedings.

JOHN N. COBB,
Secretary

THE AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY

As was announced in last week's issue of SCIENCE the American Chemical Society is unable to hold the meeting which had been planned for Montreal in September. The conditions are explained in the following letter addressed to Dr. Charles L. Parsons, secretary of the society, by Professor R. F. Ruttan, chairman of the Montreal committee:

The declaration of war between Germany and England found me at Metis Beach, 500 miles down the St. Lawrence, playing golf with a feeling of relief that our organization for the meeting was so complete.

My first wire to you was mis-sent by a habitant operator, who did not think the order of initials was of any importance. I am sorry for the delay. I took the first train back to Montreal, arriving this morning, and wired you.

We had a meeting of all the executive committee in town this afternoon, and with profound regret, fully realizing what it meant to you and the society, decided that the meeting could not be made to go in British territory this autumn. I wired you at once.

"Canada is sending the first contingent of 20,000 very soon and a second and third will follow.

"Montrealers feel that we are at war with Germany and Austria, and are behaving as if the enemy were threatening us.

"The harbor, canals, etc., are under martial law. The excursions were off, as the company cancelled our contract, for the steamers for the rapids and harbor.

"No German member of the society would naturally come to British soil and all with German names would be questioned at the boundary. Many are even now turned back. We felt that the ex-

clusion of so many prominent members of the society was a high price to pay for a meeting here.

"Any foreigners would be subjected to disagreeable formalities and conditions on coming here just now.

"It would be impossible to attract to the convention the slightest public interest in Montreal, outside a few dozen chemists. No one would come to the conversazione or the garden parties we had arranged, and while there would surely be the feeling of good fellowship among ourselves, it would be overshadowed by the tragic war we are in at present."

It is sad to look over the wreck of our hopes of a big and successful meeting.

Everything was organized and under way even to rehearsing for the smoker. The toastmaster and speakers for the banquet, the chemical and other scientific "stunts" for the conversazione were arranged, the hall for the exhibits prepared, which, by the way, would have been of exceptional interest. We feel very sad about it all to-day I assure you.

The principal, vice-principal and Sir Wm. Osler, who had promised to speak at the banquet, are in Europe, as well as many of our staff. Their return is uncertain. Everything was against the meeting and only our desire to give you the hand of good fellowship and the advanced state of the preparations made us hesitate at all about calling everything off.

I hope you appreciate our situation and that we have your sympathy.

I came up this morning feeling sure the meeting would go, but have been convinced it could not be made more than an apology for a convention, which it would be a waste of time to attend.

When things settle down again we will once more extend you an invitation, and hope you will do us the honor of accepting it.

On receipt of this letter, President Richards of course determined at once to call off the meeting. The almost unanimous opinion of the officers of the society is that it will be impossible to arrange for a successful meeting early in the fall and that business conditions throughout the country render it improbable that it would be advisable to have a meeting later in the year. The present outlook is that the next meeting of the American Chemical Society will be in New Orleans, April 1 to 3, 1915.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

MR. ROOSEVELT has arranged to give to members of the American Museum of Natural History in the fall the first presentation of the zoological results of his recent expedition to South America. The zoological collections which, through the generosity of Mr. Roosevelt, the museum has received from the Roosevelt expedition to South America, amount to twenty-five hundred birds and four hundred and fifty mammals.

THE Bissett-Hawkins memorial medal of the Royal College of Physicians of London has been awarded to Sir Ronald Ross, for his work on malaria.

At a meeting of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, held on July 7, Dr. W. S. Bruce was presented with the Neill Prize, in recognition of the scientific results of his Arctic and Antarctic explorations.

DR. ALEXANDER VON BRILL, professor of mathematics at Tübingen, has been given a doctorate of engineering by the Technological School at Munich, on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of his doctorate.

DR. PAUL KROEBER, of Leipzig, has received a prize of 5,000 Marks from the Berlin Academy of Sciences for his work on the theory of functions.

DR. MAIRET, professor of mental and nervous diseases at Montpellier, has been elected a national associate of the Paris Academy of Medicine. He has been national correspondent in the section of pathologic medicine since 1894.

THE second annual meeting of the Indian Science Congress is to be held, under the auspices of the Asiatic Society of Bengal, in Madras, on January 14-16 next, under the presidency of Surgeon-General Bannerman.

DR. BEVERLY T. GALLOWAY, lately assistant secretary of the Department of Agriculture, took up his duties as director of the New York State College of Agriculture, Cornell University, on August first.

DR. LEWIS A. SEXTON, resident physician at Willard Parker Hospital, New York, has accepted the position of superintendent of the