

and the following officers were elected for the year 1926-27:

*President*, Dr. A. L. Dean, president of the University of Hawaii.

*Vice-president*, Mr. F. Muir, entomologist, Experiment Station, H. S. P. A.

*Secretary-Treasurer*, Mr. E. H. Bryan, Jr., entomologist, Bernice P. Bishop Museum.

*Councilor* (two years), Mr. C. S. Judd, territorial forester.

These men, together with Mr. O. H. Swezey, and the retiring president, Dr. F. C. Newcombe, will constitute the council.

The Proceedings of the First Annual Meeting, together with abstracts of papers presented, are to be published by the Bernice P. Bishop Museum.

E. H. BRYAN, JR.,  
*Secretary-Treasurer*

BERNICE P. BISHOP MUSEUM,  
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#### CONFERENCE OF SCIENTIFIC MEN AT THE WORKS OF THE GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY

A PARTY of 20 college professors, representing 18 universities, are visiting Schenectady for the professors' conference at the General Electric works which will continue until July 31.

The delegation, according to M. M. Boring who is in charge, will make a study of the progress and development of the electrical industry. Each member selected the line of work in which he is most interested and several who signified varied interests will be transferred each week or two to a different department.

The list, with the name of the college they come from and the work they have been assigned, follows:

H. W. Anderson, University of Kansas, radio department; S. W. Anderson, Virginia Military Institute, testing department; F. C. Caldwell, Ohio State University, illuminating engineering laboratory; G. H. Carlovitz, Vanderbilt University, testing department; J. A. Correll, University of Texas, industrial engineering department; R. W. Dickey, Washington and Lee University, industrial engineering department; J. L. Ellis, Georgia School of Technology, testing department; F. C. Evans, Cornell University, turbine engineering department; W. B. Hall, Yale University, industrial control department; S. F. Hart, Syracuse University, factory, building 18; H. H. Higbee, University of Michigan, illuminating engineering laboratory; E. W. Johnson, University of Minnesota, central station department; A. R. Knight, University of Illinois, central station department; J. H. Kuhlman, University of Michigan, direct current engineer-

ing department; K. M. McDonald, University of Alabama, factory, building 16; G. E. Mercer, Lafayette College, general engineering laboratory; C. B. Parker, Syracuse University, alternating current engineering department; C. A. Pierce, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, factory, building 16; C. S. Rankin, University of Delaware, testing department; W. H. Setchell, University of Porto Rico, turbine engineering, and F. A. Spencer, Norwich University, industrial engineering department; B. B. Brackett, the University of North Dakota.

An informal dinner was given the professors by the company at the Mohawk Golf Club on June 30. Several of the company's officers were present, but no speeches were made. The delegation visited on July 8 the Pittsfield works of the company for a special demonstration in the million volt laboratory.

In addition eight other professors are spending the summer months studying in various departments of the company. They are: Professor John G. Pertsch, Cornell University, central station department; Professor V. Karapetoff, Cornell University, general engineering laboratory; Dr. C. F. Greene, University of Illinois, alternating current engineering department; Professor G. A. Goodenough, University of Illinois, turbine engineering department; Dean C. E. Magnusson, University of Washington, central station department; Professor J. M. Bryant, University of Texas, in office of R. E. Doherty, consulting engineer; Professor D. A. Bureau, University of Kentucky, industrial control department, and Dr. A. A. Bennett, Lehigh University, alternating current engineering department.

#### TESTIMONIAL DINNER TO CARL BARUS

To mark the retirement from active service of Carl Barus, since 1895 Hazard professor of physics and since 1903 dean of the graduate department of Brown University, a dinner was tendered him by over sixty members of the corporation and faculty on May 21, 1926. Dean Barus has been made emeritus professor and will continue his researches in the laboratory. At the dinner, letters of felicitation were read from Professors Michelson, of the University of Chicago; Hall, of Harvard; Crew, of Northwestern; Hastings, of Yale, and Nichols, of Cornell. Vice-president Mead presided and there were addresses referring to various phases of Dean Barus's work by President Faunce, Professors Bronson and Koopman of the faculty, Professor H. N. Davis, of Harvard, and Mr. John R. Freeman, the well-known engineer. A book containing a congratulatory address and the signatures of members of the corporation and faculty was presented and Dean Barus responded. In closing he said:

In the third place, let me refer to my original work. Naturally, if a student has been hammering away ever since 1879, pretty steadily, he must have accumulated a lot of litter, much of which, perhaps, should long since have been swept away. But the Fates are not to be bribed either by pother or importunity. Out of 1,000 men who are called, one (probably the ratio is much smaller) is chosen to do glorious scientific work. The others? Their lot is to be failure. They may be equally or even more industrious, they may have equal or even greater brain power—the other 999 exist simply to make the illustrious one in whom they culminate, possible. After that, the world will say to each in words of poetic brevity: "The man has done his duty, the man may go." And go they do, pretty quickly, to a gentler lethe, flowing between banks of amaranth and asphodel.

Gentlemen, I am one of the 999 about to be forgotten.

But after all, what difference does it make! Time will come, the time is probably close at hand when even the Newtons crowd too numberless for memory. All that we can do is to be true to the little orbit to which we have been assigned. We do not understand it, we shall never see the end; but we believe—and this is a matter of pure faith, mind you—that it is somehow a part of a stupendous whole, that it fits into a preordained and inscrutable scheme of growth; or that we also, like the stars, are enlisted in a kind of cosmic team work, needing neither excuse nor applause, because it is sufficient in itself.

#### APPOINTMENTS AT THE ROCKEFELLER INSTITUTE FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

THE Board of Scientific Directors of The Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research announces the election of Dr. Charles R. Stockard as a member of the Board of Scientific Directors.

The following appointments and promotions are announced:

##### *Associate Members*

Dr. John W. Gowen  
Professor Duncan A. MacInnes  
Dr. Norman R. Stoll

##### *Associate*

Dr. Eggert Möller

##### *Assistants*

Mr. Lawrence R. Blinks  
Dr. Philip G. Cohen  
Dr. Walter P. Covell  
Dr. John A. V. Davies  
Dr. Lewis A. Eldridge, Jr.  
Dr. Jacob Furth  
Dr. Donald M. Hetler  
Mr. Thomas P. Hughes  
Mr. Alfred G. Jacques  
Dr. Lawrence S. Kubie  
Dr. Eaton M. MacKay

Dr. Julius Sendroy  
Mr. Henry Stevens  
Dr. Fred W. Stewart  
Dr. Alphonso Walti

##### *Fellows*

Mr. Philip R. Averell  
Mr. Irving A. Cowperthwaite  
Mr. Frederick O. Zillessen

##### *Associate to Associate Member*

Dr. Rudolf W. Glaser  
Dr. Philip D. McMaster

##### *Assistant to Associate*

Dr. Charles A. Doan  
Dr. Douglas R. Drury  
Dr. James A. Hawkins  
Dr. Moses Kunitz  
Dr. Clara J. Lynch  
Dr. Ida W. Pritchett  
Dr. Lars A. Welø

Dr. Albert B. Hastings, hitherto an associate in the Department of the Hospital, has accepted an appointment as professor of physiological chemistry at the University of Chicago.

Dr. David I. Hitchcock, hitherto an associate in the Division of General Physiology, has accepted an appointment as associate professor of physiology and biochemistry at Bryn Mawr College.

#### THE INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL

AN extraordinary session of the General Assembly of the International Research Council was held in the Palais des Academies in Brussels on June 29, 1926, having been called by special action of the executive committee of the council at a meeting in Paris on October 13, 1925, for the consideration, among other matters, of proposed amendments to the statutes of the council.

This session was attended by official representatives of the principal scientific bodies of twenty of the countries affiliated with the council and unanimous action was taken inviting Germany, Hungary, Austria and Bulgaria to join the council.

The International Research Council was organized during the war by representatives of allied and neutral nations and until the action of this recent meeting in Brussels no provision had been made for the membership of the Central Powers in the council. The action inviting these powers to join the council was taken on the initiative of the representatives of the Royal Society of Great Britain, the American National Research Council and representatives of similar important scientific organizations of Sweden, Norway and Holland.