

Science, plans an exceptional program on "Research methods and results" at the Kansas City meeting, to be held during the week beginning December 29.

The preliminary program of the section is given below. It emphasizes a wide range of discussions, which should prove of great practical value to all concerned:

*Tuesday Morning Session, December 29, 10:00 A. M.*

1. (Subject to be announced.) Address of the retiring vice-president for Section K, Dr. Thomas S. Baker, President of the Carnegie Institute, Pittsburgh, Pa.
2. Research in forestry taxation: address by vice-president for Section K, Professor Fred R. Fairchild, Yale University.
3. Research—The prime mover of industry: Mr. Maurice A. Holland, National Research Council, New York City.
4. The frontiers of industry: Mr. E. P. Stevenson, Arthur D. Little, Inc., Cambridge, Mass.

*Tuesday Afternoon Session, December 29, 2:00 P. M.*

5. Science, charlatanry and nutrition: Dr. H. E. Barnard, American Institute of Baking, Chicago.
6. Scientific nutrition and modern foods—facts and fancies: Dr. C. Robert Moulton, Institute of American Meat Packers, Chicago.
7. The future of agricultural research: Mr. E. W. Ball, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

*Wednesday Morning Session, December 30, 10:00 A. M.*

8. Cooperation between industry and university: Dr. George D. McLaughlin, Tanners' Council Laboratory, University of Cincinnati.
9. Science in an old industry—lime manufacture: Mr. G. J. Fink, National Lime Association, Washington, D. C.
10. (Subject to be announced.) Dr. Lewis H. Haney, Bureau of Business Research, New York University.

*Wednesday Afternoon Session, December 30, 2:00 P. M.*

11. Scientific research as applied to concrete construction: Mr. Duff A. Abrams, Structural Materials Research Laboratory, Lewis Institute, Chicago.
12. The administration of research under the industrial fellowship system: Dr. E. R. Weidlein, Mellon Institute, University of Pittsburgh.
13. Air transportation: Lieutenant J. Parker Van Zandt, Commercial Aviation Department, War Department, Washington, D. C.

*Thursday Morning Session, December 31, 10:00 A. M.*

14. Research and the incandescent lamp industry: Mr. W. E. Forsythe, National Lamp Works, Nela Park, O.
15. The economic basis of medical charges: Dr. Michael M. Davis, Jr., United Hospital Fund of New York.

16. Cancer research: Dr. F. L. Hoffman, Babson Institute and Prudential Insurance Company.

*Thursday Afternoon Session, December 31, 2:00 P. M.*

17. Résumé of research work of underwriters' laboratories: Mr. A. H. Nuckolls, Underwriters' Laboratories, Chicago.
18. (Subject to be announced.) Mr. F. O. Clements, General Motors Research Corporation, Dayton, O.
19. (Subject to be announced.) Mr. A. L. Viles, Rubber Association of America, New York City.
20. (Subject to be announced.) Representative of Research Division, Standard Oil Company, Elizabeth, N. J.

FREDERICK L. HOFFMAN,  
*Secretary of Section K*

**A PROPOSAL FOR SUMMER SESSIONS OF  
THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION AT  
ITHACA IN 1926**

At the recent spring meeting of the executive committee of the council of the American Association it was voted that the committee looks with general approval upon a proposal to hold summer sessions of the association in connection with the next International Congress of Plant Sciences, which is being planned to be held at Ithaca from August 16 to 23, 1926. Dr. B. M. Duggar, chairman of the organizing committee for the congress, has invited the association to arrange for sessions in other branches of science, to occur at the same time and place, stating that the facilities and accommodations will be ample for all sections of the association. The action of the executive committee, as noted above, is tentative only, and the committee will be glad to receive suggestions in this connection, pending a definite decision that is to be made later.

It is not infrequently suggested that eastern summer meetings of the American Association would be profitable to the members and the affiliated societies and useful in the advancement of science. Ithaca is an excellent place for a summer meeting. A large number of prominent students of the plant sciences in other countries will be present at the congress and the attendance of American botanical workers will be very large. Whether the American Association should plan a general meeting in connection with the congress, or sessions of certain sections only, and whether affiliated societies may desire to hold meetings in that connection, are questions regarding which the permanent secretary will be glad to receive information and suggestions. If an association meeting is to be planned the organization of the association will be available for all general arrangements for all the sections, including the affiliated and otherwise associated organizations. We are assured of the hearty cooperation

of the committee in charge of plans for the International Congress.

BURTON E. LIVINGSTON,  
*Permanent Secretary*

### SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

THE Franklin Institute in Philadelphia on May 20 conferred Franklin medals and certificates of honorary membership on Dr. P. Zeeman, professor of physics in the University of Amsterdam, and on Dr. Elihu Thomson, of the General Electric Company, Lynn, Mass.

AT a meeting of the Association of American Physicians held on May 6 at Washington, the Kober lectureship was presented to Professor John J. Abel, of the Johns Hopkins University Medical School, and the Kober Association Medal to Dr. Hideyo Noguchi, of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research.

DR. HOWARD MCCLENAHAN, professor of physics, Princeton University, and for the last thirteen years dean of the college, has been appointed secretary of Franklin Institute.

DR. WILLIAM M. MANN, formerly entomologist in the Department of Agriculture, will succeed Dr. Alexander Wetmore as superintendent of the National Zoological Park. Dr. Wetmore was recently appointed assistant secretary of the Smithsonian Institution.

GEORGE F. WHITE has resigned his position as professor of organic chemistry at Clark University to accept a position as director of the scientific department of Bauer and Black, manufacturers of surgical dressings and allied products, at Chicago, Ill.

DR. EDWARD FRANKLAND ARMSTRONG, who has for some years been technical director in charge of Joseph Crosfield and Sons' Soapworks at Warrington, has been appointed managing director of the British Dyestuffs Corporation. Dr. Armstrong is the son of Dr. H. E. Armstrong, emeritus professor of chemistry at the City and Guilds College, South Kensington.

IN honor of Dr. Dean Lewis, of Chicago, professor-elect of the department of surgery of the Johns Hopkins University, the physicians and surgeons of western Illinois tendered him a banquet on May 5.

THE Remington honor medal of the New York branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association has been awarded to Dr. Henry M. Whelpley, dean of the St. Louis College of Pharmacy.

DR. MARTIN H. FISCHER, professor of physiology in the University of Cincinnati, has been elected a corresponding member of the Czecho-Slovakian Botanical Society for "services rendered to botanical science."

OFFICERS for 1925-26 have been nominated as follows by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers: *President*, William L. Abbott, chief operating engineer, Commonwealth Edison Co., Chicago, Ill.; *Vice-presidents*, Alex G. Christie, professor of mechanical engineering at the Johns Hopkins University; William T. Magruder, professor of mechanical engineering, Ohio State University; Roy V. Wright, managing editor of the *Railway Age*; *Managers*, Robert L. Daugherty, professor of mechanical and hydraulic engineering at the California Institute of Technology; William Elmer, superintendent of the middle division, Pennsylvania Railroad System; Charles E. Gorton, chairman of the American Uniform Boiler Law Society; *Treasurer*, Erik Oberg, editor of *Machinery*.

AT the Niagara Falls Meeting of the American Electrochemical Society the following officers for 1925 were elected: *President*, Frederick M. Becket; *Vice-presidents*, Wm. Blum, F. C. Frary and E. F. Cone; *Managers*, H. W. Gillett, F. N. Speller and J. Watson Bain; *Treasurer*, Acheson Smith; and *Secretary*, Colin G. Fink.

AT a meeting of the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics of the National Committee of Canada, held in Ottawa, January 30, 1925, the following officers were elected: *President*, Noel J. Ogilvie, director of the Geodetic Survey of Canada, Ottawa; *Secretary*, Ernest A. Hodgson, seismologist of the Dominion Observatory, Ottawa.

THE following officers were elected at the annual business meeting of the Iowa chapter of the Sigma Xi: *President*, Professor B. T. Baldwin; *Vice-president*, Professor P. A. Bond; *Treasurer*, Professor E. W. Chittenden; *Secretary*, Professor C. J. Lapp. The chapter was organized in June, 1900.

DR. GEORGE W. CORNER, professor of anatomy at the University of Rochester, addressed the first open meeting of the Sigma Xi Club of the University of Buffalo, on May 21. The subject of the lecture was "Problems of the human reproductive cycle." The Sigma Xi Club was organized at the University of Buffalo early in 1924. Its membership includes fifteen alumni members of the society on the university faculty and alumni members in Buffalo and environs. The officers for the first year, during which a constitution was formulated and adopted and several stimulating meetings held, were: *President*, Dr. Wayne J. Atwell; *Secretary-treasurer*, Dr. Fred R. Griffith, Jr. Officers for the coming year, recently elected, are: *President*, Dr. Frank A. Hartman; *Secretary*, Dr. Fred R. Griffith, Jr.; *Treasurer*, Professor Albert