

THE FIELD COLUMBIAN MUSEUM

THE annual report of the director of Field Museum of Natural History for 1929, a 265-page volume illustrated with twenty photogravure plates, has been published by Field Museum Press. The book contains a review of the manifold activities of the institution both at home and by its many expeditions abroad, as presented before the museum's board of trustees by Stephen C. Simms, the director.

Among large gifts received by the museum during the year are \$165,567 from Marshall Field, of New York; \$110,079 from Stanley Field, president of the museum; \$20,000 from Frederick H. Rawson; \$50,000 from the late Mrs. Julius Rosenwald; a bequest of \$50,000 from the late Chauncey Keep; \$15,000 from the Rockefeller Foundation; an anonymous contribution of \$12,500; \$10,000 from Samuel Insull; \$5,000 from Silas H. Strawn; a bequest of \$5,000 provided by the late Katherine L. Andrin, and various sums from William J. Chalmers, Mrs. James Nelson Raymond, Richard T. Crane, Jr., the American Friends of China and Martin G. Schwab.

The museum's operating deficit for the year was \$108,274.

Mr. Simms shows that the museum received 1,168,430 visitors during 1929, exceeding the records of all previous years. This was the third successive year in which attendance was more than one million. 1,363 new names were added to the museum's membership rolls during the year, bringing the total number of members contributing to the institution's support to 5,781.

The two units of the museum devoted to work among school children carried on large scale activities during 1929. More than 250,000 children were reached by the motion pictures, lectures and other educational programs provided by the James Nelson and Anna Louise Raymond Public School and Children's Lecture Division. Some 500,000 children received supplementary instruction throughout the school year by more than 1,100 traveling exhibits circulated among the schools and other centers by the N. W. Harris Public School Extension Department. Illustrated lectures on science and travel for adults provided by the museum were attended by 33,583 persons.

The report contains detailed accounts of the work of seventeen expeditions which the museum had in operation in many far parts of the world during 1929. Outstanding among these were the William V. Kelley-Roosevelt Expedition to Eastern Asia led by Colonel Theodore Roosevelt and Kermit Roosevelt; the Cornelius Crane Pacific Expedition sponsored and led by Cornelius Crane; the Frederick H. Rawson-Field Museum Ethnological Expedition to West Africa; the

Chancellor-Stuart-Field Museum Expedition to the South Pacific; the Marshall Field Botanical Expedition to the Amazon; the Field Museum-Oxford University Joint Expedition to Mesopotamia, which completed its seventh season of excavations on the site of the ancient Sumerian city of Kish; the Field Museum-Williamson Undersea Expedition to the Bahamas; the Harold White-John Coats Abyssinian Expedition; the Thorne-Graves-Field Museum Arctic Expedition, and the second Marshall Field Archeological Expedition to British Honduras.

Many new exhibits—anthropological, botanical, geological and zoological—were installed during the year. One of special importance, because there is nothing else like it in any museum of the world, is a life-size restoration of a Neanderthal family and the cave they lived in some 50,000 years ago. The group is a gift from Ernest R. Graham, and was made by Frederick H. Blaschke, sculptor. During the year an extensive program of reinstallations and improvements of exhibition halls was carried on.

Many gifts of rare and valuable material for addition to the collections were received, among the donors being Colonel A. A. Sprague, Richard T. Crane, Jr., William J. Chalmers, Lord Astor, Mrs. John Alden Carpenter, Frederick H. Rawson, Mrs. Joseph W. Work, Julian Armstrong, Earle H. Reynolds, Dr. I. W. Drummond, Dr. W. J. Cameron, Homer E. Sargent, Former Judge George Bedford, Mr. and Mrs. William Bower, Franklin Bower, Henry J. Gebauer and Herbert J. Devine.

THE TUCSON MEETING OF THE SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

THE annual meeting of the Southwestern Division of the American Association will be held at Tucson, Arizona, from April 21 to 25. It will be the fifth joint meeting of the Southwestern and Pacific Divisions. The program will be arranged in three sections: the biological sciences, the physical sciences, and the social sciences.

On Monday, April 21, there will be a luncheon symposium on "Solar and Terrestrial Relations Including Heliotherapy," to be arranged by Dr. Allen K. Krause, director of the Desert Sanatorium and Research Institute; Dr. A. E. Douglass, director of the Steward Observatory, University of Arizona, and Dr. R. J. Leonard, of the department of geology of the University of Arizona. The afternoon will be devoted to section meetings. The second John Wesley Powell Lecture will be given in the evening by Dr. Rodney Howard True, head of the department of botany and director of the Botanic Garden of the University of Pennsylvania.