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THE CINCINNATI MEETING OF THE AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY

THE meeting of the American Chemical Society at Cincinnati will open on September 8, continuing for the following four days.

On Monday at 2 o'clock there will be a meeting of the council and at seven in the evening there will be a subscription dinner, reception and dance at the Hotel Gibson for members and their guests.

On Tuesday there will be two symposia: Group 1 meeting under the auspices of the divisions of industrial and engineering, organic and cellulose chemistry and Group 2 meeting under the auspices of the division of physical and inorganic chemistry. The subject of the former will be "Industrial Fermentation," the speakers and subjects being: E. I. Fulmer, "The Chemical Approach to Problems of Fermentation"; A. A. Backhaus, "Ethyl Alcohol"; J. F. Garrett, "Lactic Acid"; Chas. N. Frey, "The History and Development of the Modern Yeast Industry"; C. L. Gabriel and F. M. Crawford, "The Development of the Butyl Acetonic Fermentation Industry"; F. C. Blanck, "Fermentations in the Food Industries"; A. M. Buswell, "The Production of Fuel Gas by Anaerobic Fer-

mentations"; O. E. May and H. T. Herrick, "Some Minor Industrial Fermentations."

The subject of the second symposium will be "Non-aqueous Solutions." Those who will take part are: Charles A. Kraus, who will speak on "Reduction in Non-Aqueous Solvents"; Arthur W. Davidson, "An Introduction to the Chemistry of Acetic Acid Solutions"; F. W. Bergstrom, "Bases of the Ammonia System"; George Scatchard, "Equilibrium in Non-Electrolyte Mixtures in Relation to the Densities and the Vapor Pressures of the Component"; J. A. Wilkinson, "Liquid Hydrogen Sulfide," and J. W. Williams, "The Behavior of Electrolytes in Methyl Alcohol Solutions."

There will be divisional meetings on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, followed by luncheons at the University of Cincinnati. The president's address by Professor William McPherson, "Chemistry and Education," will be given on Wednesday at 8:30 in the Emery Auditorium, following which there will be a musical program.

On the afternoon of Thursday an inspection trip will be made to the Cincinnati Water Works and drive around the city in automobiles, starting from the university immediately after luncheon.

Friday will be devoted to visits to industrial plants, details of which will be announced at the meeting.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

MRS. ANNA BOTSFORD COMSTOCK, emeritus professor of nature study at Cornell University, distinguished also as a wood engraver, died at Ithaca on August 23, aged seventy-six years. Professor John Henry Comstock, emeritus professor of entomology, survives his wife, but has been seriously ill for several years.

DR. FLORIAN CAJORI, professor emeritus of the history of mathematics at the University of California, died at Berkeley on August 14. Professor Cajori was born in Switzerland in 1859 and received the bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1883.

DR. H. H. TURNER, Savilian professor of astronomy at the University of Oxford, died on August 20, while attending the International Congress of Geodesy at Stockholm. Dr. Turner was sixty-nine years old. He had many friends among American astronomers and was delegate from the British Association for the Advancement of Science to the American Association at the last New York meeting.

WHEN Northwestern University at the recent commencement exercises conferred the degree of doctor of science upon Dr. Gotthelf Carl Huber, dean of the

graduate school of the University of Michigan, the citation, read by Professor Leslie Brainerd Arey, was as follows: "Distinguished son of the University of Michigan whose filial loyalty has been expressed in a life of unbroken devoted service; respected and loved by students as friend, teacher, and dean; a wise counselor, entrusted by his colleagues with important responsibilities in determining academic policies; fruitful contributor to the fundamental understanding of all branches of microscopical anatomy, whose researches are models of patient, thorough and accurate observation and experiment; pioneer in the application of certain precise methods to the unraveling of difficult morphological secrets; a practical but scholarly scientist occupying a unique position among American anatomists."

DRAKE UNIVERSITY at its forty-ninth commencement conferred upon Dr. Philip Fox, director of the new Adler Planetarium, Chicago, the degree of doctor of laws.

THE honorary degree of master of arts was conferred on June 23 by the University of Michigan on Harlan I. Smith, of the National Museum of Canada.