

SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

THE TWENTY-FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICANISTS

IN accordance with the resolution adopted by the Twentieth International Congress of Americanists held at Rio de Janeiro in 1922, the Twenty-first Congress will be held at The Hague and at Gothenburg.

Arrangements have been made for holding the first part of this congress in the Netherlands at The Hague from Tuesday, August 12, to Saturday, August 16, 1924, the second part to be held in Sweden at Gothenburg from Wednesday, August 20, to Monday, August 25.

The Hague session will deal with subjects of general nature, North America, the Antilles and Guiana. In Gothenburg papers will be read on subjects of general nature, South America, Central America and the Esquimaux.

Care will be taken to provide a means of conveyance from The Hague to Gothenburg at a reasonable charge. Side trips will probably be arranged to Stockholm, Christiania and Copenhagen; and following the session anthropological congresses of importance will be held in Prague. It is very desirable that titles and abstracts of communications be received both for The Hague and for Gothenburg at an early date so that the detailed program may be prepared as soon as possible.

Communications may be oral or written. The time allotted for the reading of papers is fifteen minutes; but exceptions may be made in the case of subjects of especial interest and importance. The acceptance of more than two communications by one author will be subject to decision by the council. For discussion of papers the time limit will be five minutes for each speaker. All papers presented at the session will be submitted, after the conclusion of the congress, to the committee of publication, and if approved will be printed, with a limited number of illustrations if necessary, in the proceedings of the congress.

The addresses of the Secretaries General of the two sessions are: Dr. D. Albers, Van Oldenbarneveltlaan 61, The Hague, Netherlands, and Dr. Erland Nordenskiöld, The Museum, Gothenburg, Sweden. Subscriptions (10 Dutch guilders and 15 Swedish crowns) may be sent either to the secretaries, or to Dr. Aleš Hrdlička, U. S. National Museum, Washington, D. C.

THE BOSTON MEETING OF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION

THE Fifty-second Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association was held in Boston, Massachusetts, October 8-11, 1923, with more than nine hundred sanitarians in attendance. The following scientific sections met to hear specially selected papers

in their respective fields: Public Health Administration, Laboratory, Vital Statistics, Sanitary Engineering, Industrial Hygiene, Food and Drugs, Child Hygiene, Public Health Nursing, Health Education and Publicity.

There were two evening general sessions, one on October 8, and the other on October 10. The program of the first consisted of addresses of welcome from local health and civic leaders, including the Honorable James M. Curley and a representative of the governor, and the presidential address of Dr. E. C. Levy. A reception followed, at which there was dancing. At the second general session, Dr. George E. Vincent, president of the Rockefeller Foundation, talked on "Weighing the Ounce of Prevention"; Sir Thomas Oliver, the English industrial hygienist, presented a paper on "American leadership in safety and sanitation in modern industries"; and Dr. Linsly R. Williams, managing director of the National Tuberculosis Association discussed "Coordination of national health work."

Four meetings of the governing council of the association were held, and among other important matters of business, it was voted: (1) To hold the 1924 annual meeting in Detroit, Michigan. (2) To accept the New Jersey Sanitary Association as an affiliated state public health society. (3) To cooperate with the American Water Works Association in the preparation of standard methods for the examination of water. (4) To accept the hitherto provisional sections on public health nursing, and health education and publicity, as regular sections.

The association elected officers for the year 1923-1924 as follows:

President, William H. Park, M.D., New York City.

Vice-presidents, Francis X. Mahoney, M.D., Boston, Massachusetts; John W. S. McCullough, M.D., Toronto, Ontario; William H. Davis, M.D., Washington, D. C.

Treasurer, Roger I. Lee, M.D., Boston, Massachusetts.

Executive secretary, James A. Hayne, M.D., Columbia, S. C.

The office of executive secretary was made an unsalaried and honorary post, and the title of the executive officer was changed to general secretary. Mr. Homer N. Calver, who has been the acting executive secretary, was appointed to this office.

SEMINAR ON CONTEMPORARY CHEMISTS

THE Department of Chemistry of the University of Pittsburgh has arranged a seminar to be conducted on Fridays at 2.20 p. m. in Thaw Hall. Twenty-four contemporary European chemists are the topics of discussion during the year. The graduate student is expected to present a biographical sketch of the chemist assigned to him, followed by a discussion of his