

did manner in which the unfavorable mathematical situation among the Spanish-speaking people is depicted in a short note appearing in the first number of this journal. The comparatively slight contributions made by these people along the line of mathematical research stands in great contrast with the large advances made by the people living immediately north of Spain.

One of the most important steps towards the remedy of an unfortunate public situation is to exhibit the great need of such a remedy. It is hoped that the present journal may be successful in this direction and also in awakening interest in a field which is so fundamental for the further scientific development of the people using the Spanish language. The editor of the journal is J. Rey Pastor.

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EXPEDITIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

MISS ALICE EASTWOOD, curator of botany, of the California Academy of Sciences, has just returned from a three months' study of the flora of Arizona and New Mexico. Miss Eastwood's special mission was to collect trees and shrubs but chiefly cottonwoods for Professor C. S. Sargent of the Arnold Arboretum in connection with the revision of his *Trees of North America*. At the same time Miss Eastwood made important additions to the herbarium of the academy.

The academy is undertaking exploration work this summer in lower California. Mr. Joseph R. Slevin, assistant curator of the department of herpetology, sailed on June 14 on the steamer *Alliance* for La Paz, Mexico, with the purpose of investigating the reptiles and amphibians of the cape region of the peninsula. Mr. Slevin is accompanied by Mr. Gordon F. Ferris, instructor in entomology of Stanford University. Mr. Ferris is commissioned by Stanford University to make a special study of the scale insects of the region and will also collect for the departments of entomology and invertebrate zoology of the California Academy of Sciences. This work will be chiefly in the lower third of the peninsula and will require about three months time.

Dr. Roy E. Dickerson, honorary curator of the Department of Invertebrate Paleontology, sailed May 31 with Mrs. Dickerson for Manila, Philippine Islands. Dr. Dickerson will make an investigation of the Philippine Islands with a view to the location of oil deposits. During Dr. Dickerson's connection with the California Academy of Sciences as curator of the department of invertebrate paleontology important research work was carried on in the geology of the Pacific coast area, which received publication in the *Proceedings* of the academy. These papers are much in demand at present by the commercial interests engaged in oil production.

FOREIGN DELEGATES AND GUESTS AT THE ATLANTIC CITY MEETING OF THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

PHYSICIANS from fourteen foreign countries were in attendance at the meeting. Apart from Canadians they were as follows:

Lehman, Wilmer S., Lolodorf, Cameroon, W. Africa.
 Casier, Baron Ernest, Belgium.
 Depage, Antoine, Belgium.
 Duesberg, J., Belgium.
 Melis, L., Brussels, Belgium.
 Nolf, P., Brussels, Belgium.
 Sand, René, Brussels, Belgium.
 Captain Van de Velde, Belgium.
 Chutro, Pedro, Buenos Aires.
 Lee, S. T., Peking, China.
 Leonard, Eliza E., Peking, China.
 Ming-Shao, Hsu, China.
 Peter, William Wesley, Shanghai, China.
 Ting-han, Chang, China.
 Almila, E., Havana, Cuba.
 Carrera, Julio, Cuba.
 Fernandez, Francisco M., Havana, Cuba.
 Guiteras, Juan, Cuba.
 Martinez, Emilo, Cuba.
 Somodevilla, Santiago U., San Luis, Cuba.
 Kingman, E. L., Zaruma, Ecuador.
 Brown, W. Herbert, Glasgow, Scotland.
 Dimsey, Edgar R., British Admiralty.
 Groves, Ernest W. Hey, England.
 Hurst, Arthur F., England.
 Lane, Sir William Arbuthnot, England.
 Murphy, Shirley, England.
 Newsholme, Sir Arthur, England.
 Rose, Frank A., London, England.