

Luchaire and Oprescu and Mlle. Vascareseco to proceed with the carrying out of the present resolution, and, for this purpose, authorizes them to make the appointments contemplated and to take any useful steps, and in particular to arrange a meeting at Geneva of the directors of the important chalcographies for the conclusion of the agreement relating to engravings. (Paragraph (c).)

The method which the office will endeavor to apply in its work is an experimental and practical method, documentation being subordinated to action and preference being given to practical results within a limited sphere of action rather than to general schemes which may be easy to draw up but are difficult of realization.

This proposal was approved by the committee at its eighth plenary session in July, and was published as resolution XV in the report of the committee. In accordance with the action, a meeting of the directors of the important chalcographies was held in Geneva in October.

THE HOOPER FOUNDATION AND THE RESEARCH LABORATORY OF THE NATIONAL CANNERS ASSOCIATION

THE Hooper Research Foundation of the University of California, under Dr. Karl F. Meyer, has been asked to take charge of the bacteriological laboratory of a \$100,000 research plant constructed by the American Can Company for the National Canners' Association.

The new research laboratory, a three-story building in San Francisco, will be devoted to the improvement of canning methods in the Pacific Coast States and Hawaii and to the safeguarding of the public wherever products from the district are sold.

The plant is completely equipped with chemical and bacteriological apparatus. Among the more important items are a complete hydrogen-ion outfit, complete equipment for heat penetration studies, microscopes, electric ovens and furnaces, apparatus for thermal death rate determinations, a refractometer and an electric refrigerator.

An advisory committee is in process of selection by Elmer E. Chase, of San José, Calif., president of the canners' association, and Leonard E. Wood, of San Francisco, vice-president, in cooperation with Dr. Meyer. A number of men from the Washington laboratory of the canning association are expected to aid in carrying on the work of the new plant.

The university is particularly interested in studies of botulinus, and will carry out investigations on this subject. The State Fish Commission, also, has arranged a \$15,000 fund donated by fish canners for special research in this branch of the industry. All members of the canning association have been invited to send in their problems to the laboratory for scientific study.

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE ON THE AGASSIZ BUST

A SPECIAL committee has been named by the American Association for the Advancement of Science to solicit funds for a bust of Louis Agassiz, to be placed in the hall of fame of New York University, with the busts of the other great Americans who have been similarly honored. The bust is to be described as a gift from members of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and others.

The undersigned have been named as the special committee for this project. The committee feels that the leading scientific society of America should rejoice in thus honoring one of the most accomplished leaders in science, at the same time one of the greatest of teachers and, moreover, for many years an active member of our association. Agassiz was president of the American Association in 1851. The needed sum, about \$3,000, can not be appropriated from the treasury of the association and must be given by individual members. Our membership is so large that the sum should be readily made up by small individual contributions.

Those contributing may send checks to any member of the committee or to the Washington office of the association, Smithsonian Institution Building, making them payable to "American Association for the Advancement of Science, Agassiz Bust Fund."

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TESTIMONIAL TO PROFESSOR WILLIAM HENRY HOLMES

As a testimonial to Professor William Henry Holmes, director of the National Gallery of Art, on the occasion of his eightieth birthday, on December 1, a volume was presented containing one hundred and fifty personal letters of felicitation from intimate friends and those colleagues and co-workers who during the past sixty years have been closely associated with him in the fields of geology, anthropology, exploration and the fine arts. The dedication of this volume, by Dr. Marcus Benjamin, reads as follows:

Out of the West came the boy, and we can fancy in those long ago days that he had a natural instinct for things beautiful, such as pleasure in the brilliant coloring of a fragrant flower; joy in watching a gay butterfly flitting to and fro in the air; following the sunlight as it glistened on the babbling brook or the foaming water