

The following resolution was adopted to be reported for approval to the National Academy of Sciences, the National Research Council, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science:

Resolved: That it be recommended by the committees appointed by the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the National Academy of Sciences, and the National Research Council that they form a continuing joint committee on national conservation representing those organizations, and that this committee be authorized to set up an executive and secretarial agency for the active prosecution of its work.

To carry forward the purposes of this resolution the following motions were passed:

Moved: That a Project Committee of three members be appointed by the chairman to draw up a plan of action to be presented to a Ways and Means Committee for execution.

Moved: That a Ways and Means Committee be appointed by the chairman to consist of one representative each from the National Academy of Sciences, National Research Council, and American Association for the Advancement of Science; and, conditioned upon the approval of the resolution just adopted, by these three organizations, to undertake (1) to secure means for meeting the comparatively small expenses of these three initial committees, and (2) to secure larger funds for the permanent support of a conservation movement as outlined in this discussion.

The resolution adopted by these committees has been approved by the Council of the National Academy of Sciences, the Executive Board of the National Research Council, and the Council of the American Association for the Advancement of Science at the recent meetings of those bodies and funds have been provided for defraying the immediate expenses of these committees.

ALBERT L. BARROWS,
Secretary, pro tempore

THE WESTERN SOCIETY OF NATURALISTS—SAN JACINTO SECTION

THE San Jacinto Section of the Western Society of Naturalists held its spring meeting in San Diego and La Jolla, California, on Friday and

Saturday, April 1 and 2, 1921. The Friday session convened at 2:30 at the San Diego Museum of Natural History in Balboa Park, President H. S. Reed, of Riverside, presiding. The following papers were presented at this session:

Bryan, W. A. (Museum of History, Science, and Art, Los Angeles): "Observations on the fauna and flora of some seldom visited Pacific islands."

Sumner, F. B. (Scripps Institution for Scientific Research, La Jolla): "Responsibility of the biologist in the matter of preserving natural conditions."

Taylor, W. P. (Bureau of Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture): "Distribution of mammals and birds on Mount Ranier."

Frost, H. B. (Citrus Experiment Station, Riverside): "International language in relation to science."

Conklin, E. G. (Princeton University): "The chromosome theory of heredity applied to ontogeny and phylogeny."

Carsner, Eubanks (Bureau of Plant Industry, U. S. Dept. Agr.): "A serious disease of the sugar-beet in California."

The society adjourned at 6:00 o'clock to the San Diego Hotel for the annual dinner and a short business meeting at which Dr. F. B. Sumner, of the Scripps Institution, La Jolla, was elected president for the coming year, and Dr. F. J. Smiley, of Occidental College, Los Angeles, re-elected secretary. After the business meeting the following papers were presented:

Essenberg, Christine (Scripps Institution): "An interesting group belonging to the marine fauna of San Diego Bay."

Allen, W. E. (Scripps Institution): "Investigation of the ocean pasturage."

Halma, F. E. (Citrus Experiment Station): "Regeneration of the roots of sour orange."

Barnhart, P. S. (Scripps Institution): "Observations on the habits of the trap-door spider."

Saturday morning the section assembled in La Jolla and visited Torrey Pines Park, a reservation for the protection of one of California's rarest trees (*Pinus Torreyana* Parry). The afternoon was devoted to an inspection of the Scripps Collection of Watercolors illustrating the flora of California at the home of Miss Ellen Scripps, and to visiting the Scripps Institution.

The next meeting is to be held at the call of the president and secretary.

F. J. SMILEY,
Secretary