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Individual industries, as a result of the publication of the waste report, are adopting eye conservation methods to promote efficiency among the workers.

CHARLESTON MEETING OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF MUSEUMS

THE American Association of Museums is to hold its eighteenth annual meeting in Charleston, South Carolina, April 4 to 6, on the occasion of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the first museum in America. Not alone is this meeting unique in that it marks an event of special interest, but also it is important through the fact that a campaign for the launching of a new nationwide museum movement will be announced at that time.

The institution whose one hundred fiftieth year of service is to be honored is the Charleston Museum founded in 1773. It was established by the Charles-Town Library Society, and after passing through the hands of the Library and Philosophical Society and of the State Medical College it was lodged in 1850 in the building of the College of Charleston under what was probably the first contract by which a museum received municipal subvention. The Charleston museum was incorporated in 1915 and now occupies its own building. The present director is Miss Laura M. Bragg.

The new museum movement, which is to make its first public appearance at Charleston, is the culmination of an effort which has extended over a number of years and which now seems about to come to fruition. A grant of \$30,000 has been made to the association by one of the large educational foundations, contingent upon the raising of an additional \$55,000. There is every indication that the necessary funds will shortly be in hand and it is expected that by autumn the first attempts

will be made to solve some of the general problems which American museums face to-day.

An ambitious program has been drawn up for this new work, and it will be discussed and elaborated at the Charleston meeting. Of course, only a few of the more important projects will be undertaken during the next year or two, but the plan looks well into the future. The funds now being raised will serve as a nucleus of support for three years and by the end of that time it is believed that provisions will have been made for continuance of the work.

The business of the forthcoming Charleston meeting is not its only attraction, for the gathering will be royally entertained. Each afternoon during the three days of sessions is to be devoted to seeing Charleston and to becoming better acquainted with Charleston people. The first evening there will be a series of informal receptions in the old homes and the meeting will be followed by a week-end house-party on the South Santee River. From headquarters at the Santee Gun Club and The Wedge and Harietta plantations, trips will be made into the heron reserves and along the rice field canals.

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COLLOID CHEMISTRY SYMPOSIUM

PRELIMINARY announcements concerning the National Symposium on Colloid Chemistry, to be held at the University of Wisconsin June 12th to 15th inclusive, have already appeared in these columns. Inasmuch as this is the first national symposium on this subject to be held in America, it is desired that the whole field be represented, as far as possible, and the program has been arranged with that end in view. With one or two exceptions the papers will be presented in person by the author and ample time will be afforded for discussions. The papers and discussions will be published in monograph form, according to present plans.

It is hoped that the chemists and others interested in colloids will avail themselves not only of the opportunity to hear the papers presented, but to get acquainted with others in this most interesting and rapidly developing field of science, as well.