

corporation and deans named above. It is expected that all decisions will be reached and all full professors in the university, aside from members of the law and medical school faculties, whose salaries were decided upon last year, will be informed on December first with reference to their salary status, a special meeting having been called for November 29 when the salary list will be finally acted upon.

#### CRYSTALLOGRAPHICAL AND MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA

For several years the formation of a Crystallographical and Mineralogical Society of America has been contemplated, but the final steps leading to organization were postponed until after the close of the war. Those most concerned in the undertaking have recently been canvassed, and it is now expected that the society will be definitely organized during the meetings of the Geological Society of America in Boston, December 29 and 31.

The purpose of the society is to promote interest in crystallography and mineralogy and allied sciences. Although crystallographers and mineralogists in European countries have long been organized, there has never been a national organization in America. At some of our larger universities mineralogy was one of the first sciences to be taught. Further, the growing application of mineralogy in the development of our vast mineral resources and the increasing use of mineralogical methods in allied sciences and in industry demand an ever-increasing number of technically trained men. There are therefore sufficient reasons why those actively engaged in these fields of science in America should be banded together.

In the organization of the society it is proposed to have two types of membership, such as fellows and members, or members and associate members. The first group would include persons who have published results of crystallographical and mineralogical research, while the second group would consist of persons engaged or interested in crystallographical and mineralogical work. It is planned to hold annual meetings for the reading of papers and the transaction of business, as is

customary with national scientific societies. It is also hoped that the society will soon be able to support an independent publication, preferably a monthly journal, devoted entirely to the special field of the society. American crystallographers and mineralogists have long realized the need of such a journal in which their contributions could be published without necessary delays.

Annual fees of \$3.00 to \$5.00 are suggested. These annual fees are to include subscription to the journal of the society when established, which preliminary investigations indicate can be done in the near future.

All interested in the founding of this society are urged to attend the organization meeting to be held in Boston, at the Copley Square Hotel, Tuesday, December 30. Further, all prospective members regardless of whether or not they can attend the above meeting are requested to communicate with Edward H. Kraus, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.

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#### THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF ZOOLOGISTS

The American Society of Zoologists will hold their annual meeting in St. Louis, December 29 to 31. The sessions on Monday, Tuesday and on Wednesday morning will be open for the presentation and discussion of papers. In agreement with the Botanical Society of America, the genetics papers will be placed on Tuesday morning. Tuesday afternoon will be given over to a joint session with the American Ecological Society in which half of the program will be given by each so-