

ording to which "features appearing at or near the adult period are inherited at earlier and earlier stages in successive generations."

Professor Hyatt's personal characteristics endeared him to all who knew him. He was courteous, unselfish, sincere, free from jealousy and envy; he "could not abide shams, either scientific or social," and yet he was tolerant, genial and kind. One who knew him well called him "a noble man, a faithful friend, a great scientist." His widow still lives at an advanced age and two daughters survive, both of them distinguished artists, to one of whom we owe this beautiful tablet which we formally unveil to-day. May it serve to remind many future generations of workers in this laboratory of their debt to a great and good man who sowed that others might reap—who labored that others might enter into his labors.

Professor Frank R. Lillie, president of the corporation, in accepting the tablet, said: "As a successor of Professor Hyatt in the office of president of the corporation of the Marine Biological Laboratory, I hereby accept this memorial in the name and on behalf of the laboratory. I express to the artist and donor, Professor Hyatt's daughter, our appreciation of her gift for its beauty and its significance, and pledge enduring memory of him who transmitted the influence of Louis Agassiz from Penikese to this place."

In addition to a striking portrait of Professor Hyatt, the tablet bears the following inscription:

ALPHEUS HYATT

First President of the Woods Hole Laboratory 1888. He also founded its prototype at Annisquam, Massachusetts, established in 1880 with the aid of the Woman's Education Association and the Boston Society of Natural History.

1838-1902.

SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION

As already announced, the meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science for 1929 is to take place in South Africa, under the presidency of Sir Thomas Holland, rector of the Imperial College, South Kensington. We learn from the London *Times* that it is to be a week earlier than had been expected, to suit the convenience of the hosts. It will begin in Cape Town on July 22, 1929; there will be a brief visit to Kimberley, July 29-30; the presidential address will be delivered at Johannesburg on July 31. As there are geological and agricultural congresses at Pretoria from July 31 to August 7, various sections of the British Association will meet at Pretoria in connection with these.

An invitation from the French Association and the city of Havre, presented by Dr. Adrien Loir, curator of the Havre Natural History Museum, was cordially accepted, that the members unable to go to South Africa should join the meeting of the French Association at the end of July next year. An exactly similar invitation was received in 1914 when the British Association met in Australia, but the war made it necessary to cancel the Havre meeting.

At the Glasgow meeting a deputation from Bristol, headed by the Lord Mayor and a representative of the vice-chancellor of the university, invited the association to meet in Bristol in 1930, and this was cordially accepted. In 1931 the centenary of the association is to be celebrated, and an invitation was offered from York, where the first meeting was held. In view, however, of the expectation that that meeting will be unusually large, there is considerable doubt if accommodation could be found in York. After discussion it was agreed that it would be suitable and appropriate to hold the centenary meeting in London, the center of the Empire, and the council was authorized to accept any invitation they might receive. A deputation consisting of the Lord Mayor and a representative of University College, Leicester, invited the association to that city, and it was agreed to accept, either for 1932 or 1933, leaving it open in the meantime to begin the second century of the association, like the first, at York.

Since last year the association has been granted a Royal Charter of Incorporation. The statutes appended as a schedule to the charter had already been approved by a special meeting of the general committee held in London early this year. Draft regulations supplementary to the statutes were submitted at Glasgow and formally passed. The thanks of the association were given to Mr. A. A. Campbell Swinton, F.R.S., who had generously defrayed the cost of the charter and the expenses incidental to its acquisition. As the association is now able to hold funds and property in its own name, its securities, hitherto held by Major P. A. MacMahon, Sir Arthur Evans and the Honorable Sir Charles Parsons, have been transferred to it, and the trustees were thanked for their services.

THE WORLD AGRICULTURAL CENSUS

ARRANGEMENTS for taking a world agricultural census in 1930 have been practically completed, the countries, colonies and mandate territories which have promised active participation in the census representing approximately 98 per cent. of the agriculture of the world, according to Leon M. Estabrook, director of the census for the International Institute of Agri-