

9. The permanent secretary reported the organization of the committee on prize award for the Des Moines meeting as follows:

Charles E. Allen (*chairman*), University of Wisconsin.
P. W. Bridgman, Harvard University.
Fay-Cooper Cole, University of Chicago.
S. C. Lind, University of Minnesota.
H. L. Rietz, University of Iowa.

10. The permanent secretary reported the nomination of Dr. J. McKeen Cattell to the Institute of International Education, as the representative of the association on the board of the institute.

11. A report of progress was accepted from the committee of one hundred on research (Dr. Rodney H. True, *secretary*). A session at Des Moines is to be devoted to the economic status of research workers, in continuation of the series of sessions on this topic held at recent annual meetings.

12. A report on the Press Service was accepted, from Mr. Austin H. Clark, director of that service. Arrangements for reaching the public in connection with the Des Moines meeting are being worked out, not only through the usual newspaper channels but also by means of many non-technical lectures and radio talks.

13. A progress report was accepted from the special committee on source books in the history of the sciences (Dr. Gregory D. Walcott, *chairman*). The "Source Book in Astronomy" has been published and that for mathematics will soon appear. Others are in preparation.

14. A progress report was accepted from the special committee on book lists for libraries (Joseph L. Wheeler, *chairman*). The committee is engaged in compiling attractively printed lists of books in the several branches of science, the titles being selected as suitable for use by those who are not scientific workers but are interested in science.

15. A report from the special committee on calendar reform (Dr. A. E. Kennelly, *chairman*) was accepted and referred to the council at Des Moines.

16. The committee elected to fellowship in the association 145 members, whose nominations had been approved in the regular way by the respective section secretaries. These are distributed among the sections as follows:

Section B, 1
Section C, 10

Section F, 26
Section G, 72

Section H, 1
Section L, 12

Section M, 17
Section N, 6

17. On its application, the Roentgen Ray Society was officially affiliated with the American Association. The society has 409 members, of whom 27 are members of the association, 10 of these being fellows.

18. Resolutions from the Pacific Division and the Southwestern Division, on importations into the United States for use in educational and research institutions, were considered by the executive committee and referred to the council at Des Moines.

19. A letter from Dr. A. A. Noyes was read, in which he asked to be allowed to decline his recent election to the executive committee. This resignation was accepted with regret.

20. Dr. Joel H. Hildebrand was elected to membership in the executive committee, his term of office to expire at the end of the annual meeting for 1931-32.

21. The proposal that the association might arrange to hold summer meetings was made a special order of business for the executive committee at Des Moines.

22. The permanent secretary presented a summary of replies to a circular letter sent to section chairmen and secretaries, concerning eligibility to fellowship in the association and means for securing nominations for fellowship. The problem of fellowship was made a special order of business for the executive committee at Des Moines.

23. The permanent secretary reported on plans for the Des Moines meeting, which were discussed at length.

24. The executive committee voted to hold its first Des Moines session at 10 on Friday, December 27. It was voted that the first council session at Des Moines is to be held at 2 on Friday and that the second session of the executive committee will follow the first council session. Other Des Moines sessions of the council and executive committee are to occur on Saturday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 9 and 10, respectively, unless otherwise decided at one of the earlier sessions.

25. It was voted that the election of association president and other officers be made a special order of business for the council at Des Moines, at the Tuesday morning session, December 31.

BURTON E. LIVINGSTON,
Permanent Secretary

OBITUARY

EDWIN E. SLOSSON

WHEN Edwin E. Slosson died on October 15, the field of science lost an individual so richly endowed with unique gifts as to make it difficult to carry on

the type of work in which he was preeminent. Dr. Slosson was born in Albany, Kansas, in 1865, of old pioneer colonial stock, and his ancestry could be traced to three of the Mayflower pilgrims. After

graduating from the University of Kansas, where he was elected to both Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi, he went in 1891 to the University of Wyoming to take charge of the Department of Chemistry and to conduct chemical research for the Wyoming Agricultural Experiment Station. He continued his studies and in 1902 was awarded his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. In 1903 he became literary editor of the *Independent*, which position he held until 1921, when he became director of Science Service, then newly organized as an agency to disseminate authentic news regarding advances in the world of natural sciences.

Dr. Slosson early exhibited the ability to present clearly the facts, theories and progressive work of science in language which the non-technical reader could understand. In the early days he wrote numerous essays on scientific subjects and later became widely known as the author of such successful works as "Creative Chemistry," which doubtless has enjoyed the greatest circulation of any book of its kind, "Chats on Science," "Snapshots of Science," "Keeping up with Science," "Plots and Personalities," "Easy Lessons in Einstein" and "Sermons of a Chemist." Thousands have heard his lectures, always successful because he possessed the ability to mix a dry humor with facts which were thereby relieved of their dryness. His books displayed much of the same wit and everywhere there is evident his insatiable appetite for knowledge, his perpetual desire to know, which coupled with an excellent memory gave him a storehouse of interesting facts, from which he drew at will and upon a moment's notice those which seemed best suited for a particular occasion.

The success which has been that of Science Service has been due in large measure to the leadership which Dr. Slosson gave the enterprise. In this work he wrote and spoke extensively and yet had time to train a group which carried on much of the work of the service and which must now continue to develop that enterprise into a living memorial not only to the man who provided the fund but to its first director. To replace him, however, upon the numerous committees of which he was a member and on the advisory editorial boards where his counsel was so valuable will indeed be well-nigh impossible. The impetus he gave

to the humanizing of science will not be lost and the written record he has left of his work will serve as a guiding torch for those who take up the important burden of having the public understand what the progress of science means to it.

H. E. HOWE

RECENT DEATHS

JOHN W. LIEB, senior vice-president of the New York Edison Company, a past president of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, died on November 1, in his sixty-eighth year. Mr. Lieb was one of the early associates of Mr. Thomas A. Edison.

FRANCIS A. J. FITZGERALD, head of the Fitzgerald Laboratories, Niagara Falls, a former president of the American Electro-Chemical Society, died on October 26 at the age of fifty-nine years.

RALPH WAINWRIGHT POPE, honorary secretary of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, died on November 1 at the age of eighty-five years.

PROFESSOR LEONARD S. AUSTIN, metallurgical engineer and chemist, at one time professor in the Michigan College of Mines, died at Los Angeles on October 29. He was eighty-three years old.

HENRY DAGGETT HOOKER, for the past ten years Associate Professor of Horticulture at the University of Missouri, died on October 26, at the age of thirty-seven years.

DR. JAN METZELAAR, member of the staff of the University of Michigan Museum and state custodian of fishes, was drowned on October 4, when the boat in which he was fishing capsized. Dr. Metzelaar was thirty-seven years old.

THE death is announced of Dr. Ernest Edward Glynn, formerly Holt professor of pathology at the University of Liverpool.

DR. J. A. LEACH, the Australian ornithologist, has died at the age of fifty-nine years. Dr. Leach was one of the nine Colonial members of the British Ornithological Union and a member of the American Ornithological Union.

DR. LOUIS CAPITAN, member of the Académie de Médecine de Paris, Loubat professor of American archeology in the Collège de France and professor of prehistory in the Ecole d'Anthropologie de Paris, died in Paris on September 1.

SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

THE FLORIDA ANTHROPOID LABORATORY OF YALE UNIVERSITY

THE announcement is made by President James R. Angell that Yale University has acquired nearly 200 acres of land near Orange Park, Florida, on which it will establish a laboratory station for the breeding and scientific study of the anthropoid apes. The es-

tablishment of this station and its maintenance for the next ten years has been made possible by the gift of \$500,000 from the Rockefeller Foundation.

The general plans for the organization of the station and the site for its establishment have been approved by a committee of distinguished scientific men, including in addition to representatives of Yale, Pro-