

There was considerable discussion of this important disease by a number of those present.

The sessions were presided over by Dr. Haven Metcalf in the absence of the president and vice-president of the American Phytopathological Society, and Professor R. E. Smith, president of the Pacific Division, and Professor H. S. Jackson, newly elected president of the Pacific Division, respectively. The attendance at these sessions varied from forty to fifty.

Wednesday, August 4, was spent with the botanists at Stanford University, and the plant pathologists joined the biologists in a dinner in San Francisco in the evening.

Following the reading of Dr. Shear's paper a motion was adopted directing the chairman to appoint a committee for the purpose of considering the question of the establishment of a culture supply laboratory. C. L. Shear, chairman, and L. R. Jones were appointed, with power to select a third member.

In the intermission between the second and third sessions, a business meeting of the Pacific Division was held, in which a report was made by the secretary-treasurer as to the activities of the society and its financial condition. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: H. S. Jackson, president; J. T. Barrett, vice-president; W. T. Horne, secretary-treasurer. The question of affiliation with the Pacific Division of the American Association for the Advancement of Science was reported on and the matter of the next meeting was left until the next meeting of that society should be decided. The matter of relation to the parent society was then taken up and the report of the joint committee was adopted. The adoption of this report changes the name of the local society to the American Phytopathological Society, Pacific Division, and also reestablishes the distinction originally made between associate and active members, active members being those who are also members of the parent society.

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THE recent, August 2-7, California meetings of Section B of the American Association for the Advancement of Science were pleasant and profitable in every particular. The programs for three days, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, had been amply provided for by a special committee of the Pacific Coast Division, of which Professor Fernando Sanford was chairman. These sessions, presided over by Vice-president Lewis were devoted to the presentation of rather full, invited papers and demonstrations on spectroscopy, high tension electric currents, and physics of the atmosphere. Friday's meetings, at which many brief papers were presented, were in charge of the American Physical Society, with President Merritt presiding.

All these meetings, however, were regarded as joint meetings between Section B and the Physical Society. Abstracts of the papers presented therefore will appear in the *Physical Review*.

Wednesday's meetings were held at the Stanford University, and given over entirely to a "Discussion and Demonstrations of High Potential Electric Currents" by Professor Harris J. Ryan. To say that these demonstrations, made in a building constructed especially for this purpose, were remarkable, is but to echo the statement of every one fortunate enough to see them.

But not all the meetings were for the presentation of scientific papers. Tuesday's luncheon given by Professors Lewis, Haskell and Leuschner at the Faculty Club, University of California, Wednesday's dinner at the Jules Café, San Francisco, and Saturday's excursion to the Lick Observatory were some of the most important meetings of the entire week, important because they contributed, as scarcely anything else could have contributed, to the perpetuation of old friendships and the beginning of new ones.

The vote of thanks, therefore, extended at the last session to the Pacific Coast Committee, to the University of California, to the Stanford University and especially to the physicists of the two institutions for making these meetings of Section B and the Physical Society so thoroughly successful was amply deserved and most heartily given.

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