

Local arrangements are in charge of Professor D. Jerome Fisher, of the University of Chicago. Hotel reservations should be made directly with the Hotel Southmoor. Titles and abstracts of papers for the program on geology should be submitted to Professor Kirtley F. Mather, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, prior to May 10.

#### AWARD TO PROFESSOR H. C. SHERMAN

THE medal of The American Institute of Chemists, presented annually for outstanding service to chemistry in America, has been awarded this year to Dr. H. C. Sherman, head of the department of chemistry at Columbia University, according to an announcement made by President Henry G. Knight from the office of the institute. The award is made in recognition of Dr. Sherman's food researches, and his services to the profession through the training of chemists.

One of the pioneers in food chemistry from the time he first began to teach at Columbia in 1898, Dr. Sherman has been prominent most recently for his studies of the effect of diet on longevity, carried out in collaboration with the Carnegie Institution of Washington. He was the first to insist on quantitative analysis of iron and other minerals in foods; and he has also carried out research on enzymes and on the vitamin values of foods and the significance of vitamins in nutrition.

Dr. Sherman's work for fifteen years with the food supply committee of the New York Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor has resulted in a marked improvement in the food and nutrition conditions of the average New York family.

Describing Dr. Sherman's work as "use-research," Dr. Knight called for increased scientific efforts to teach people how to live intelligently. "Industry can always afford to pay for the discovery of products it can sell," Dr. Knight said, "but only educational institutions, subsidized foundations and state and national governments can improve living conditions by showing people how to use the things they already have. The individual can not pay for his own nutrition research. Instead, he pays for medicine and doctors, after he has guessed wrong."

Last year's medalist of the American Institute of Chemists was Dr. Charles H. Herty, whose newly discovered process for making paper from the Southern slash pine has just turned out its first mill run of newsprint. Other past medalists include Andrew W.

Mellon and Richard B. Mellon, honored for establishing the Mellon Institute for Industrial Research; the late George Eastman, who made fine organic chemicals available to the chemists of the country, and Mr. and Mrs. Francis P. Garvan, who established the Chemical Foundation.

The medal will be presented to Dr. Sherman at the annual meeting of the American Institute of Chemists, to be held in New York in May.

#### PROFESSOR EINSTEIN AND THE PRUSSIAN ACADEMY

ACCORDING to a special cable to the *New York Times*, the Prussian Academy of Science accepted on April 1 the resignation of Professor Einstein and announced that he was renouncing the Prussian citizenship conferred on him in 1913 on his admission to membership. He was born in Ulm, Germany, but subsequently his family moved to Switzerland and he became a Swiss citizen.

Professor Einstein has also withdrawn from the management of the Kaiser Wilhelm Institute, which recently appealed in the United States for funds for the construction of a new physical laboratory.

The Prussian Academy, its statement declares, "learned with indignation of Professor Einstein's participation in atrocity propaganda in America and France" and immediately demanded an explanation. His reply, it is stated, was that he "could no longer serve the state under the present government."

"The Prussian Academy," the announcement continued, "deplores Professor Einstein's propagandist activity abroad the more since, of old, the academy and its members have felt themselves intimately conjoined with the Prussian State and for all the strict reserve they have maintained respecting political questions, have always emphasized and preserved the idea of nationality. The academy, therefore, has no reason to regret Professor Einstein's retirement."

It is further reported that funds and securities in a Berlin bank have been seized by the Nazi Government "to prevent their use for treasonable purposes."

Professor and Mrs. Albert Einstein arrived at Antwerp aboard the liner *Belgenland* on March 28. Mayor Camille Huysmans went aboard to welcome them. Professor de Groodt, who lives near Antwerp, will be their host for several days. They plan to remain in Belgium four or five months, taking a cottage at Coq-sur-Mer near Ostend. Professor Meyer, his assistant, will join him.

## SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

ANNOUNCEMENT of the establishment of the Elihu Thomson Professorship of Electrical Engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology was made

on March 29 by President Karl T. Compton, at the dinner given at the institute to Professor Thomson in honor of the eightieth anniversary of his birthday.