

of the two months on the continent is estimated at \$300 to \$350.

Preference will be given to applicants who have a knowledge of French and German and who already have at least a bachelor's degree. Graduate students may receive university credit for the course to the extent of eight hours weekly for one semester.

Applications for enrolment and requests for further information should be addressed to: Dr. George Grant MacCurdy, Director of the American School of Prehistoric Research, Peabody Museum, New Haven, Connecticut.

### THE NEW YORK ASSOCIATION OF BIOLOGY TEACHERS

DURING the current year the New York Association of Biology Teachers has considerably expanded its activities. Started over thirty years ago in an organization meeting of twelve New York high-school teachers, it now numbers nearly six hundred. While most of its members are teachers from the forty-one senior and nearly seventy junior high schools, a considerable fraction represent university and research institutions, and an increasing number of its members work in institutions outside New York City. Its president for the current year is Mr. Paul B. Mann, chairman of the biology department at Evander Childs High School, and associate at the American Museum of Natural History.

Beginning in October, 1931, the association started the publication of a printed bulletin, *The Teaching Biologist*, under a newly appointed editorial committee. This is scheduled to appear in eight issues during the current academic year. So far, five issues have appeared, four 4-page and one 6-page. These contain abstracts of the addresses delivered before the regular monthly meetings, book reviews, brief notes on new demonstration methods, announcements, etc. Any one interested to obtain a sample copy should address Miss May-Eunice Emanuel, James Madison High School, Brooklyn, N. Y.

The association carries on a diversified series of activities. Its regular monthly evening meetings are usually attended by three to four hundred people. Working through special committees, a series of special field and institutional trips are carried out during the year. Other committees are working on equipment and pedagogy and new course syllabi. A committee of members serving as the official high school Hygiene Syllabus Committee has recently completed three new courses in hygiene, "Personal," "Home and Community" and "Personality Studies." The first two have been in print for two years; the third is now in press. Another syllabus committee has recently prepared a new syllabus for ninth-year biology which is being tried out widely in the city and state.

Still another committee is working on an "advanced zoology" syllabus, and another on a revision of the "advanced biology" which is the present New York City tenth-year biology course. The new state syllabus in general biology was prepared by a committee, all the members of which are members of the New York Association.

The program committee has enlisted the following speakers for the 1931-1932 program.

- October—Dr. L. T. Hopkins, "The Science Curriculum; What, How and for Whom?"
- November—Dr. Henry C. Sherman, "Recent Advances in the Chemistry of Nutrition."
- December—Dr. Cecil Yampolsky, "Sex Intergrades in *Mercurialis annua*"; Dr. Ralph C. Benedict, "Plant breeding, Old and New."
- January—Dr. C. C. Little, "The Eugenic Viewpoint."
- February—Dr. F. E. Denny, "Plant Stimulants and Hormones."
- March—Dr. A. L. Kroeber, "Man as a Species."
- April—Dr. M. W. Smallwood, "The History of the Reflex Action."

### THE SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE

THE annual meeting of the division will be held in Denver, Colorado, on April 25, 26, 27 and 28. Announcement of any paper to be read should be made to the chairman of the section concerned (see list below), and must be accompanied by a short non-technical abstract.

Since these abstracts should be in the hands of the secretary of the division before March 15, it is urged that members submit papers to their section chairman at the earliest possible moment.

For the information and guidance of members, the following arrangements are indicated:

#### SECTION OFFICERS

Biological Sciences: Miss Edna Johnson, University of Colorado, Boulder, *chairman*.

Physical Sciences: W. W. Lake, Box 251-A, R. F. D. 1, El Paso, Texas, *chairman*.

Social Sciences: E. E. Renaud, University of Colorado, Denver, *chairman*.

Other Organizations: F. E. E. Germann, University of Colorado, *chairman*.

Symposium: "Adjustment of Educational and Scientific Endeavor in the Light of Changed Economic Conditions." J. G. Brown, University of Arizona, Tucson.

Symposium: "Recent Advances in Science." John D. Clark, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque.

It is urged that all committees and others in charge of meetings, lunches, selection of committee members, etc., should send all program material to the division secretary not later than March 15.