

S. F. Cook—Botany  
 A. S. Foster—Botany  
 Albert H. Gee—Biochemistry  
 R. E. Girtton—Botany  
 S. M. Gordon—Biochemistry  
 E. D. Hutchinson—Psychology  
 H. D. Kruse—Biochemistry  
 W. C. Olson—Psychology  
 E. Quisumbing—Botany  
 W. D. Strong—Anthropology  
 Paul T. Young—Psychology  
 R. L. Zwemer—Zoology

A second meeting of the board to consider additional applications for the year 1926-27 is planned for the middle of May. Information and application forms may be obtained from the Secretary, Board of National Research Fellowships in the Biological Sciences, National Research Council, Washington, D. C.

### OIL AND GAS POWER NATIONAL CONFERENCE

IN keeping with the action of Secretary of Commerce Hoover in encouraging industry to stimulate research, a large group of technical societies are participating in the Oil and Gas Power National Conference with a nation-wide program of meetings during the week of April 19 through 24.

The purpose of the conference is to focus the attention of physicists, chemists, engineers, operating men and industries on the recent progress and immediate possibilities in the utilization of oil and gas for power purposes. The program includes over seventy-five gatherings at industrial centers where the scientific production and economic problems related to internal combustion engines and their fuels will be discussed.

Many new developments will be presented for public discussion and criticism, one of which will be the application of the high speed Diesel engine for automotive traction service. The extensive application of the Diesel engine to locomotive practice which is now in process, the design of oil engines for stationary power plants and the increasing use of Diesel engines in marine work are some of the topics that will receive attention. One feature of the conference meetings is the large number of papers prepared in plain terms to reveal the rapid advances in the application and use of internal combustion engines for power purposes.

A prize of \$100 will be conferred on the writer of the paper that best fulfills the objects of the conference. The award will be made by a committee of outstanding chemists and engineers.

The societies participating are:

American Chemical Society, Local Sections  
 American Engineering Council  
 American Institute of Consulting Engineers

American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers  
 American Mining Congress  
 American Petroleum Institute  
 American Society of Agricultural Engineers  
 American Society of Marine Designers  
 American Society of Mechanical Engineers  
 American Society of Naval Engineers  
 Affiliated Technical Societies of Boston  
 Chemical and Engineering Schools and Colleges  
 Detroit Engineering Society  
 Engineers' Club of Cincinnati  
 Engineers' Club of Philadelphia  
 Engineers' Club of Trenton  
 Engineers' Society of Milwaukee  
 Engineers' Society of Western Pennsylvania  
 Louisiana Engineering Society  
 National Association of Stationary Engineers  
 National Board of Fire Underwriters  
 National Research Council  
 National Safety Council  
 Rochester Engineering Society  
 Society for Promotion of Engineering Education  
 Society of Industrial Engineers  
 U. S. Bureau of Standards  
 U. S. Geological Survey

The General Committee is composed of: L. H. Baekeland, Fred M. Becket, G. K. Burgess, H. L. Doherty, W. F. Durand, J. E. Edgerton, H. L. Horning, Arthur D. Little, Fred R. Low, Chas. E. Lucke, D. A. Lyon, J. V. W. Beynders, George Otis Smith, Bradley Stoughton, John E. Teeple, Guy E. Tripp.

The Steering Committee consists of: D. H. Killeffer, *chairman*, 29 West 39th Street, New York; Edgar J. Kates, Julius Kuttner, L. H. Morrison, R. L. Welch.

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### THE OXFORD MEETING OF THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION

THE PRINCE OF WALES will deliver the presidential address to the British Association for the Advancement of Science this year at the meeting at Oxford, which takes place from August 4 to 11. The proceedings will be opened on the evening of August 4, in the Sheldonian Theater, when the Prince is expected to deal with the relations between scientific research, the community and the state, both at home and in the oversea dominions.

There are thirteen sections of the association which will meet daily, and in addition there are evening lectures, both for members and for the general public. Professor A. S. Eddington, professor of astronomy at the University of Cambridge, has promised to give one of the lectures to members, and the speakers already arranged for the public lectures include Captain Eckersley, who will deal with wireless questions, Professor Julian Huxley and Mr. P. F. Kendle, who will speak on some aspect of coal. Professor F. O. Bower will give a review of botany, contrasting it as