

*Convening at 2 p.m.*, the Sections on Surgery, General and Abdominal; Ophthalmology; Diseases of Children; Pharmacology and Therapeutics; Dermatology and Syphilology; Orthopedic Surgery; Gastro-Enterology and Proctology; Miscellaneous.

Among the foreign guests will be: Dr. W. Blair Bell, Liverpool; Dr. H. E. G. Boyle, London; Dr. Jacques Calve, Plage, France; Sir George Lenthal Cheattle, London; Dr. Walter W. Chipman, Montreal; Dr. Pierre Janet, Paris; Sir Robert Jones, Liverpool; Professor V. Putti, Bologna, Italy; Dr. Richard G. Rows and Lieutenant-Colonel Henry Smith, London; Professor Soubbotitch, Belgrade, Serbia; and Drs. M. Turin and A. Widmer, Territet, Switzerland.

#### MME. CURIE'S VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES

THE events in honor of Mme. Curie arranged for last week were carried out in accordance with the program. On Tuesday, May 17, she was given a luncheon in New York by the American Chemical Society, the American Electrochemical Society, the Chemists Club and American sections of the Société de Chimie industrielle and the Society of Chemical Industry. Dr. Edgar F. Smith presided and addresses of welcome were made by Dr. Robert B. Moore, chief chemist of the Bureau of Mines; Dr. Francis Carter Wood, head of the Crocker Cancer Research Laboratory of Columbia University; and Professor George B. Pegram, dean of the Columbia University School of Mines.

In the evening a reception in honor of Mme. Curie was given at the American Museum of Natural History by the New York Academy of Sciences and the New York Mineralogical Club, at which Dr. Michael I. Pupin, professor of electro-mechanics at Columbia University; Dr. Robert Abbe, Dr. George F. Kunz and Professor Alexander H. Phillips, of Princeton University, made addresses. Mme. Curie's election as an honorary fellow of the American Museum of Natural History was announced by Dr. Henry Fairfield Osborn.

On Wednesday afternoon the American Association of University Women, presided over

by Mrs. Edgerton Parsons, welcomed Madame Curie in Carnegie Hall. Dean Ada Comstock, of Smith College, president of the association, extended a welcome on behalf of the college and university women of the United States. Addresses were made by Dr. Florence Sabin, professor of histology at the Johns Hopkins University, and Dr. Alice Hamilton, of the Harvard Medical School. President Pendleton, of Wellesley College, announced the award to Mme. Curie of the special Ellen Richards Research Prize of \$2,000.

On Thursday evening, at a dinner given in her honor by the National Institute of Social Science, the gold medal of the society was presented by Dr. Henry Fairfield Osborn, who read the presentation address of Vice-president Coolidge, who was absent on account of illness.

The gram of radium valued at \$120,000, a gift from the women of America, was presented to Mme. Curie by President Harding on May 20. M. Jusserand, the French Ambassador, made a brief introduction. After the presentation Mme. Curie responded as follows:

I can not express to you the emotion which fills my heart in this moment. You, the chief of this great Republic of the United States, honor me as no woman has ever been honored in America before. The destiny of a nation whose women can do what your countrywomen do to-day through you, Mr. President, is sure and safe. It gives me confidence in the destiny of democracy.

I accept this rare gift, Mr. President, with the hope that I may make it serve mankind. I thank your countrywomen in the name of France. I thank them in the name of humanity which we all wish so much to make happier. I love you all, my American friends, very much.

In the evening at a meeting held under the auspices of the U. S. National Museum, presided over by Dr. Charles D. Walcott, of the Smithsonian Institution, Miss Julia Lathrop extended to Mme. Curie greetings on behalf of the scientific men and women of Washington and Dr. Robert A. Millikan, of the University of Chicago, gave an address on radium, describing the researches that led to its isolation by Mme. Curie. On the following day

Mme. Curie set in motion the machinery of the new low temperature laboratory of the Bureau of Mines, which is dedicated to her.

The degree of LL.D. has been conferred on Mme. Curie by Smith College, and she received the same degree from the University of Pennsylvania at a special ceremony arranged in her honor on May 23. The Chicago Section of the American Chemical Society has awarded to her the Willard Gibbs Medal which will be presented at a formal banquet on June 14.

#### SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

DR. EDWARD BENNETT ROSA, chief physicist of the Bureau of Standards, died suddenly on May 17, aged sixty years.

PROFESSOR S. C. PRESCOTT, the acting head of the department of biology and public health at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has sent a letter to the former students of the late Professor W. T. Sedgwick informing them of the establishment of a William T. Sedgwick Memorial Fund and asking for contributions of from five to one hundred dollars. The income of the fund will go to Mrs. Sedgwick during her life, after which the principal will go into the funds of the institute, where it will probably be used to establish a memorial professorship or some other project to encourage public health teaching and general sanitation.

PRESIDENTS of state academies of science have been elected as follows: Professor J. C. Jensen, University of Nebraska, of the Nebraska Academy of Science; Dr. D. W. Morehouse, of Drake University, of the Iowa Academy of Science; and Dr. Frank L. West, of the Utah Agricultural College, of the Utah Academy of Sciences.

DR. F. B. SUMNER, of the Scripps Biological Institution, at La Jolla, has been elected president of the San Jacinto Section of the Western Society of Naturalists.

PROFESSOR AUGUST KROGH, professor of physiology in the University of Copenhagen, recently awarded the Nobel Prize, and Dr.

Clemens von Pirquet, professor of children's diseases in the University of Vienna, have been appointed Silliman lecturers at Yale University. Dr. Krogh's lectures will be connected with his recent work on the physiology of capillaries, and those of Dr. von Pirquet on undernutrition, with reference to tuberculosis in children and its treatment.

A NUMBER of engineers of the United States will hold a joint meeting with British engineers in London in July. The American engineers will present Sir Robert Hadfield on June 29 with the John Fritz medal, awarded to him in recognition of his invention of manganese steel.

WE learn from *Nature* that Mr. J. E. Sears, Jr., has been appointed deputy warden of the standards in succession to Major P. A. MacMahon, who has retired under the age-limit. Mr. Sears is superintendent of the metrology department at the National Physical Laboratory, and will continue to hold this post in addition to that at the Standards Department of the Board of Trade.

IN recognition of the successful laboratory research accomplished by Dr. Esmond R. Long, of the department of pathology at the University of Chicago, on "The fundamental problems in the nutrition of the tubercle bacillus," the National Tuberculosis Association, with headquarters in New York, has appropriated \$4,000 for the further prosecution by Dr. Long of this work.

PROFESSOR W. H. STEVENSON, head of the department of farm crops and soils in the Iowa State College and chief in agronomy and vice-director of the Iowa Agricultural Experiment Station, has been granted a year's leave of absence to accept an appointment as the representative of the United States on the Permanent Committee of the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome, to succeed Dean Thomas F. Hunt, of the University of California. Dr. P. E. Brown will be the acting head of the department in Professor Stevenson's absence.