

Academy of Medicine; he was a member of the advisory board of the department of health of the city of New York; he was upon the advisory council of the Milbank Memorial Fund; he was one-time editor of the *Journal of the Diseases of Children*; he was twice president of the American Pediatric Society; he was trustee of the University of Rochester.

As the author of a small book on the care and feeding of children, Dr. Holt brought comfort, as well as enlightenment and wise counsel, to a host of young mothers in the land. In the later years of his life, he was a leading spirit in the health crusades of the American Child Health Association which has brought the tenets and ministrations of Hygeia in comprehensive and entertaining fashion into the minds and lives of a multitude of delighted and appreciating youngsters.

In addition to his books, which ran through several editions, Dr. Holt published many records of his researches and observations. He was the recipient of many academic honors and testimonials of appreciation and esteem. He was a clear thinker, a wise and helpful counsellor. He was inspired with eager enthusiasm for his various interests. His memory was keen, his energy unflagging, his devotion to his calling boundless.

During the last three months of 1923, at the invitation of the China Medical Board of the Rockefeller Foundation, Dr. Holt was visiting professor of pediatrics at the Union Medical College in Peking; eager and successful as usual in his teaching, and making many friends. Here his failing heart laid down its task on the fourteenth of January, 1924. Then the world lost a leader in medicine, a friend of science, a prodigious worker, a good citizen, a benefactor of his fellow-men.

T. MITCHELL PRUDEN

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE THE SPRING MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

THE executive committee of the council of the American Association held its regular spring meeting at Washington on Sunday, April 27. There were three sessions, one in the forenoon, one in the afternoon and one in the evening. The following members were present: J. McK. Cattell, H. L. Fairchild, L. O. Howard, W. J. Humphreys, B. E. Livingston, D. T. MacDougal, G. A. Miller, H. B. Ward. Absent were Simon Flexner and W. A. Noyes. President Cattell was elected to act as chairman. The following items of business were transacted:

(1) The minutes of interim transactions by mail were approved.

(2) The interpretation of the constitution with regard to eligibility to fellowship was referred to a special committee on fellowship, to be appointed by the chair, with power when unanimous. The chair appointed Drs. Livingston, Howard and Humphreys to constitute this committee. It will prepare a series of statements to be used as a guide in determining the eligibility of members to fellowship and these statements are to be sent to the section committees.

(3) Dr. L. H. Baekeland, of Yonkers, N. Y., honorary professor of chemical engineering, Columbia University, president of the American Chemical Society, was elected vice-president for Section C (Chemistry), for the current year.

(4) It was voted that the American Association for the Advancement of Science is favorable to full cooperation with the following organizations and with their official affiliation with the American Association for the Advancement of Science, whenever they may so vote:

The American Electrochemical Society.
The American Ceramic Society.
The Paleontological Society of America.
The Mineralogical Society of America.
The American Society of Animal Production.
The American Public Health Association.
The American Philosophical Association.
The American Economic Association.
The American Sociological Society.
The American Statistical Association.
The American Civic Association.
The American Historical Association.
The American Philological Association.
The Modern Language Association.

Many of these organizations are now officially associated with the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and several of them have already intimated their desire to be affiliated. It is the aim of the association to include among the officially affiliated organizations all the main national societies that have to do with the research aspects of the advancement of science and education. The affiliated organizations take part in the control of association affairs through their representatives in the association council, who are also *ex-officio* members of the corresponding section committees. In recent years the association has become in great measure an affiliation of scientific organizations, and one of its chief aims is to aid these organizations and furnish a ready means for their cooperation toward the advancement of every field of science and that of science in general. The affiliated organizations have no financial responsibility toward the general association. They are invited to hold meetings with the rest of the associa-

tion, but no obligation in this respect is implied. Their members have the privilege of joining the association without paying the usual entrance fee, if they do so before the second October first after they become members of the affiliated organization, or before the second October first following the ratification of the affiliation of the latter.

(5) It was voted that the next volume of the Summarized Proceedings, with the directory of the American Association for the Advancement of Science members, shall be distributed at the following prices: \$1.50 to members who pay in advance before January 1, 1925; \$2.00 to members (\$2.50 to others) who pay in advance between January 1, 1925, and the time of publication; \$2.50 to members (\$3.25 to others) who purchase the volume after publication. It is planned that the volume will be published in the summer or early autumn of 1925.

(6) An offer was unanimously and very gratefully accepted from a member of the association, who wishes his name withheld for the present, who will give to the association the sum of \$5,000 to be devoted to five annual association prizes of \$1,000 each for notable contributions to science, for the next five years. The first of these prizes will be awarded in connection with the next annual meeting, which opens on December 29, 1924, in Washington. Further announcements regarding this American Association prize will appear in *SCIENCE*.

(7) It was voted that the sum of \$500 be appropriated and disbursed from the appropriable funds of the treasurer's office for the zoological station at Naples, which is being reorganized.

(8) A communication and a suggested resolution from the Ecological Society of America, regarding a proposed Glacier Bay National Park, in Alaska, were considered and were referred to Dr. Ward as a committee of one, to be reported back to the executive committee, with recommendations, at the next meeting of the committee.

(9) In preparation for the approaching fifth Washington meeting of the association (next December), it was voted that members residing in the District of Columbia be solicited for donations toward a fund to care for the extra expenses of that meeting.

(10) It was voted that the Pacific Division be authorized to remit entrance fees of new members joining during 1924, who are members of any society affiliated with the division, even if the society is not affiliated with the American Association as a whole. This privilege is open during 1924 to all members of the organizations that are affiliated with the association as a whole.

(11) It was voted that the next meeting of the

executive committee shall occur in Washington, on Sunday, October 12, 1924, beginning at 10:00 a. m.

B. E. LIVINGSTON,
Secretary

SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

MEMORIAL MEETING FOR THE LATE DR. BIGGS

ON April 29, the New York Academy of Medicine held a memorial meeting in honor of the Late Dr. Hermann M. Biggs. The speakers, all of whom had been intimately associated with Dr. Biggs and his work were: Dr. William H. Welch, director, Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health, who presided; Dr. Walter B. James, emeritus professor of medicine, Columbia University; Dr. George D. Stewart, president of the Academy of Medicine; Dr. William H. Park, director of the Bureau of Laboratories, New York City Health Department; Dr. Matthias Nicoll, Jr., state commissioner of health; Mr. Homer Folks, secretary of the State Charities Aid Association; Mr. Ira A. Place, vice-president of the New York Central Railroad, and Dr. Livingston Farrand, president of Cornell University.

Dr. Welch spoke briefly of the lifework of Dr. Biggs, emphasizing the broad general medical training which he had, and which so well fitted him for his success in later years, both in public health work and private practice.

Drs. Park and Nicoll outlined the progress made under Dr. Biggs by the City and State Health Departments, respectively, and Mr. Folks spoke of his association with private public health organizations.

Dr. Farrand as the last speaker paid a high tribute to the character of Dr. Biggs, when he said in part: "The disorder of a war-torn civilization is characterized by a reign of prejudice and an exhibition of loose thinking and hasty judgment, which is nowhere more noticeable than in this complacent democracy of ours. It is minds and characters like those of Hermann Biggs of which this country stands most in need."

THE INTERNATIONAL MATHEMATICAL CONGRESS

AN International Mathematical Congress will be held in Toronto from August 11 to 16. International gatherings of mathematicians have previously been held in Zurich (1897), Paris (1900), Heidelberg (1904), Rome (1908), Cambridge (1912) and in Strasbourg (1920). The North American Continent is for the first time the meeting place of such an assembly. It is estimated that the attendance from