

women graduates this year, 60 more than last year. Of all the women matriculants, 119 were in attendance at the one medical college for women, while 911 (88.4 per cent.) were matriculated in the 65 coeducational colleges. From the one women's college there were 21 graduates, while 193 (90.2 per cent.) secured their degree from coeducational colleges.

DISCUSSION ON ORGANIC ELECTRO-CHEMISTRY

Of particular interest to the electrochemist is the announcement of a round table discussion on organic electrochemistry to be held during the fall meeting of the American Electrochemical Society, in Dayton, Ohio, on September 27, 28 and 29. Professor Charles J. Thatcher will preside over the discussion.

The topics selected for discussion are:

1. *The Present Status of Organic Electrochemistry:*

This will comprise consideration of the Organic compounds now manufactured electrochemically, here and abroad, and the advantages of the electrolytic methods.

2. *The Future Development of Organic Electrochemistry:*

Discussion under this topic will comprise:

A—Enumeration of the Organic compounds which have been or are being investigated with a view to commercial production and announcement of forthcoming papers regarding such investigations.

B—A consideration of the more serious difficulties encountered, generally, in development of electrochemical processes for the manufacture of organic compounds, and of means whereby these difficulties may be overcome. This topic should bring out opinions as to the better type of cell and diaphragm for acid and alkaline electrolyses, and whether non-diaphragm cells are practical.

C—Discussion of fields for research and industrial developments and announcements of intended investigations to avoid duplication of work.

All members who are unable to be present at this discussion are invited to send in written communications which they desire read at the discussion, to the chairman of the committee, in care of the secretary of the society. There will be no stenographic record taken at this discussion.

THE LAKE STATES FOREST EXPERIMENT STATION

THE last session of the Congress appropriated \$50,000 for the establishment of two new forest experiment stations, one in the Northeast and one in the Lake States. The headquarters of the Northeastern Station has been established at Amherst, Mass., in cooperation with the Amherst Agricultural College.

The headquarters of the Lake States Station will be in St. Paul, in cooperation with the University of Minnesota. This will be a regional station to take care of the forest problems arising in the Lake States region.

The projects of this station will include studies in reforestation, management, methods of cutting, slash disposal and other phases of forest growth and protection. Mr. Raphael Zon has been selected as the head of the new station.

Mr. Zon has been connected with the research work of the U. S. Forest Service for 22 years. He is editor of *The Journal of Forestry*, chairman of the Forestry Committee of the National Research Council, and is one of the veterans of the forestry profession in this country. He was graduated from Cornell University in 1901 and was the second forester to be graduated in the United States. He has always been especially interested in research problems; it was he who first started the experiment station idea in this country, and probably contributed more than any other forester to the development of the science of forestry. For many years forestry in the United States was entirely on an empirical basis. The Lake States Forest Experiment Station, and such other stations of the same character as the government has established and may establish in other places, is intended to assemble the necessary facts to place forestry on a firm scientific foundation.

Mr. Zon is already on the grounds and will soon be joined by four other members of his technical staff—J. A. Mitchell, Jos. Kittredge, H. Grossman and A. E. Wackerman.

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INSURANCE OF THE RESULTS OF AN ECLIPSE EXPEDITION

ACCORDING to press reports a policy of \$10,000 against failure through weather conditions has been taken out by the Swarthmore University expedition to Yerbaniz, Mexico, where on September 10 photographs of the sun's eclipse will be taken.

This is said to be the first time that a scientific expedition has been insured. The policy was obtained by George H. Brooks, a Swarthmore alumnus, through the Home Insurance Company. The premium is \$500. It is doubtless the shortest term policy ever issued by a company, since it remains in force for two minutes and fifty-nine seconds, the time during which it will be possible to photograph the eclipse.

Explaining the decision of Swarthmore University to protect the expedition against the elements, Mr. Brooks wrote to the insurance company:

The photographs of the solar eclipse taken by the expedition, which is under the leadership of Dr. John A. Miller of Swarthmore University and head of the Sproul