

Italian) must be sent to the president of the congress during the month of May (1932). Those desiring to give experimental demonstrations are requested to specify their requirements, not later than May.

A list will be published in due time of the hotels in Rome and Naples with prices for board and lodging. All necessary information for reserving accommodations in these hotels will be given. To members coming from America, Australia, etc., information will be given in due time concerning the boats upon which passage to and from the congress may be procured. The Italian Government will grant a reduction in the prices of railway tickets from the Italian frontier or from the Italian port of landing to Rome and Naples as well as from Rome or Naples to the frontier or to the Italian port of sailing.

PRESENTATION OF A PORTRAIT OF PROFESSOR CHARLES E. MUNROE TO THE COSMOS CLUB

AN oil painting of the distinguished chemist, Professor Charles E. Munroe, of the Bureau of Mines, was presented to the Cosmos Club of Washington, D. C., on December 9, by Dr. Henry G. Knight, chief of the U. S. Bureau of Chemistry and Soils, on behalf of more than 200 friends, associates and former students of Dr. Munroe. The painting, which represents Dr. Munroe seated, glancing up from a manuscript which he has been reading, was the work of a Washington artist, Mr. Hermann Ludden.

At the presentation exercises presided over by Dr. Knight, Dr. Marcus Benjamin, of the Smithsonian Institution, and Dr. Henry S. Washington, of the Geophysical Laboratory, spoke of Dr. Munroe's achievements; Dr. Munroe and the artist responded; Dr. Knight presented the portrait, which was accepted for the Cosmos Club by Dr. William C. White, president, and Dr. Lyman J. Briggs, chairman, of the art committee of the club.

Dr. Munroe has been active in scientific circles in Washington for fifty years. He has been president of the Cosmos Club, the Washington Chemical Society and the American Chemical Society and is an honorary fellow of the American Institute of Chemists. For many years he was dean of the Graduate School of George Washington University and served for several years as a member of the National Research Council.

The plan to present the portrait was sponsored by a distinguished committee which included Dr. A. C. Fieldner, of the Bureau of Mines; Dr. R. E. Gibson, president of the Washington Chemical Society; Dr. H. G. Knight; D. F. J. Lynch, president of the Washington Chapter of the American Institute of Chemists; former Chief Justice Walter I. McCoy, president of the Harvard Club of Washington; Dr. Cloyd H. Marvin, president of George Washington University, and Dr. H. S. Washington, of the Carnegie Institution. Dr. J. F. Couch acted as secretary-treasurer for the committee.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

DR. ALBERT EINSTEIN, of the University of Berlin, passed through the Panama Canal on December 19 on his way to California, where he plans to spend two months at the California Institute of Technology and the Mount Wilson Observatory.

PROFESSOR A. B. LAMB, of Harvard University, has been elected president of the American Chemical Society for 1933. The president for 1932 is Dr. L. V. Redman, vice-president and director of research of the Bakelite Corporation, who succeeds Professor Moses Gomberg, of the University of Michigan, on January 1.

DR. IRVING LANGMUIR, of the General Electric Company at Schenectady, a former president of the American Chemical Society, was elected to honorary membership in the Chemists' Club, New York, at a meeting of its members on November 11.

THE John Scott Medals of the City of Philadelphia, for inventions in science and industry that "may add to the comfort, welfare and happiness of mankind," were presented at the recent annual meeting of the

American Society of Mechanical Engineers in New York City. The recipients were Albert Kingsbury, of Greenwich, Connecticut, "for the invention of a thrust bearing for use in ships and heavy machinery"; Albert H. Emery, Jr., of Stamford, Connecticut, "for the invention of the Southwark-Emery testing machine, a mechanical device for testing materials"; and Willis H. Carrier, of Newark, New Jersey, "for the invention of a process and apparatus for cleaning, purifying, and humidifying the air." At the same meeting of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Mr. Kingsbury received the society's gold medal, for research work and development in lubrication.

THE employees of the Abbott Laboratories, North Chicago, Illinois, have presented an oil portrait of himself to Alfred S. Burdick, celebrating his tenth anniversary as president of the company. Resolutions signed by the 750 employees of the company were also presented to Dr. Burdick, voicing their affection and appreciation of his leadership in the ten best years of the company's history.