

Oswald Veblen, for mathematics; Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey (1930).

Walter S. Adams, for astronomy; Mount Wilson Observatory, Pasadena, California (1931).

Karl F. Kellerman, for botany; Bureau of Plant Industry, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. (1931).

Charles P. Berkey, for geology; Columbia University, New York, New York (1932).

William Charles White, for medicine; Hygienic Laboratory, U. S. Public Health Service, 25th and E Sts. N. W., Washington, D. C. (1932).

THE SECTION OF GEOLOGY AND GEOGRAPHY AT DES MOINES

SECTION E will hold sessions for the reading of papers on Monday and Tuesday, December 30 and 31. The address of the retiring vice-president of the section, Professor Frank Leverett, entitled "Problems of the Upper Ohio Drainage," will be given at 4 P. M. on Monday. There will be a dinner for geologists and geographers on either Monday or Tuesday evening. A public lecture by Dr. George F. Kay on the Pleistocene geology of Iowa and adjacent states will be presented at a general session of the entire association scheduled to occur on Tuesday, probably at 4:30 P. M. Hotel headquarters will be the Brown Hotel, Fourth and Chestnut Streets, and the sessions of this section will be held in the auditorium of the Y. M. C. A. immediately across the street from this hotel. Rooms with bath range upward from \$2 for single rooms and \$3 for double rooms. Reservations for hotel accommodations should be made early by members and directly with the hotel, not through secretaries or local committees.

Des Moines is at the center of the classic area for the study of the glacial deposits of the Mississippi

Valley and it is expected that several papers dealing with Pleistocene problems will be presented. Other papers will consider the stratigraphy of the Mississippi Valley and still others will deal with general geological problems. A large attendance of geologists from the midwest is assured.

Members of Section E who desire to present papers should send the exact title and an abstract of not more than 250 words to reach the secretary not later than November 25; titles received later than this can not be placed on the program and titles without abstracts will not be considered or accepted. The group (economic geology, general geology, stratigraphy, Pleistocene geology, physiography, geography, etc.) in which the paper is to be read and whether charts or lantern slides will be used should be indicated.

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PSYCHOLOGY

Section I (Psychology) of the American Association for the Advancement of Science will hold its sessions on Friday, December 27, and Saturday, December 28, at Des Moines at a place to be designated later. In view of the fact that there is to be no meeting of the American Psychological Association this year, this meeting furnishes an excellent opportunity for the presentation of papers. All fellows and members of the section who wish to read papers should submit the title of their paper with an estimate of the time required up to a limit of twenty minutes to the secretary of the section, Dr. John E. Anderson, Institute of Child Welfare, University of Minnesota, *not later* than Saturday, November 23. Notice will be given of the acceptance of titles.

SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

THE OBSERVATORY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

WE learn from the London *Times* that the new observatory, erected by the University of London at Mill Hill, was opened by Sir Frank Dyson, the astronomer royal, on October 8. The need for such an observatory, sufficiently and adequately equipped for research work, is said to have been felt by the university for some years. It became known a short time ago that Mr. J. G. Wilson was possessed of a 24-inch reflecting telescope, which had been constructed for his father, Mr. W. E. Wilson, F.R.S., of which he wished to dispose. The instrument at that time was erected at Mr. Wilson's home at Darramona, West Meath, Ireland, and he generously offered it to the university, provided that a suitable building was erected for it.

After prolonged negotiations and the consideration of many sites, an arrangement was come to with the Hendon Urban Council for the granting of a site on the west of the Watford by-pass road, opposite Mill Hill Park. The Hendon Council, with the sanction of the Ministry of Health, have leased to the university the site, for a period of 999 years, at a nominal rental, the senate of the university granted a sum of £5,000 towards the erection and maintenance of a suitable building, and University College, King's College, Bedford College, East London College and the London School of Economics agreed to vote annual subsidies for a period of years towards maintenance expenses.

In August, 1928, the Wilson telescope was moved to the workshop of the Department of Applied Mathe-