

Morrison heads the Ladies' Committee and Miss Aimee V. Pace is the official hostess of the City of Cincinnati. Thomas Quinlan, the convention director of the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce, will also assist the committee.

At the Sixth Congress of the Far Eastern Tropical Medicine Association, which was opened at Tokyo on October 12, it was decided at its closing session that the next congress should be held in India.

THE New York Tuberculosis and Health Conference is being held from November 19 to 20 at the Hotel Biltmore and the Academy of Medicine, New York City. Some of the speakers are Dr. William H. Welch, director, School of Hygiene and Public Health, the Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore; Dr. Theobald Smith, president of the National Tuberculosis Association; Dr. Livingston Farrand, president of Cornell University; Dr. Allen K. Krause, the Johns Hopkins University Medical Department; Dr. Charles J. Hatfield, of the Henry Phipps Institute, Philadelphia; Dr. Lawrason Brown, of the Trudeau Sanatorium, Saranac Lake; Dr. Edward W. Archibald, McGill University Faculty of Medicine, Montreal; Dr. Frankwood E. Williams, of the National Committee for Mental Hygiene; Dr. Sanger Brown, of the New York State Commission for Mental Defectives; Dr. Frank J. Monaghan, New York City Commissioner of Health; Dr. Matthias Nicoll, Jr., New York State Commissioner of Health, and Surgeon-General Hugh S. Cumming, U. S. Public Health Service.

THE Sigma Xi Alumni Association of the University of Pittsburgh, the secretary of which is Dr. Richard Hamer, held its first meeting for the year 1925-26 on November 9. A program was presented by the chemistry department, as follows: "Some developments in microscope illumination," A. Silverman; "Recent progress in electro-organic chemistry," A. Lowy; "Electrolytic reduction of salicylic acid to salicylaldehyde," K. S. Tesh; "Electrode potentials," G. Stegeman; "Contact catalysis," C. J. Engelder; "Colorimetric analysis through the use of the selenium cell," E. V. Hjort, and "Phosphorus compounds in plants," C. G. King.

IN a recent note (SCIENCE, LXII: 412-413. 1925) concerning the program of the International Congress of Plant Sciences to be held in Ithaca, N. Y., in August, 1926, no secretary was named for the taxonomy section. It may now be announced that Professor K. M. Wiegand, of Cornell University, will act as secretary of this section. All communications concerning sectional matters should be addressed to him.

THE Boston Society of Natural History is planning a series of radio talks on various subjects in natural

history which will be broadcast on alternate Wednesday evenings at half past seven, from the Westinghouse Electric Company station WBZ at Springfield, Mass., and WBZA at Boston. Mr. Thornton W. Burgess has kindly allowed the use of part of the weekly half hour allotted to him by these stations for his "Burgess Radio Nature League," and the actual broadcasting will be under his supervision. While the plan calls for popular talks suitable for the younger generation they are also prepared to interest older persons and will be given to specialists in several fields so that there will be no question about the accuracy of the material presented. A large number of these talks will be given by the museum staff, others by members of the society and some by the staff of the Museum of Comparative Zoology at Harvard University. Among those already on the program are Dr. John C. Phillips, Dr. Glover M. Allen, Dr. Thomas Barbour, Mr. C. W. Johnson, Dr. H. B. Bigelow and Dr. Francis Harper, the new secretary of the society.

THE editor of SCIENCE has received several criticisms of the advertisement printed in SCIENCE entitled "The Soul of Motion." This is an interesting and ingenious toy, based on the principle of a differential thermometer. The advertisement in SCIENCE, beginning with the statement "The Soul of Motion is equivalent to creative life" and continuing with the statement that it explains colloids, the Brownian movement, radium emanations, etc., was intended to attract attention to the toy, but a number of the readers of SCIENCE appear to have supposed that the statements were intended to be taken seriously.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NOTES

WE learn from *Industrial and Engineering Chemistry* that in the will of the late Mrs. E. B. Eddy the sum of \$200,000 was provided to establish a chair of industrial chemistry at McGill University, Montreal, and that the Hon. George Elie Amyot, legislative councilor of the province of Quebec, has donated \$100,000 to Laval University for the endowment of a chair of chemistry in the recently established school of chemistry.

PROFESSOR RUFUS L. GREEN has been made head of a new department of mathematics at Stanford University which has been formed by the combination of the mathematics department and a portion of the department of applied mathematics. Some of the courses and faculty members of applied mathematics have been transferred to the new School of Engineer-

ing. Professor Everett P. Lesley will occupy the position of executive head of the department of mechanical engineering for the present academic year.

DR. BRUCE M. HARRISON, assistant professor of zoology at Iowa State College, has recently resigned to take the position of associate professor of zoology at the University of Southern California.

At the University of Chicago, Dr. Nathaniel Kleitman has been appointed assistant professor of physiology, Dr. Paul R. Cannon assistant professor of pathology, and Fred B. Plummer assistant professor of geology. Dr. Charles Philip Miller has been made an assistant professor in medicine on the Douglas Smith Foundation to do research work abroad.

ANDREW IRVING ANDREWS, for the past year professor of ceramic engineering at the New York State School of Clay Working and Ceramics, Alfred, N. Y., has been appointed assistant professor of ceramic engineering at the University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill.

DR. ARTHUR D. KNOTT has been appointed to the position of acting professor of preventive medicine at the Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, to take the place of Dr. Ernest C. Levy, who is on indefinite leave of absence.

DRS. WILLIAM E. DEEKS, Carlos P. Chagas and Alexander H. Rice have been appointed lecturers in tropical medicine at the Harvard School of Public Health, Boston.

A CHAIR of epidemiology has been created at the Collège de France at Paris and Professor H. Vincent appointed to it. Dr. Vincent was general medical inspector of the French army until his retirement on reaching the age limit.

DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE

A PLAN FOR THE PROMOTION OF SMALL MUSEUMS

IN recognition of the growing importance of small museums, the American Association of Museums has embarked upon an effort to assist in the establishment and reorganization of small institutions and to promote the interests of all museums in the smaller communities. The project—or series of projects—has grown out of extensive field work during the past year.

PROJECT I—DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION

There are relatively few small museums that have trustees who are in touch with the museum movement or who recognize the importance of employing a trained director, and in consequence there are many

untrained persons in charge of such institutions. This accounts in large part for the present underdeveloped condition of many museums.

It is felt that, as a first step, information concerning museum ideals and practices should be disseminated to those interested in the progress of small museums and to persons of influence in whose hands new museums may be organized. There is need for a comprehensive but simple and compact treatment of museum principles and methods to serve as the basis of this endeavor, and consequently the executive secretary of the association has undertaken to prepare a "Manual for Small Museums."

Effort to broadcast this body of information should involve direct approach to museum trustees, publicity through book reviews, magazine articles and the daily press and work through national organizations which can reach the leading citizens of any community.

PROJECT II—TRAINING OF MUSEUM WORKERS

If *Project I* should meet with success, a general scrutiny of small museums might ensue, and an increased demand for trained museum workers might develop. In anticipation of this outcome it is planned to provide now for the training of a limited number of directors.

Directorship of a small museum is specialized work, calling for a range of information, understanding of people and skill in museum technique. Despite these requirements, the pay will be relatively small. It is felt that the work will make greatest appeal to women of experience in other fields of service, and that training afforded such candidates ought to be of a practical kind.

Plans are being developed to organize instruction with the help of several museums—each contributing a course in some one or two subjects in which its work excels. If only one or two students are assigned to each museum at a time, and if periods of training be sufficiently long, it should be possible for the museums to count upon a certain amount of real help from the student assistants. This is desirable both as a protection to the interests of the museum and as a guarantee of thorough instruction to the student.

The entire problem of training for museum work is being studied by a committee of the association, of which Dr. S. A. Barrett is chairman.

PROJECT III—GRANTS FOR SALARIES

Although *Project I* might develop genuine desire for a trained director in a number of small communities and *Project II* might produce enough directors to supply the demand, still financial limitations