

"The culture areas of the early Iowa Indian," Professor Charles R. Keyes, Cornell College.

"The origin of the prairies," Professor B. Shimek, Department of Botany, University of Iowa.

"From Iowa to New Zealand and back," Rev. L. M. Dorreen, Sioux City.

"How we Americans select our President," Professor L. E. Aylesworth, Department of Political Science, University of Nebraska.

"Problems of Jackson's administration," Professor H. W. Caldwell, Department of History, University of Nebraska.

"Transmutation of elements," Professor M. E. Graber, Department of Physics, Morningside College.

"The last stand of the Sioux," Hon. Doane Robinson, State Historian, Pierre, S. D.

"Unfinished Iowa," Professor O. E. Klingaman, director of Extension Department, University of Iowa.

"History of American art," Professor Paul H. Grummann, Dean of the Department of Fine Arts, University of Nebraska.

"The history of the Missouri," Professor Freeman Ward, Department of Geology, University of South Dakota.

"Periods of architecture in America," W. L. Steele, Architect, Sioux City.

"Becoming acquainted with the suns," Professor G. D. Swezey, Department of Astronomy, University of Nebraska.

"Survey of prehistoric man," Professor H. G. Campbell, Department of Philosophy, Morningside College.

"Our raw material," Professor Hattie Plum Williams, Department of Sociology, University of Nebraska.

"Our native landscape of Mid-America," Mr. Jens Jensen, Ravinia, Ill.

"Our local bird life," Professor C. S. Thoms, Department of Sociology, University of South Dakota.

"Remaking the face of Iowa," Professor R. B. Wylie, Department of Botany, University of Iowa.

#### COOPERATION OF NATIONAL HEALTH AGENCIES

COORDINATION of the work of voluntary national health agencies has been effected on May 1, a number of these organizations will take possession of two floors of the Penn

Terminal Building, in Seventh Avenue at Thirty-first Street, New York City. The National Health Council was formed last fall by organizations, each of which will retain full autonomy. The new arrangement is in no sense a merger, but an effort to bring the organizations together for economy in overhead expenses and for cooperation in health programs. In addition to its work in coordinating the efforts of private health agencies, the council will maintain an inter-organization information service; a health legislative bureau, which will keep track of national and State health legislation and keep council members fully informed on it, and a statistical bureau. It also expects to aid in the development of health educational material and will foster periodic joint conferences among members of the various participating organizations.

On the fifteenth floor of the Penn Terminal Building will be the offices of the American Social Hygiene Association, the National Committee for Mental Hygiene, the National Organization for Public Health Nursing co-operating with the American Nurses' Association and the League for Nursing Education, and the National Tuberculosis Association.

On the sixteenth floor there will be offices for the American Public Health Association, formerly in Boston; the Bureau of Social Hygiene, the Child Health Organization of America, probably the liaison office of the United States Public Health Service, the National Health Council, with the Common Service Committee; the Maternity Center Association, the New York Diet Kitchen Association, the New York Community Service, and probably the American Society for the Control of Cancer.

The Federal Board of Vocational Education already has its New York offices in the Penn Terminal Building, on the fourteenth floor.

Officers of the National Health Council, which not only maintains its offices in New York, but has a national headquarters office in Washington, are: Chairman, Dr. Livingston Farrand; vice-chairman, Dr. Lee K.

Frankel; secretary, Dr. C. St. Clair Drake; acting treasurer, Dr. William F. Snow; acting executive officer, Dr. Donald B. Armstrong.

#### THE AMERICAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY

THE fifth meeting of the American Meteorological Society will be held on April 20 and 21 at the Central Office of the Weather Bureau, Washington, D. C. Including the six papers to be presented at the meeting of Section (c), meteorology, of the American Geophysical Union on April 19, the program as published in the April *Bulletin* of the society contains 27 titles of varied interest. Abstracts of all these papers and of such discussions as may follow them will be published in the *Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society*; and most of the papers themselves will probably be published in the *Monthly Weather Review*.

The proceedings of the first annual meeting of the society at Chicago on December 29, 1920, were published in the January issue of the *Bulletin*. A motion to increase the annual dues from \$1 to \$2 was lost because of the desire not to curtail the membership merely for money, which could be raised in other ways. A resolution favoring the Weather Bureau's estimates for increased appropriations was passed, but it had no effect in persuading Congress to recognize the dire straits of the bureau with its present program of service. Rather full information about the 32 papers on the scientific portion of the program appeared in the February and March *Bulletins*. Many of these papers have since been published in the *Review*.

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#### THE EDINBURGH MEETING OF THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION

FROM *Nature* we learn that for the meeting of the British Association, which will be held in Edinburgh on September 7-14 next, the following presidents of Sections have been appointed: Section A (Mathematics and Phys-

ics), Professor O. W. Richardson; B (Chemistry), Dr. M. O. Forster; C (Geology), Dr. J. S. Flett; D (Zoology), Mr. E. S. Goodrich; E (Geography) Dr. D. G. Hogarth; F (Economics), Mr. W. L. Hichens; G (Engineering), Professor A. H. Gibson; H (Anthropology), Sir J. Frazer; I (Physiology), Sir W. Morley Fletcher; J (Psychology), Professor C. Lloyd Morgan; K (Botany), Dr. D. H. Scott; L (Education), Sir W. H. Hadow; and M (Agriculture), Mr. C. S. Orwin. Sir Richard Gregory has been appointed president of the Conference of Delegates of Corresponding Societies. Among the subjects of general interest which are being arranged for discussion at joint sectional meetings are: The Age of the Earth, Biochemistry, Vocational Training and Tests, The Relation of Genetics to Agriculture, The Proposed Mid-Scotland Canal, and The Origin of the Scottish People. The president of the association, Sir Edward Thrope, will deliver his address at the inaugural meeting on Wednesday evening, September 7, and discourses will be given at general evening meetings by Professor C. E. Inglis on The Evolution of Cantilever Bridge Construction, involving a comparison between the Forth and Quebec bridges, and by Professor W. A. Herdman, the present president, on Edinburgh and Oceanography. Measures are being taken towards a more effective co-ordination of the daily programs in order to avoid the clashing of subjects of kindred interest.

#### SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

PRINCE ALBERT of Monaco, sailed on April 9 for New York on his way to Washington to receive the Alexander Agassiz gold medal awarded by the National Academy of Sciences to him in recognition of his promotion of oceanographic research. He will give an address before the academy on the evening of April 25.

PROFESSOR ALBERT EINSTEIN will be the guest of Princeton University from May 9 to 15, and will give five lectures on the theory of relativity. Professor Einstein and Dr. Weiz-