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THE COST OF GERMAN PUBLICATIONS

THE following resolution was unanimously adopted at the twenty-seventh annual meeting of the Medical Library Association, held in Chicago, Illinois, on June 9 and 10:

WHEREAS many of the German publishers of medical books and periodicals are making unreasonable and unjustifiable charges for their publications to foreign subscribers and especially discriminating against American subscribers,

Therefore, be it resolved that it is the sense of this meeting that the Medical Library Association go on record expressing its disapproval of this unfair discrimination and urging the library and individual members of the association to discontinue the purchase of German medical books and periodicals until such time as the German publishers adopt a more equitable policy toward the American subscribers regarding prices; and further urging the discontinuance entirely of the purchase of all German books and periodicals unless prompt evidence is given of a change of attitude on the part of the German publishers and agents.

Therefore, be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to every library and individual member of the Medical Library Association and to our American Consul General in Berlin, to Mr. M. L. Raney, chairman of the American Library Association Committee on Book Buying, and to the editors of the following periodicals for publication: *Journal of the American Medical Association*, *Borsenblatt des deutschen Buchhandels*, *Publishers Weekly*, *The Library Journal*, *Public Libraries*, SCIENCE.

Committee on resolution regarding prices of German Medical Publications,

CHARLES FRANKENBERGER, *Chairman*,
J. CHRISTIAN BAY,
CHARLES PERRY FISHER

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION AND THE NAPLES ZOOLOGICAL STATION

THE grant made by the American Association for the Advancement of Science to the Zoological Station at Naples has been accepted, and the director of the station, Dr. Reinhard Dohrn, has expressed his appreciation of the grant in the following paragraph taken from a letter to the permanent secretary:

I have received your letter communicating to me the vote of the American Association for the Advancement of Science to grant \$500 for an American working table at our Zoological Station, and I wish to tender herewith my heartiest thanks for this very valuable material help to our institute, and particularly for the moral support coming from such a highly representative body as the American Association for the Advancement of Science. My collaborators and I, who are just engaged in bring-

ing the Zoological Station again to an efficient working order, do highly appreciate this encouragement of American Science to our endeavors and I trust that the Zoological Station will succeed in rendering again good service to American biologists as it had been our privilege in the past.

The association wishes to name an occupant for the working table at Naples, and the permanent secretary will be glad to receive applications from scientists who may wish to take advantage of this. Dr. Dohrn states that he will be glad to correspond with persons who are planning to work at the Naples station.

BURTON E. LIVINGSTON,
Permanent Secretary

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

ROBERT MELDRUM STEWART has been appointed director of the Dominion Observatory at Ottawa in succession to the late Dr. Otto Klotz.

ANDREW THOMSON has been appointed director of the Apia Observatory, Western Samoa, under the administration of the New Zealand government.

DR. FLORENCE R. SABIN, professor of histology at the Johns Hopkins Medical School, has been appointed a member on the scientific staff of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research.

THE Franklin medal and certificate of honorary membership in the Franklin Institute awarded to Sir Ernest Rutherford, Cavendish professor of physics at the University of Cambridge, was presented at a special ceremonial, held in London, on July 14.

DR. WILLIAM H. WELCH, director of the School of Hygiene and Public Health, Johns Hopkins University, has sailed for Europe to attend the conference on public health at Geneva.

DR. SAMUEL T. DARLING, of the International Health Board of the Rockefeller Foundation, was elected president of the American Society of Tropical Medicine at the annual convention held from June 9 to 10, in Chicago.

F. M. FARMER, chief engineer of the Electrical Testing Laboratories, New York, was elected president of the American Society for Testing Materials at the recent convention held in Atlantic City.

DR. P. S. HELMICK, of Drake University, has been elected secretary of the Iowa Academy of Science in succession to James H. Lees, of the Iowa Geological Survey, who has resigned after ten years of service.

PROFESSOR G. FICHERA, of the University of Pavia, has been awarded the Santoro prize by the National Academy of Sciences at Rome, for his researches on cancer.