

ing or practice. This medal might be a reduced replica of the portrait plaque; (3) the remainder of the sum, together with any sums hereinafter added, to be called the "Osler Traveling Fund," for the propagation or acquisition of medical knowledge or for medical research, to be invested and the interest utilized to assist teachers of the medical faculty to travel for the purposes stated. It is estimated that the capital sum remaining for this purpose will be about £1,700.

Sir Archibald Garrod, regius professor of medicine, in introducing these proposals, stated that they had the entire approval of Lady Osler, as well as of other friends from whom letters had been received. They were supported by Surgeon-Major-General Sir Frederick Bradshaw and adopted *nem. con.* and the executive committee, which consists of Sir Herbert Warren, Sir Archibald Garrod, Sir Charles Sherrington, Professor Arthur Thomson, Mr. A. P. Dodds Parker, honorable treasurer, and Professor J. A. Gunn, honorable secretary, were empowered to take steps to carry them into effect, and, in particular, to negotiate any arrangements with the university which may be found desirable.

#### THE COMMITTEE OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE ON PHOTOSYNTHESIS

THE Committee of the American Association for the Advancement of Science on Photosynthesis which was authorized at the Boston meeting following the notable symposium on this subject has recently completed its organization by the acceptance of the following persons as members:

Dr. C. G. Abbot, assistant secretary Smithsonian Institution.

Dr. F. G. Cottrell, director Fixed Nitrogen, Research Laboratory, Washington.

Dr. Moses Gomberg, Department of Chemistry, University of Michigan.

Dr. W. J. Humphreys, meteorological physicist, United States Weather Bureau, Washington, D. C.

Dr. D. T. MacDougal, director Department of Botanical Research, Carnegie Institution of Washington, *chairman*.

Dr. S. E. Sheppard, in charge of Department of Physical Chemistry, Research Laboratory, Eastman Kodak Company, *secretary*, Rochester, N. Y.

Dr. E. E. Slosson, director of Science Service, Washington.

Dr. H. A. Spoehr, member, Department Botanical Research, Carnegie Institution of Washington.

The preliminary activities of the committee will be directed chiefly to bringing together information as to current researches being carried on in various laboratories, and to serve as a focus of interest in the subject. Arrangements are being made for some special lectures on the subject. Attention will be given to the matter of obtaining funds and facilities in the furtherance of research on various phases of the subject.

#### EXPEDITION TO THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

THE Bureau of Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture, in cooperation with the Bishop Museum of Honolulu, began on April 4 a comprehensive scientific survey of the islands of the Hawaiian archipelago, from Niuhau to Midway and Wake.

The objects of this expedition are two fold: first, to make a much needed survey of the Hawaiian Island bird reservations to ascertain the situation as to the bird life of these great breeding places for sea-fowl, and, second, to take advantage of the opportunity to make a comprehensive scientific survey of the islands visited. This last will make a contribution to the general survey of the islands of the Pacific, now being promoted by the Bishop Museum. The National Research Council, in furtherance of its policy to promote the investigation of the resources of the Pacific, has made a grant of funds to assist the expedition.

Dr. Alexander Wetmore, of the Bureau of Biological Survey, is in charge of the expedition, and took with him as field assistant Charles E. Reno, of the same bureau. The expedition, in addition, is made up of a corps of scientists from the Bishop Museum, led by the director, Dr. Herbert E. Gregory. These include S. C. Ball, curator of biology; D. T. Fullaway, entomologist; E. L. Caum, botanist; D. Thaanum, conchologist; C. Grant, general assistant, and J. W. Thompson, preparator. Mr. Donald R. Dickey, of Pasadena, California, accompanies the expedition as photographer, to secure motion pictures of the noteworthy colonies of sea birds found on Laysan Island.