

tries, and particularly of the portions so far unexplored.

The society was financed by Ismail Pasha, who gave it a very fine library, which still exists. Its first president was the celebrated traveler Dr. Schweinfurth, whose advanced age (he is in his eighty-ninth year) prevents him from attending the jubilee of this organization, which in its early years he so helped to develop; while among those who have given before the society the earliest accounts of their discoveries, and whose reports are treasured in its archives, have been Stanley, Schweinfurth, Burton, Nordenskjöld, Junker, Gessi, Mason, Stone and Chaillé-Long.

King Fuad has always displayed the liveliest interest in the welfare of the institution founded by his father, and it is due to his initiative and to his desire fittingly to celebrate the jubilee of the Egyptian Society that the International Geographical Union agreed to select Cairo as the seat for this year's congress. The congress is under the patronage of King Fuad, who will officially open it. Its organization has been in the hands of the Royal Geographical Society of Egypt, whose president is M. Georges Foucart, Director of the "Institut Français d'Archéologie Orientale."

THE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF PHOTOGRAPHY

AFTER a lapse of fifteen years an International Congress of Photography is to be held this year from June 29 to July 4 in Paris. The last congress was held in Brussels in 1910, where a very successful meeting was held attended largely by representatives from all nations.

The congress will be divided into four sections: (1) Scientific; (2) Technical and artistic; (3) Historical and documentary; (4) Technique of cinematography (in connection with the Congress of Cinematography). A historical exhibition of photography and a centenary celebration of the beginning of photography will be held during the congress.

At the request of the International Committee of the Congress, an Organizing Committee in the United States has been formed, the members being: Mr. F. F. Renwick, Dr. W. D. Bancroft, Mr. W. H. Manahan, Mr. E. J. Wall, Dr. H. E. Ives, Professor R. W. Wood and Dr. C. E. K. Mees, chairman. A list of American patrons has also been drawn up.

The congress is especially anxious to obtain papers relating to the branches of photography with which it deals from workers in the United States. Offers of such papers can be communicated to me, and I will forward them to the secretary of the congress or they can be sent direct to M. G. Labussiere, 5 rue Brown-

Sequard, Paris, XV. The secretary is anxious to know at once what contributions will be available, though it is not necessary that the whole paper should be sent to him. The title and a brief abstract should, however, be forwarded at once.

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THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY

A MEETING of the council opened the sixty-ninth convention of the American Chemical Society at Baltimore, on Monday afternoon, April 6. One hundred and fourteen councilors and substitutes were present when President James F. Norris called the meeting to order and expressed his appreciation of the honor which had been conferred upon him since the last meeting.

It was voted to hold the spring meetings of 1926 and 1927, respectively, in Tulsa, Okla., and Richmond, Va. Philadelphia having been selected as the meeting place for the fiftieth anniversary convention in the autumn of 1926, it was suggested by Secretary Parsons that advantage might be taken of the sesquicentennial exposition in that city to properly portray the great advances in chemistry during the past half century in an exposition building devoted exclusively to chemistry. In this connection the court of chemical achievement to be organized in connection with the Chemical Exposition in New York this fall was cited as a good nucleus upon which to expand. The details of this proposed court of achievement were outlined briefly by H. E. Howe, the originator of the idea. Dr. McKee suggested that suitable honors be conferred upon the founder and charter members of the society living at the time of the fiftieth anniversary and that they be the guests of the society upon that occasion. Following the general discussion of plans for the fiftieth anniversary meeting, the council authorized the president of the society to appoint such special committees as may be necessary to prepare for the celebration.

Conviction that the society must not fail in the publication of a second Decennial Index to *Chemical Abstracts* characterized the discussion of this subject which was presented to the council by Secretary Parsons and Editor Crane. The problem is to finance a publication which is estimated to require six volumes for completion and will cost in the neighborhood of \$90,000.

Reports from the various committees of the society were received and will be printed later.

Among the other matters of business disposed of were the granting of divisional organization to the Section of Gas and Fuel Chemistry and the acceptance