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It is expected that plans for the Journal can be completed and manuscripts can be received and selected in time for the first issue to appear in January, 1933.

Primary among the circumstances which have led the Institute of Physics to undertake the new publication is the increasing number of articles in physical chemistry which have distinct emphasis on the physics side. These have not found a suitable outlet in any journal now in existence being perhaps too mathematical for the *Journal of Physical Chemistry*, too physical for the *Journal of the American Chemical Society*, or too chemical for *The Physical Review*. While these journals have gone out of their way, at the risk of displeasing many readers, to provide outlets for such papers, the net result has been that the latter did not find their proper audience because no single journal existed in which the field could be concentrated. The institute, in answer to inquiries, received a great many letters from physical chemists and others endorsing the proposal to establish a journal suitable for such a purpose. Incidentally, it is understood that the older outlets for papers in the field may be somewhat curtailed in the near future. If such is the case, the new journal will in part maintain the opportunities for publication.

The American Institute of Physics, Incorporated, is a membership corporation of which the members are five national societies: The American Physical Society, The Optical Society of America, The Acoustical Society of America, The Society of Rheology, and The American Association of Physics Teachers. It is controlled by a governing board to which each society elects three members. Primary among its objects is the publication of journals. In its capacity as cooperative publishing agent for the founder Societies it now publishes *The Physical Review*, *Reviews of Modern Physics*, *Physics*, *Journal of the Optical Society*, *The Review of Scientific Instruments*, *Journal of the Acoustical Society of America* and the *Journal of Rheology*. *The Journal of Chemical Physics* will fall naturally into this comprehensive program.

The business management of all of the journals of the institute is in charge of Dr. Henry A. Barton,

director, and Dr. John T. Tate, adviser on publications. Inquiries or suggestions concerning the new journal would be welcomed and may be addressed either to Dr. Harold C. Urey, Department of Chemistry, Columbia University, or to the American Institute of Physics, 11 East 38th Street, New York, New York.

THE JOURNAL OF PARASITOLOGY

DR. HENRY B. WARD, who for eighteen years has been the owner and managing editor of the *Journal of Parasitology*, has given this journal to the American Society of Parasitologists. The journal will be published by this society as its official organ. The editing and management has been delegated to an editorial committee consisting of W. W. Cort, *chairman*, R. W. Hegner and F. M. Root, appointed for a period of five years, who will be assisted by a rotating editorial board representing the different phases of parasitology and the different geographical areas represented in the membership of the society. The first number published under the society's control will be volume nineteen, number one (September, 1932).

The American Society of Parasitologists receives through Dr. Ward's generous gift a well-established journal which he has built up almost entirely through his own efforts. Established in September, 1914, the *Journal of Parasitology* has, during the eighteen volumes published under Dr. Ward's editorship, been the only journal devoted exclusively to the field of parasitology in the Western Hemisphere. From the very first in spite of financial difficulties it has been published without interruption and has always reflected the high scientific idea of its editor. The *Journal of Parasitology* immediately took its place as one of the leading journals in the world in its subject, and has been an important factor in the rapid development of the subject of parasitology in the United States during the last two decades.

W. W. CORT

THE INTERNATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONGRESS

MORE than three hundred reports and papers on electrical and related subjects were presented before the 13 sections of the International Electrical Congress held in Paris from July 5 to 12, according to the report of Dr. A. E. Kennelly, chairman of the American delegation, to Dr. Clayton H. Sharpe, president of the U. S. National Committee of the International Electrotechnical Commission.

Papers presented at the Congress by American authors included:

"The Search for Better Ferro-magnetic Materials," by T. D. Yensen.