

for one year only to cover the two years of activity. Following the policy of a year ago, the lectures to be given during this season are to be related to problems of the war.

The first lecture has already been given by Dr. E. K. Dunham. Two lectures which were arranged to be held, one by Dr. Stewart Paton on the "Psychology of the Aviator"; the other by Dr. Alonzo Taylor on the "World's Food Situation," have been postponed on account of the departure of these men for Europe. Lectures, however, have been provisionally arranged as follows:

January 11, Colonel Eugene R. Whitmore, "Infectious Diseases in the Army."

January 25, Dr. R. M. Yerkes, "Psychological Examination of the Soldier."

February 8, Dr. Yandell Henderson, "Physiology of the Aviator."

March 1, Dr. Frederic S. Lee, "Industrial Fatigue."

March 15, Colonel F. P. Underhill, "War Gases."

#### THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF NATURALISTS

THE American Society of Naturalists, in affiliation with the Botanical Society of America and the American Society of Zoologists, will hold its thirty-sixth annual meeting at Baltimore, under the auspices of Johns Hopkins University, on Saturday, December 28, 1918.

The Botanical Society of America will place the genetical papers of its program on Friday morning, December 27, and the American Society of Zoologists will group its genetical papers in a program for Friday afternoon. By this arrangement there will be sessions of interest to the members of the American Society of Naturalists on the day preceding the meetings of the society.

The American Society of Naturalists will offer, beginning Saturday morning, December 28, a program to which members of the society are invited to contribute papers.

The customary symposium of the Naturalists will this year be omitted. Well developed plans of the program committee were disarranged by conditions of the times at a date too late for readjustments.

The Naturalists' dinner, in which members of the affiliated societies are invited to participate, will be held on the evening of Saturday. At the close of the dinner Vernon L. Kellogg will talk on "The German philosophy of war."

Titles of papers offered by members of the society, with estimated length of delivery and statement of lantern or chart requirements, must be in the hands of the secretary by December 1. It is desired that papers be short and it should be remembered that the interests of the Naturalists are primarily on problems of organic evolution. The papers on the program will in general be arranged in order of the receipt of title except that papers on similar subjects may be grouped.

Attention is called to the change in the constitution by which a nomination for membership must now remain in the hands of the executive committee for at least one year before action can be taken upon it. Therefore, nominations to receive attention in 1919 must reach the secretary by December 31, 1918. Blank forms for nominations may be obtained from the Secretary.

Headquarters of the Naturalists will be at the Hotel Rennert, Liberty and Saratoga Streets. Members are advised to make early reservations. A list of boarding houses will be found at Registration Headquarters of the American Association for the Advancement of Science

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#### THE BALTIMORE MEETINGS OF SECTION F (ZOOLOGY) OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

THE coming meetings of Section F of the American Association for the Advancement of Science will be held at Baltimore in connection with those of the American Society of Zoologists on December 26, 27 and 28.

The address of Professor Herbert Osborn, of Ohio State University, the retiring vice-president, will probably be given Thursday afternoon, on the subject of zoological trends and values in relation to education.

A conference has been arranged between government and laboratory zoologists for the purpose of securing closer cooperation between the two groups. The Bureaus of Entomology, Fisheries, Animal Industry and the Biological Survey will present papers giving their needs and plans that can be furthered by such cooperation. The discussion will be led by Professors C. A. Kofoid, C. E. McClung, J. G. Needham and H. B. Ward. Through the kindness of the American Naturalists this conference will be held on Saturday afternoon, December 28.

The Headquarters hotel for Section F will be the Hotel Rennert, Liberty and Saratoga Streets. The association is preparing a list of boarding and rooming houses. This list may be consulted at registration headquarters.

The Biologists' smoker will be held following the opening exercises of the association on the evening of December 26, in the Hotel Rennert. The Naturalists' dinner is on Saturday evening.

As usual when meeting with the American Society of Zoologists, the program is in the hands of the latter society. Papers accompanied by abstracts of not more than 250 words will be accepted for the program up to December 1 as in other years. *These should not be sent to Captain Caswell Grave but to the acting secretary.*

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#### SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

DR. CHARLES R. VAN HISE, president of the University of Wisconsin and eminent as a geologist, died on November 19, at the age of sixty-one years.

At the request of the board of regents of the University of Nebraska, the War Department has permitted Major Samuel Avery, chief of the University Relations Branch, Chemical Warfare Service, to resign his commission, in order to resume his duties as chancellor of the

university, on December 1. Major Victor Lenher, in addition to his other duties in the Relations Section, now takes charge of the work relinquished.

DR. WILLIAM N. BERG, of the Pathological Division, Bureau of Animal Industry, Washington, D. C., has been appointed captain in the Sanitary Corps, with orders to proceed to the Yale Army Laboratory School, New Haven, Conn.

DR. ALONZO E. TAYLOR has been called abroad in the interest of the Food Administration.

PROFESSOR H. GIDEON WELLS, of the University of Chicago and director of the Otho S. A. Sprague Memorial Institute, left Chicago on October 30 for special medical work under the auspices of the Red Cross organization in Roumania and Serbia. Dr. Wells has already spent several months in Roumania on a similar mission.

L. E. CALL, professor of agronomy in the Kansas State Agricultural College, has been invited to go to France to become specialist in grain crops for the army overseas educational commission. The commission is to have charge of all educational work overseas among American soldiers during the war and during demobilization.

R. E. TULLOSS, Ph.D. (Harvard, '18), has completed a year's work as consulting psychologist at the U. S. Naval Radio School, Cambridge, Mass. With the use of laboratory apparatus and technique, study has been made of the progress of some hundreds of students of radio telegraphy. Dr. Tulloss and Lieutenant W. E. Snyder, director of education at the Cambridge School, have collaborated in the preparation of a text-book for radio operating instruction.

PROFESSOR H. F. MOORE, of the engineering experiment station of the university of Illinois, has been appointed by the National Research Council chairman of the committee to investigate the fatigue phenomena of metals.

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