

I attended the meeting of the board on Wednesday last, and protested most strongly against the discourtesy the subcommittee has displayed towards our Allies and the neutral countries concerned in the enterprise.

It is unnecessary to dwell on the special need at the present time of maintaining and cementing relationships that have been so happily established, and to comment further on the unhappy policy adumbrated by the subcommittee.

#### PRIZES OFFERED BY THE AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY

It is announced in the *Fisheries Service Bulletin* that in order to develop interest in fish culture and related subjects, and to stimulate expression regarding them, the American Fisheries Society has, through its president and executive committee, decided to offer three prizes of \$100 each to be awarded at its meeting in New York state in September, 1918, as follows:

1. For the best contribution on fish culture; either new or improved practical fish-cultural appliances, or a description of methods employed in the advancement of fish-cultural work.

2. For the best contribution on biological investigations applied to fish-cultural problems.

3. For the best contribution dealing with the problems of the commercial fisheries.

A committee of three members of the society, one a practical fish-culturist, one a scientist, and one a practical commercial fisherman, to be appointed by the president, will pass upon the material submitted. The conditions governing the competition are as follows:

1. Any person who is a member of the society, or who duly qualifies as a member prior to September 1, 1918, may compete for the awards.

2. Each competitor is to notify the secretary of the society, John T. Titcomb, state fish-culturist, Albany, N. Y., before September 1 of the particular prize for which he intends to compete.

3. Each paper or exhibit offered in competition is to be in the custody of the secretary

of the society on or before September 3, 1918.

4. Each device, apparatus, process, or method offered for an award is to be presented by a sample, model, or illustrated description, each to be accompanied by a complete statement of the points for which an award is asked.

The society is to reserve the right to publish any papers or photographs submitted in competition prior to their publication elsewhere; provided, however, that in the event of failure to publish within nine months after the meeting the author will be at liberty to publish when and where he may elect.

5. The committee appointed by the president is to determine the competitors who are entitled to awards, and the decision of the committee is to be final.

6. In order to obtain additional information if desired the committee may call before it persons who may have entered the competition, and also other persons.

7. The committee is to make its final report to the society not later than the morning session of the third day of the meeting.

#### THE MEDALS OF THE GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON

At the annual meeting of the society on February 15, the president, Dr. Alfred Harker, handed the Wollaston Medal, awarded to Dr. Charles Doolittle Walcott, to Mr. William H. Buckler, attaché to the Embassy of the United States of America in London for transmission to the recipient, addressing him as follows:

The Wollaston Medal, the highest honor at the disposal of this society, is conferred upon Dr. Charles Doolittle Walcott in recognition of his eminent services to geology and paleontology, more particularly among the older fossiliferous rocks of North America. While his administrative work, both on the United States Geological Survey and at the Smithsonian Institution, has done much for science in his own country, his personal researches have excited interest and admiration wherever geology is cultivated.

He has made important contributions to the history of the Algonkian formations, and his discoveries lead us to hope that the less altered of those ancient sediments may ultimately yield more abundant and definite relics of pre-Cambrian life.