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### RUSSIAN BIOLOGICAL INSTITUTIONS

APROPOS of the list of then-existing biological institutes compiled by H. J. Muller during a trip to Moscow and Petrograd in August, 1922, the following information received from Dr. W. Grossmann, of the Permanent Bureau of the All-Russian Entomophytopathological Congress, Petrograd, may add to our meager knowledge as to the now-existing natural history societies in Russia. In reply to a letter containing a list of Russian corresponding societies of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, Dr. Grossmann wrote, under date of December 24, 1922, that the societies and institutions listed below exist "up to the present time," and states that "their names are the same" only the word "Imperial" must be omitted where formerly used.

Moscow. Société des Amis d'Histoire Naturelle.  
 " Moskovskoe Obshchestvo Estestvo-Isspytateley.  
 Petrograd. Russian Academy of Sciences.  
 " Botanicheskii Ssad.  
 " Comité Géologique.  
 " Musée Géologique de l'Université.  
 " Russkoe entomologicheskoe Obshchestvo.  
 " Société Russe de Géographie.  
 " Mineralogicheskoe Obshchestvo.  
 " Tsentralnaia Fizicheskaiia Observatoriia.  
 " University.  
 Tiflis. Botanical Gardens.  
 " Musée du Caucase.

Dr. Grossmann regrets his inability to send some Russian publications on entomology, "as our formalities of censorship are very complicated and postal charges very high." I am sure we all agree with Dr. Grossmann's concluding paragraph, "Let us hope that in some not too distant future the circumstances will change for the better."

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### DATA FOR CRITICAL TABLES

THE Editorial Board of International Critical Tables will appreciate receiving from scientific investigators any numerical data which they are able and willing to furnish, which have not been published

prior to January 1, 1924. All data are desired which characterize the behavior of any definite material (*e.g.*, natural or industrial materials), substance, or system. For the purpose of this request, such data will be divided into two classes, as follows: Class I: data which constitute the only information of the kind available; Class II: data which, in the opinion of the investigator, substantiate, extend or improve existing information of the same kind.

In connection with data belonging to both classes, the following information should be given: (a) An exact definition of the material, substance, or system to which the data apply, (b) the investigator's estimate of the accuracy of the values, (c) the name of the investigator or investigators responsible for the measurements, (d) the laboratory in which the investigations were carried out, (e) a brief statement of the experimental method used, (f) an exact statement of the units in which the data are expressed, and (g) any other supplementary information necessary for the complete characterization of the data.

For data belonging to class II, such additional details should be furnished as will enable our expert in charge of this class of data to critically evaluate the new data in comparison with the older data.

Any data belonging to class I, received prior to January 1, 1925, and any data belonging to class II, received before July 1, 1924, will be in time for inclusion in the International Critical Tables, and the source of all data so included will be indicated by "Private Communication from, etc.," unless a literature reference becomes available prior to going to press.

### LECTURES GIVEN UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY

FOLLOWING the policy of the U. S. Military and Naval Academies to invite members of the American Chemical Society to address their classes, the schedule of lectures for the present year has been announced as follows:

#### MILITARY ACADEMY

April 9. Chas. H. Herty, president, Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturers' Association, New York, N. Y., "Organic chemistry in national defense."

April 16. S. C. Lind, chief chemist, Bureau of Mines, Washington, D. C., "Gases in aeronautics."

April 23. General A. A. Fries, chief, Chemical Warfare Service, Washington, D. C., "Chemical warfare."

April 30. H. E. Howe, editor, *Industrial and Engineering Chemistry*, Washington, D. C., "Chemistry in world affairs."

May 7. Charles E. Munroe, National Research Council, Washington, D. C., "The development of explosives."

#### NAVAL ACADEMY

January 5. E. E. Slosson, *Science Service*, Washington,