

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.

The institute publishes two series of volumes: Series A, Lectures, and Series B, Monographs. Two volumes in each series have appeared to date.

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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.

N. GIST GEE,

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

President Richards, of Lehigh University, and a number of the faculty were present.

The association acknowledges the many helpful courtesies extended by the various mineral industries visited.

M. M. LEIGHTON, *Secretary,*
Association of American State Geologists

LECTURES ON MENTAL HYGIENE AT THE NEW YORK ACADEMY OF MEDICINE

A COURSE of fifteen lectures on mental hygiene is being given at the Academy of Medicine, 17 West 43rd Street, New York City, on Tuesday afternoons, at 4 o'clock, from November 10 to March 2, inclusive. The course is under the auspices of the New York State Committee on Mental Hygiene, New York Neurological Institute and the National Committee for Mental Hygiene. It has been arranged at the request of the Catholic Big Sisters, the Jewish Big Sisters, the Protestant Big Sisters, the Charity Organization Society and Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A. of New York City. The object of the course is to give those engaged in social, educational and religious work an intelligent understanding of mental hygiene in its application to the problems with which they deal. Each lecture will be followed by a half-hour consultation period.

The program is as follows:

Development in the light of heredity and eugenics, by EDWIN GRANT CONKLIN, professor of biology, Princeton University (November 10).

Mental hygiene and the nursery school, by PATTY HILL, professor of education, Teachers College, Columbia University (November 17).

Mental health and habit training, by DOUGLAS A. THOM, director of the division of mental hygiene, Massachusetts Department of Mental Diseases (November 24).

Habit clinics for problem children, by DOUGLAS A. THOM (December 1).

Some of the emancipation problems of the adolescent, by THOMAS W. SALMON, professor of psychiatry, Columbia University (December 8).

The mental health of the school-age child, by DR. IRA S. WILE, assistant pediatrician, Mt. Sinai Hospital, New York City (December 15).

Juvenile delinquency and mental hygiene, by DR. AUGUSTA F. BRONNER, Judge Baker Foundation, Boston (December 22).

Mental hygiene as a preparation for college life, by DR. ARTHUR H. RUGGLES, lecturer in psychiatry and consultant in mental hygiene, Yale University (January 5).

Mental tests—their uses and interpretation, by DR. PAUL KLAPPER, dean of the school of education, College of the City of New York (January 12).

Applying mental hygiene to the community, by DR. STANLEY P. DAVIES, executive secretary, New York State Committee on Mental Hygiene (January 19).

Inheritance of mental diseases, by ABRAHAM MYERSON, professor of neurology, Tufts College Medical School, Boston (January 26).

Individualism and mental health, by DR. ADOLF MEYER, professor of psychiatry, The Johns Hopkins University (February 9).

New concepts of mental ill-health, by DR. C. MACFIE CAMPBELL, professor of psychiatry, Harvard Medical School, and director of the Boston Psychopathic Hospital (February 16).

Relation of nervous disorders to functional disease; by DR. FOSTER KENNEDY, member of the Medical Board, and attending physician, Neurological Institute, New York City (February 23).

Psychological methods of cure—psychoanalysis, suggestion, etc., by DR. WILLIAM A. WHITE, medical director, St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Washington (March 2).

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

DR. GILBERT NEWTON LEWIS, professor of physical chemistry and dean of the College of Chemistry at the University of California, will give the annual course of eight lectures on the Silliman Foundation at Yale University, beginning on November 30. His subject will be "Concepts of science."

ACCORDING to an Associated Press dispatch from Stockholm, the Nobel prize in physics has been awarded to Dr. Karl Manne George Siegbahn, professor of physics at Lund University, Sweden.

THE Leeuwenhoek medal was presented to Professor d'Herelle, the discoverer of the bacteriophage, at a special meeting of the Dutch Royal Academy of Sciences on September 26.

PROFESSOR V. M. BEKHTEREV, the well-known Russian neurologist and psychiatrist, has celebrated the fortieth anniversary of his activity as a professor. This year also marks the fiftieth anniversary of the date of publication of his first scientific paper.

THE Scientific Department of the Russian Commissariat of Education has sanctioned awards for scientific achievements to Professor Chaplin, for work in connection with the theory of monoplane-wings; Professor F. Orlov, for work on comet-tails; Professor Schtefke, for his work on "The influence of starvation on the child organism," and Professor Chichibabin, for work in organic chemistry.

THE University of Cambridge will confer the degree of doctor of science (*honoris causa*) on Sir T. W. Edgeworth David, professor of geology in the University of Sydney.

DR. J. M. PURSER, Regius professor of physics at Trinity College, Dublin, has retired.

DR. T. WARDROP GRIFFITH, who recently retired from the chair of medicine at the University of Leeds, has been made emeritus professor.