

ing will take place at the Queen's Hall, Langham Place, in the evening, when short speeches will be made by distinguished representatives of institutions in various parts of the world. Music will be rendered by the Symphony Orchestra of the British Broadcasting Corporation, under the direction of Sir Henry Wood, and the proceedings will be broadcast. On Tuesday morning, September 22, there will be a conference at Kingsway Hall, at the Institution of Electrical Engineers. A *conversazione* will be held at the Royal Institution and at the Institution of Electrical Engineers at the Royal Albert Hall in the evening.

A private view of the Faraday Exhibition at the Royal Albert Hall will be extended to delegates and visitors on Wednesday morning, September 23. There will be a garden party at the National Physical Laboratory, by invitation of the director, Sir Joseph Tetavel, on September 24. The British Association Centenary Meeting will include a reception of British Association delegates in the Royal Albert Hall. The Faraday Exhibition will be opened to the public by the president of the British Association, the Right Honorable J. C. Smuts, later in the afternoon. In the evening the presidential address to the British Association will be given by General Smuts, at the Central Hall, in Westminster.

THE JOSEPH HENRY LECTURESHIP OF THE PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON

THE Philosophical Society of Washington, through its General Committee, has decided to establish a lectureship in honor of its first president, Joseph Henry. Such action at this time is particularly appropriate, since 1931 is the centenary of the discovery of electromagnetic induction, a discovery which has brought honor not only to Henry, but also to Faraday. The purpose and scope of the lectureship can best be shown by quoting the report of the special committee which was adopted by the General Committee:

(1) There is at present in the hands of the treasurer a cash balance . . . and the committee is in agreement

that . . . a portion of it be spent . . . in some way which will advance the cause of science and reflect credit on the society.

(2) It is proposed that at suitable intervals of time a speaker be selected to address the society on one of the broad aspects of some field of science, the speaker to review the recent developments or present status of a subject included in or related to the physical sciences.

(3) It is further proposed that the complete address be put in form for publication and submitted to the *Journal* of the Washington Academy of Sciences.

(4) It is further proposed that the aforementioned address shall be called the Joseph Henry Lecture in memory of the first president of the Philosophical Society.

(5) It is further proposed that the first Joseph Henry Lecture be delivered before the society in the fall of 1931, and that thereafter the lecture shall be delivered annually before the society in the spring of the year starting in the spring of 1932.

(6) It is further proposed that the expenses of the speaker incidental to a visit to Washington shall be borne by the society and that in addition an honorarium of one hundred dollars (\$100) shall be presented to the lecturer at a suitable time during his visit.

(7) The complete arrangements for any one meeting are to be made by a special committee of three who are to be responsible for selecting the speaker and securing the manuscript in form for publication. No member of the committee should have been a member of the immediately preceding similar committee.

The general committee further provided that the special committee for a given year shall be appointed before October 15 of the preceding year. In accordance with this action, the following committees have been appointed:

For the year 1931: C. G. Abbot, L. H. Adams, *chairman*, R. E. Gibson. For the year 1932: L. J. Briggs, *chairman*, J. H. Taylor, F. E. Wright.

H. L. CURTIS,
President

L. V. JUDSON,
Corresponding Secretary

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

ON the occasion of the centenary meeting of the British Association, which will be held in London in September, the senate of the University of London has decided to confer the degree of doctor of science *honoris causa* on the president, General J. C. Smuts, on Professor Sir F. Gowland Hopkins, president of the Royal Society, and on three former presidents of the Royal Society, Lord Rutherford, Sir Charles Scott Sherrington and Sir Joseph J. Thomson.

THE *Journal* of the American Medical Association

states that plans are under way to ask Americans to contribute to a million shilling fund recently started in England as a tribute to Sir Ronald Ross, discoverer of the rôle of the mosquito in the transmission of malaria. Dr. Robert L. Pitfield, Philadelphia, is secretary of the Ross Award Fund of America and will receive checks at his address, 5211 Wayne Avenue, Germantown, Pennsylvania. In addition to Dr. Pitfield, American trustees of the fund are Drs. Thomas McCrae, Joseph McFarland, Francis R. Packard,