

This council is also contemplating the calling of a Pan-Pacific Entomological Conference in Honolulu.

The Pan-Pacific Editorial Council has established a quarterly publication as a *Journal* of the institution and has a board of editors composed of the leading scientists in all Pacific lands.

The crop development and other councils are laying foundation for serious work and cooperating thoroughly in the work of their companion councils.

Executives who are also research workers are often welcomed at the institution in their capacity as research workers. The members of the institution will employ their own executives when needed and they may not be scientists, merely experienced men to carry out the wishes of the scientists in regard to general management. It is felt that the executive is usually the man who has, or can secure, the means for travel and expenses abroad, while the research worker is often unable to do this, so that, while the help, cooperation, association and good will of the executive is always desired and his visits looked forward to, the Pan-Pacific Research Institution is a purely democratic organization of research workers who are all equals in a family of scientists who are devoting their time to the service of mankind.

## SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

### STANDARDIZATION OF ANATOMICAL TERMINOLOGY

THE following circular from the scientific relations section of the International Institute of Intellectual Cooperation at Paris has been received by the American national committee of the institute with a request that it be brought to the attention of American anatomists:

M. de Castro, dean of the faculty of medicine of Rio de Janeiro, has recently brought before the International Institute of Intellectual Cooperation a project for the standardization of terminology in anatomy and nosology.

The utility of such an undertaking is evident. It is an admitted fact that considerable misunderstanding arises among scholars through the divergence existing in scientific terminology. Thus bibliographical work is complicated and the propagation of scientific knowledge is seriously and unnecessarily impeded.

After examination, M. de Castro's proposal was brought before the sub-committee on bibliography of the Committee on Intellectual Cooperation of the League of Nations which met at Geneva on the 23rd and 24th of July, 1926.

It was decided that M. de Castro's proposal concerning nosological terminology should be referred to the health committee.

With regard to anatomical nomenclature, it has not been possible up to the present to draw up an anatomical

nomenclature that would be acceptable to all nations. But, considering that there already exists a nomenclature known as "Nomina Anatomica," which was adopted by a certain number of countries after the International Congress held in 1895, under the auspices of the "Anatomisches Gesellschaft" at Basle and also that this nomenclature constitutes an appreciable step towards the standardization of anatomical terms, the sub-committee on bibliography has decided to recommend scientists belonging to countries not accustomed to using the "Nomina Anatomica," that they place this terminology in brackets in addition to the national terms used in their textbooks, treatises and other scientific publications.

The International Institute of Intellectual Cooperation has the honor to inform you of this resolution of the sub-committee on bibliography in the hope that, in the interest of international scientific collaboration, you will be willing to give it the benefit of your serious attention.

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### PUBLICATIONS OF THE AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

IN January, 1925, the American Psychological Association bought the stock of the Psychological Review Company, Inc., and became the sole owner of the journals published by that company, namely, the *Psychological Review*, H. C. Warren, editor; the *Psychological Bulletin*, S. W. Fernberger, editor; *The Psychological Index*, Madison Bentley, editor, and the *Journal of Experimental Psychology*, J. B. Watson, editor. The Review Company has acted as publishers of the "Psychological Monographs" with S. I. Franz as editor. The monographs, however, are owned by the respective authors. It is the plan of the association to continue to publish the monographs on a percentage basis as heretofore.

In order to comply with legal formalities, the association became incorporated before purchasing the journals. The members of the council of the association became the directors of the company. The former editors were all retained. Subsequently Professor Watson resigned from the *Journal of Experimental Psychology* on account of pressure of business. Professor Bentley became editor of that journal, and Professor Hunter was appointed editor of the *Psychological Index*.

The transfer of ownership of the journals resulted from the desire of many of the psychologists to have the scientific journals under public rather than private ownership. There are certain rather obvious advantages. In the first place, there is the assurance that the profits, if any, will be used to improve the journals and to reduce the subscription rates, and secondly, the policy of the journals will be subject to the wishes of a majority of the persons served, rather

than to those of an individual. Influenced by this principle of public ownership, Dr. Morton Prince presented the *Journal of Abnormal and Social Psychology* to the association last year. He was retained as editor, and President H. T. Moore, of Skidmore College, was appointed the assistant editor.

In January, 1927, the American Psychological Association will publish a new journal, *Psychological Abstracts*. It will be edited by Professor Walter S. Hunter, of Clark University, assisted by a number of distinguished cooperating editors from foreign countries. The journal will be international in character. It will consist of non-critical abstracts of articles and books on psychological and cognate subjects, which will appear as soon as possible after the original publication. These abstracts will be prepared by competent psychologists in America and Europe. They will be published in English and will average one hundred and fifty words each.

The scope of the journal is indicated by the accompanying classification of its material: General topics in psychology; sensation and perception; feeling and emotion; attention, memory and thought; nervous system; motor phenomena and action; plant and animal behavior; evolution and heredity; special mental conditions; nervous and mental disorders; social functions of the individual; industrial and personnel problems; childhood and adolescence; educational psychology; biometry and statistics; mental tests.

It is the intention of the association to make the abstract journal invaluable, not only to psychologists throughout the world, but also to all persons who are working in allied fields, such as physiology, psychiatry, education and biology. The price of the journal has been fixed for the present at six dollars. It will probably be possible in the near future to reduce the price, unless it seems more advisable to increase the size of the publication.

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#### ASSOCIATED COMMITTEES FOR WILD LIFE CONSERVATION

WITH the formation of the Associated Committees for Wild Life Conservation, representing the Massachusetts Audubon Society, the Massachusetts Fish and Game Protective Association and the Federation of the Bird Clubs of New England, Inc., a step has been taken in the direction of combining the efforts of these organizations in conservation matters of common interest to all three. It has been felt for some time by those who have urged this step that much duplication of effort could be avoided and greater results could be obtained by such joint action. Those who hunt birds with guns and those who hunt with

glasses are alike keen to uphold and enforce the laws protecting birds. All realize that it is essential to provide reservations and sanctuaries to protect wild life at all times if it is to escape serious decimation and in some cases complete extinction.

This joint committee will undertake such conservation work as can better be done by the combined efforts of the three component organizations than by any one of them or by all three acting independently. Each constituent organization will continue to work on the special matters which interest it alone, but it is felt that their combined efforts will greatly assist those causes to which all three are devoted. The associated committees do not ask for funds as a new organization, to the confusion of the public, but as a joint appeal, making it possible for all patrons of the parent organizations intelligently to support their activities.

The Associated Committees are unanimous in urging:

1. That laws protecting song, insectivorous and game-birds must be kept impartially enforced.
2. That reservations and sanctuaries are needed in which all wild life may live undisturbed.
3. That all enemies of our wild life—natural and human—must be kept under control and that the game-birds so far as possible should be propagated to increase the number, or at least to fill the places of those taken.
4. That the commonwealth should provide funds from the general tax levy to purchase, maintain and administer throughout the state suitable breeding, nesting and feeding areas for birds and animals.
5. That if future generations are to enjoy those things which delight the lover of the out-of-doors, be he sportsman or bird-lover, the work of conservation must be carried on actively to insure this heritage.

The personnel of the committee is: representing the Audubon Society, Francis H. Allen, Charles B. Floyd, Mrs. Robert B. Greenough, Ralph Lawson, Robert Walcott, George C. Warren and Mrs. Sydney M. Williams; representing the Fish and Game Association, Frank W. Hallowell, Robert A. Leeson, John C. Phillips, John L. Saltonstall and John E. Thayer; representing the Federation, Gorham Brooks, Laurence B. Fletcher, Edward H. Forbush, Harris A. Reynolds and Charles L. Whittle. Mr. John L. Saltonstall is chairman of the associated committees; Laurence B. Fletcher is secretary, and George C. Warren is treasurer.

#### REORGANIZATION OF CHEMICAL AND SOILS WORK IN THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

SECRETARY JARDINE has announced that he has recommended consolidation in one unit, to be known