

visiting staff . . . to whom he had endeared himself by his devotion to the division, and his spirit of justice in the management of its affairs."

Outstanding characteristics are noted in the inscription below: "A staunch friend of humanity, a devotee to duty, an able surgeon and executive, and a man of kindly presence."

It is in such terms that we well recall to mind our former colleague, Tom Smith.

Tom Smith, a man whom children loved.

Let us say, our ever faithful friend, Tom Smith.

The fourth division now takes pleasure in tendering this memorial tablet into the keeping of the trustees of Bellevue Hospital.

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SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

THE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF PLANT SCIENCES

INVESTIGATORS and teachers in the plant sciences, representing all aspects of botany, plant chemistry, plant pathology and bacteriology, agronomy, horticulture and forestry, are invited to attend the International Congress of Plant Sciences (Fourth International Botanical Congress) to be held at Ithaca, August 16-23, 1926. This invitation is extended to all countries of the world. An announcement of the meeting was printed in *SCIENCE* for November 6, 1925.

This congress is scheduled to follow the usual academic sessions abroad, also the short summer session of the various universities and colleges in the United States. It is believed to offer the first opportunity ever arranged in the United States for a general conference of all those professionally engaged in plant work. It possesses the additional compelling interest accruing from unrestricted international representation.

In order that a part of the program may be representative of outstanding leadership, the congress will be divided into about one dozen sections, each section with an invitation program occupying about four morning sessions or a little more than one fourth of the available time. These formal programs will be supplemented by another feature that promises also to be of exceptional interest. Ample time will be set apart for round table or informal discussions, which in some cases may be scheduled in advance, and in others may be arranged both as to topics and participation after the congress actually convenes. This is intended to provide for the widest participation in sectional activities. Supplementary opportunities for individual contact and participation are made possible through the non-commercial exhibits and through the

provision for excursions and inspection tours of various types suited to the diverse needs of the different sections.

Although the congress is not to provide an occasion for *legislation* on regulatory matters of international significance (such as nomenclatorial rules) the organizing committee has expressly provided that "adequate opportunity shall be accorded all sections for the *discussion* of regulatory recommendations of international significance," in order that a better understanding may be reached for definite action at a subsequent international congress.

The sections thus far authorized and the secretaries representing these groups is contained in *SCIENCE* for November 6. Communications regarding the congress should be addressed as indicated below:

(1) Concerning round tables and other strictly sectional matters—to the appropriate sectional secretary.

(2) Concerning exhibits and general program matters—L. W. Sharp, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

(3) Concerning excursions, collecting trips, inspection tours, local arrangements, transportation, etc.—H. H. Whetzel, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

(4) Concerning the congress in general.—B. M. Duggar, Missouri Botanical Garden, St. Louis, Mo.

THE ASSOCIATION OF ASPHALT PAVING TECHNOLOGISTS

THE Association of Asphalt Paving Technologists met on January 14, 1926, in the Hotel LaSalle, Chicago. The constitution and by-laws were adopted, officers were elected and committees were appointed. Forty members were present.

In January, 1924, a small group met in Chicago informally for the purpose of discussing such an organization. In January, 1925, a considerably larger group met in Chicago and definitely organized. Francis P. Smith, of Dow & Smith, consulting engineers, New York City, served as chairman of the first meeting. Hugh W. Skidmore, of the Chicago Paving Laboratory, Inc., Chicago, Illinois, was chairman of the 1925 meeting, and Chas. A. Mullen, of the Milton Hersey Co., Ltd., of Montreal, acted as secretary of both meetings. Roy M. Green, of the Western Laboratories, Lincoln, Nebraska, was chairman of the committee which drafted the constitution and by-laws.

The association will collect and distribute technical data pertaining to asphalt paving, encourage and conduct cooperative research work and will serve as a clearing house of ideas presented by its members. The officers for the present year are:

President: Hugh W. Skidmore, president, Chicago Paving Laboratory, Inc.

First Vice-president: Leroy M. Law, chief chemist, New Orleans Refining Co.