

Institute may be more fully appreciated by the Commonwealth Government, the Legislature and the public generally. The council has decided to ask the Australian Association to regard it as a fully constituted body free to conduct its own affairs subject to instructions from the International Research Council. The first issue of *Australian Science Abstracts*, published by the Australian Research Council as a quarterly journal of abstracts of papers by Australian scientific workers, appeared on August 1, 1922. An invitation has been issued by the Commonwealth Government through the Research Council to the representatives of the Pan-Pacific Scientific Congress to hold the Congress in Australia in 1923.

#### ENGINEERING LIBRARY FOR DENVER

Scientific circles will recognize the importance of the library facilities that have just been opened for engineers and scientific men in the City of Denver.

The Colorado Scientific Society has had a long history and has been the medium through which many discoveries, especially along the line of geology and mineralogy, have been announced. In the past few years this organization has not been as active and its financial means have not enabled it to carry on work to the same degree as formerly.

It has been given quarters for a number of years by the State of Colorado in the State Museum Building, and many of its museum specimens have been cared for by the State Bureau of Mines. Through exchanges and through purchase and through gifts from members, it had acquired a library especially valuable in transactions of learned societies, in scientific exchanges and in engineering books.

The engineers and men of applied science felt the increased need of a library for reference. There is no important library of this kind available for practically a thousand miles. The Rocky Mountain region has a large number of different lines of science represented by men of ability, but has lacked these facilities.

The various engineering societies, especially the twelve which are grouped together and form the Colorado Engineering Council, have been active in pushing the idea of the union of forces and starting a library of this character.

The State of Colorado passed a few years since a law requiring all practicing engineers to register and pay a license fee. The funds from this source have amounted to some \$15,000. The cooperation of this board was obtained and these funds made available for the purchase of books, which could be done under State laws, and the books used in connection with the books of the Scientific Society and other books, the title remaining in the State.

The Society of Architects which had a fund of some thousands of dollars, has made their fund available for this technical library. Many books have been given by individual engineers who find it unnecessary to keep in their private collections so many works if they are available to them at any time in a library.

The Denver City Library has assigned room and a technical librarian and takes supervision and general charge of the collection.

The dedication exercises were held on April 7, with representatives from the Scientific Society, engineering professions, city of Denver and the State of Colorado.

This library has some thousands of volumes to start with, and an assured income of several thousand dollars. The prospect is that this will be the most important center for a technical library and applied science between Chicago and the Pacific Coast.

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COLORADO ENGINEERING COUNCIL.

#### NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN LECTURES

During the spring and summer lectures are being given on Saturdays and Sundays at 4 p. m. in the lecture hall of the Museum Building as follows:

April 28. "Spring wild flowers," Dr. G. C. Fisher.

April 29. "Pasteur and the founding of bacteriology," Dr. G. M. Reed.

May 5. "Books on gardening," Dr. J. H. Barnhart.

May 6. "Bees and bee culture," Professor G. C. Norton.

May 12. Nature talks—II. "Rocks," Dr. W. A. Murrill. (Exhibition of spring flowers, May 12 and 13).

May 13. "Daffodils and tulips," Mr. K. R. Boynton.