

It was built entirely of timber, and by modern standards was very ill provided with exits. A survey made two years ago showed the fire risks to be so grave that they could no longer be ignored. Plans were prepared, and a scheme of reconstruction was undertaken. This has now been completed, and a housewarming party was held on the evening of May 6. The principal consideration in the rebuilding has been to satisfy modern standards of security by means of fireproof construction and by the provision of suitable exits; but the perfection of the design of the lecture theater for the scientific purpose for which it was built has been recognized the world over, and succeeding generations of members have held their meeting room in affectionate regard, so that it has been a particular care to effect the restoration with as little modification of its qualities and appearance as possible. Advantage has naturally been taken of the opportunity to bring the equipment up to date, and the theater has been provided with a cinematograph projector, an epidiascope, a great variety of services to the lecture table for experimental purposes, and a number of other refinements for the assistance of the lecturer and the convenience of his audience. The rebuilding of the lecture theater has involved the replanning and reconstruction of a large adjacent part of the building. On the ground floor the arrangements have been largely determined by the requirements for exit to the street from the theater above. A new entrance hall has been constructed, some of the rooms have been replanned, and a large new chemical laboratory has been built. During the evening Sir William Bragg, Fullerian professor of chemistry and director of the laboratory, demonstrated to the guests some of the classical experiments of the Royal Institution.

THE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS FOR STUDIES REGARDING POPULATION

ORGANIZED by the Italian committee for the study of population problems an *International Congress for Studies Regarding Population* will be held in Rome from September 7 to 10.

His Excellency the Head of the Government, Benito Mussolini, has accepted the honorary chairmanship of the congress, while the effective chairmanship is entrusted to Professor Corrado Gini, president of the Italian committee.

The organization of the congress will include: (a) An honorary committee; (b) An International Committee of Patronage, composed of presidents and representatives of National Scientific Organizations for the study of population problems and other personalities who will be entrusted with the propaganda for the congress in their own countries and with the re-

lations between the organizing committee and those engaged in these studies in the respective associations; (c) An Organizing Committee, composed of Italian members who will be entrusted with the organization of the congress and will be responsible for the acceptance of communications.

The program of the congress is purely scientific, so that any political, moral or religious propaganda whatever is forbidden, even if questions concerning the problems of population are involved.

For the distribution of the scientific papers the congress will consist of the following sections: Biology and Eugenics, Anthropology and Geography, Hygiene and Medicine, Demography, Economy, Sociology, History, Methodology.

Each meeting will be presided over in turn by specialists belonging to different nationalities. The congress will be open to the public. All taking part in the congress will be entitled to send communications of which the final text should reach the organizing committee before July 1.

Some subjects of special importance, chosen by the organizing committee, will be the object of reports by persons previously nominated and will be submitted to discussion by the sections.

The fee entitling to take part in the congress and to receive a copy of the proceedings is fifty lire for all those invited, whether individually, or through national scientific committees or associations, and one hundred lire for others taking part in the congress.

All those who take an interest in the congress and would like to receive the detailed program are invited to apply to the "Comitato Italiano per lo Studio dei Problemi della Popolazione."—10, Via delle Terme di Diocleziano, Roma (Italia).

RANGE RESEARCH CONFERENCE AT EPHRAIM, UTAH

THE Ecological Society of America is sponsoring a meeting for the purpose of discussing range research with particular attention to methods. The program is being planned to give opportunity for field discussions and demonstrations as well as for more formal discussions. The committee in charge of arrangements consists of C. L. Forsling, *chairman*; H. C. Hanson, Walter P. Taylor and W. G. McGinnies, *secretary*.

The tentative program includes a discussion of the following topics:

1. Methods of studying plant populations and their changes.
2. Methods of studying forage production and yield, including clipping, height growth, volume determination or other methods; clip quadrats,