

languages, the comparative study of folk-lore, the comparative study of religion, the comparative (ethnology) study of law, ethnology, the comparative study of archeology and the comparative study of society. To these may be added other comparative studies of civilization in so far as the board shall deem advisable.

The board shall: (a) Arrange for lectures to be given at the institute by Norwegian or foreign men of science. (b) Publish scientific literature. (c) Offer prizes to be competed for. (d) Appoint Norwegian or foreign men of science to be members of the institute. (e) Award prizes for scientific work done by Norwegian men of science or by foreigners associated with the institute. (f) Give scholarships and other forms of assistance to Norwegian men of science or to foreigners associated with the institute.

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THE PEKING SOCIETY OF NATURAL HISTORY

IN response to a call for a meeting of those interested in the formation of an organization for encouraging the study of the natural history of China, a large number gathered in the lecture room of the department of anatomy of the Peking Medical School, September 21. Dr. A. W. Grabau, who was the enthusiastic promoter of the plan, called the meeting to order at 5:10 p. m. In his opening remarks Dr. Grabau enumerated the existing scientific organizations in China at present and stated that he felt that there was a need for the Peking Society of Natural History. The chairman then called upon Dr. W. H. Wong, Mr. R. Chapman Andrews and Mr. Walter Granger, all of whom spoke in hearty approval of the organization of the proposed society.

Following a brief discussion of the name of the organization, it was voted to adopt the name first proposed, "The Peking Society of Natural History"; the proposed constitution was read and was finally adopted.

The society then proceeded to the election of officers for the coming year and the following were chosen:

President, Dr. G. D. Wilder.

1st Vice-president, Dr. W. H. Wong.

2nd Vice-president, Mr. Sohtsu G. King.

Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. N. Gist Gee.

The following councillors were also elected: Dr. A. W. Grabau, Professor S. C. Lee, to serve three years; Dr. R. K. S. Lim, Dr. H. H. Tan, to serve two years; Dr. Davidson Black, Mr. K. K. Chung, to serve one year.

Upon the completion of the organization of the society, Dr. Wilder addressed the meeting upon the subject "Some common birds of Peking." Dr. Wilder had a number of mounted specimens of the Chinese birds and colored plates of a number of closely related American birds. An interesting feature of the illustrations was some copies by Mr. Kungpah King of ancient Chinese paintings of birds. These were so accurate that in many instances the birds can now actually be identified from them. At the conclusion of the meeting a vote of thanks was extended to Dr. Wilder for his interesting address.

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Secretary-Treasurer

CHINA MEDICAL BOARD, PEKING

FIELD MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN STATE GEOLOGISTS

THE annual fall field meeting of the Association of American State Geologists was held from October 12 to 16 in eastern Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania Geological Survey acting as host. Early arrivals were entertained on Sunday evening at the homes of Dr. George H. Ashley and Mr. R. W. Stone. Four days were spent in the vicinity of Harrisburg, Hummelstown, Cornwall, Port Clinton, Pottsville, Mahanoy City, Hazeltown, Mauch Chunk, Lehigh Gap, Slate-dale, Northampton and Nazareth in observing the excellent exposures of the stratigraphy and structure and the remarkable peneplain remnants and in reviewing the mineral resources of that part of the state, including the southern anthracite field, the slate area, brownstone quarries, cement plants and the Cornwall magnetite mine. The evenings were devoted to discussions of matters pertaining to state survey policies and activities and to discussions of the geological problems of the areas covered. The state geologists were accompanied by a number of guests, including Dr. W. C. Mendenhall, chief; Messrs. E. O. Ulrich, Charles H. Butts, G. W. Stose and Miss Jonas, all of the U. S. Geological Survey; Dr. David White, chairman of the division of geology and geography, and Dr. Albert L. Barrows, chairman of the division of states relations of the National Research Council; Professor W. H. Bucher, of the University of Cincinnati; Professor B. L. Miller, of Lehigh University; Judge James R. MacFarlane, of the Court of Common Pleas, Pittsburgh, and M. W. Twitchell, of the Pennsylvania Geological Survey. The following state geologists represented their respective surveys: George H. Ashley, Herman Gunter, H. B. Kummel, M. M. Leighton, Raymond Moore, Wilbur A. Nelson and David Reger (representing I. C. White). The meeting closed at Bethlehem, Pa., with a dinner at Hotel Bethlehem, at which