

## THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE THE SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION

THE Eighth Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Division of the American Association for the Advancement of Science was held at the Art Museum, School of American Research, Santa Fé, New Mexico, on April 12, 13, and 14. Although the numbers attending (73 were registered) were not large, the institutional representation, from Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico and western Texas, was excellent. Programs were given by the sections on biological sciences, social sciences, physical sciences and education. An outstanding event of the sessions was Dr. Edgar L. Hewett's report of an "Archeological Reconnaissance in Northern Africa," which was given at the general session in the St. Francis Auditorium of the Art Museum on the evening of April 12. An important point brought out was the disastrous effect of the careless cutting of forest and the elimination of plant cover in that region. This thesis was carried further as applied to our own Southwest in a notable paper by C. K. Cooperrider, U. S. Forest Service, on "Semi-Arid Range Lands of the Southwest an Economic Asset or Liability to Future Generations," which was presented in the symposium on forest and forage crops held under the auspices of the Section on Biological Sciences April 13. G. A. Pearson, director of the Southwestern Forest Experiment Station, in discussing "Some Basic Relations between Grazing and Forestry," pointed out the detrimental effect of sheep-grazing in the yellow pine type in the Southwest and the need for rigorous regulation. In the Physical Sciences Section the planet Mars came in for consideration by the industrious staff-members of the Lowell Observatory, and geographical, geological and electrical topics were dealt with by other eminent physicists of the Southwest. President A. O. Bowden's (New Mexico State Teachers' College) emphasis on education for use, and D. W. Rokey's discussion of "Pressing Problems in Rural School Sanitation" were among the outstanding papers presented in the Section on Education. The attractiveness of the Southwest as a field for archeological and ethnological study was abundantly demonstrated by different speakers in the Section on Social Sciences. The address of the retiring president of the Southwestern Division, Mr. A. L. Flagg, of Phoenix, Arizona, on "The Search for Metals," was given at the general session April 13. At the

business session a code of ethics for scientific workers was proposed by the division's committee on the social and economic welfare of scientific men. The code was unanimously adopted and has been transmitted to SCIENCE<sup>1</sup> for publication. Dr. J. G. Brown, of the University of Arizona, and Dean O. C. Lester, of the University of Colorado, were elected to the executive committee of the division. Another vacancy on this committee was later filled by the appointment of President A. O. Bowden, of the New Mexico State Teachers' College. A committee composed of Francis Ramaley, University of Colorado; R. B. Streets, University of Arizona; Walter G. Sackett, Colorado Agricultural College; G. A. Pearson, Southwestern Forest Experiment Station, and Walter P. Taylor, U. S. Biological Survey, was appointed to revise the constitution of the division. Lansing Bloom, of the Art Museum, School of American Research, Santa Fé, was named president of the division for the ensuing year. Dr. Forrest Shreve, Carnegie Institution of Washington, holds over as vice-president and chairman of the executive committee. Walter P. Taylor was named secretary-treasurer of the division, and William G. McGinnies, University of Arizona, assistant secretary. Newly elected officers of sections are: Physical Sciences Section: C. O. Lampland, Lowell Observatory, *Chairman*; R. S. Rockwood, University of New Mexico, *Secretary*; Section on Education, D. W. Rokey, Director of Vocational Education, New Mexico, *Chairman*; Samuel Burkhard, State Teachers' College, Tempe, Arizona, *Secretary*; Section on Social Sciences, Byron Cummings, University of Arizona, *Chairman*; Odd S. Halseth, School of American Research, *Secretary*; Biological Sciences Section, J. J. Thornber, University of Arizona, *Chairman*; William G. McGinnies, University of Arizona, *Secretary*; Medical Section, Dr. Elliott C. Prentiss, El Paso, *Chairman*.

The courtesy and hospitality of the School of American Research, through the Art Museum, of St. John's Methodist Episcopal Church, the Kiwanis Club, the Scottish Rite Association of Santa Fé and others who helped to make the meeting so successful and enjoyable were much appreciated by all the members.

The ninth annual meeting of the division will be held at Flagstaff, Arizona. The date has not yet been set.

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