

and sarcastic comments, which he always met with gentleness and sorrow.

His weather forecasts, from which he gained deserved fame, were always deduced by strictly considering the effects that should follow certain observed conditions. An amusing instance of that practise gained wide circulation among the office force. At 10 A.M. it suddenly began to rain in Washington, and at 10:15 A.M. Abbe predicted that there would be no rain in the city for the 24 hours beginning at 8 A.M. that day. When taxed with it he simply said: "There was nothing in the conditions shown by the map that scientifically indicated rain." He was equally true to his beliefs in all other directions. Fidelity and loyalty marked his long public career, and in Browning's words Cleveland Abbe could truthfully say that of his life, he "learned to love the true."

A. W. GREELY

THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF NATURALISTS

THE American Society of Naturalists, in affiliation with the American Association of Anatomists, the American Society of Zoologists, and the Botanical Society of America, will hold its thirty-fourth annual meeting at New York, under the auspices of Columbia University, on Friday, December 29, 1916, and, by invitation of the Carnegie Station for Experimental Evolution, at Cold Spring Harbor on Saturday, December 30.

The Botanical Society of America will place the genetical papers of its program on Thursday morning December 28, and the American Society of Zoologists will group its genetical papers in a program for Thursday afternoon. By this arrangement there will be sessions of genetical interest on the day preceding the meetings of the Naturalists and continuing with the Naturalists' programs for Friday and Saturday.

The Friday morning session of the Naturalists will be open for papers on evolution, genetics, and related subjects from members or invited guests, titles of which with estimated length of delivery must be in the hands of the secretary by December 1. Requests for micro-

scopes or for space for demonstrations should also be sent to the secretary.

The program of Friday afternoon will be a symposium on "Biology and National Existence," with papers by Stewart Paton, W. J. Spillman, V. L. Kellogg, Jacques Loeb and E. G. Conklin.

The annual dinner, in which members of the affiliated societies are invited to participate, will be held in the evening of Friday at the Hotel Manhattan, which has been selected as the headquarters of the Naturalists.

There will be a joint smoker for members of the Naturalists and of the affiliated societies at the Columbia University Commons, Wednesday evening, December 27.

Members of the American Society of Naturalists are invited by the Carnegie Station for Experimental Evolution to spend Saturday, December 30, at Cold Spring Harbor. A morning session from 10.30 to 1 will be held in Blackford Hall for the presentation of genetical papers. After a lunch there will be opportunity to inspect the equipment of the station, the activities of which will be explained by the staff. Arrangements for trains will be announced in the final program.

BRADLEY M. DAVIS,
Secretary

THE ENDOWMENT OF THE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

THE General Education Board and the Rockefeller Foundation have appropriated \$2,000,000 (each \$1,000,000) for the establishment of a medical department in the University of Chicago. It brings Mr. Rockefeller's contributions to the university up to nearly \$37,000,000.

The university will set aside at least \$2,000,000 for the same purpose, will give a site on the Midway valued at \$500,000, and will raise a further sum of \$3,300,000. The medical school will therefore start with an endowment of almost \$8,000,000.

Rush Medical College, established seventy-five years ago, will go out of existence. The Presbyterian Hospital which Rush College