

nance to making money out of human suffering. Even the men in university laboratories who patent their medical discoveries share it. They apply at least part of their royalties to conducting fresh research. But it is a question whether royalties do not quench the disinterestedness that is the very essence of pure research. A patented drug becomes the object of jealous concern. Is it likely that the merits of a competitive product will be objectively appraised and

conceded? Questions such as these were probably uppermost in Sir Henry's mind. No doubt the men who have given us patented insulin, patented liver extract and patented ergosterol can be trusted to observe the medical tradition. Yet there is a clear need for some method which will enable a researcher to obtain the money that he needs and yet pursue his studies with a serenity that knows nothing of profits. —*The New York Times*.

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE

SPRING MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

THE spring meeting of the executive committee of the council of the American Association for the Advancement of Science was held at the Hotel Stevens in Chicago on March 24 and 25.

Dr. Fox, as executive secretary of the Committee on Foreign Guests for the Chicago meeting, reported regarding the acceptance of invitations issued jointly by the Century of Progress Exposition and the association, and also on the assignment of guests to sectional and society programs.

Dr. Fox stated that he had sent out communications from his office to colleges and universities in order to provide opportunities for such guests as desired invitations to lecture at various points. Different foundations in the United States have been cooperating with Dr. Fox in furnishing information concerning other foreign scientists whom they might have in this country about the time of the Chicago meeting. The executive committee voted that distinguished foreigners who expect to be in the country at the time of the meeting should be invited to participate as honorary foreign guests and members of the association for the Chicago meeting.

The permanent secretary laid before the executive committee the record of receipts and expenditures at the Atlantic City meeting and a summary of the condition of the various funds of the association up to February 28, 1933. From these data it appeared that the balances available were narrow and care must be exercised in making further appropriations. The paid-up membership had fallen off slightly but was still at an encouragingly high level. Some items regarding succeeding meetings were reported and especially the plans for the Boston meeting, which, due to a highly efficient local committee, had already reached a well-advanced stage.

The permanent secretary reported that since Dr. A. F. Woods had been elected a member of the executive committee at the Atlantic City meeting a vacancy

in the council was created. Dr. W. W. Cort, of the School of Hygiene and Public Health of the Johns Hopkins University, was elected to fill the vacancy. Dr. Cort's term will expire at the close of the Pittsburgh meeting, in December, 1934.

Certain members, on the basis of credentials duly presented, were elected as fellows of the association.

The question of branch registration offices for the Chicago meeting was discussed. In view of the widely separated locations fixed upon by affiliated societies and sections and of the complexity of the program, the permanent secretary's office was instructed to arrange for branch registration at a limited series of places. This arrangement was approved for the Chicago meeting only.

The presentation of the financial report led to a discussion regarding miscellaneous expenses. The permanent secretary was requested to prepare a communication to section secretaries, urging the need of economy and pointing out the necessary limitations in incurring expenses in connection with the work of the section. It was voted that other items of expense than those regularly included under the regulations of the association be paid only provided that approval was secured from the office of the permanent secretary before the expense had been incurred.

The permanent secretary was asked to revise the general statement for travel and per diem allowances of executive committee members and section secretaries so as to provide for pro-rated distribution of expense whenever travel is undertaken for purposes other than those of the meeting.

In view of general economic conditions and of the two meetings held this year it was voted that section secretaries in attendance at the Chicago meeting be allowed actual minimum railroad fare plus pullman charges and a room at the headquarters hotel as regularly arranged for by the permanent secretary's office for a period not to exceed one week. The per diem allowance was discontinued for the Chicago meeting.

In view of the special circumstances surrounding the summer meeting, the permanent secretary's office was authorized to extend invitations to persons living within a radius of three hundred miles from Chicago to join the association until July 15, 1933, without making payment of the usual entrance fee.

Information was presented to the executive committee that a volume containing papers delivered at the symposium on "The Stabilization of Employment," held in connection with the Atlantic City meeting, had been printed by the Principia Press. The volume was edited by Dr. Charles F. Roos, former permanent secretary. The Principia Press and the Far-Reaching Foundation of Denver proposed to distribute a special edition of the volume to the president, members of Congress and other national officers. The permanent secretary was authorized to prepare and approve the use of a statement to accompany each volume to indicate the part of the association in the undertaking.

The payment of life membership fees in instalments as approved by the council in the Atlantic City meeting was further considered by the executive committee and it was voted that such payment be approved in instalments of not less than \$20 in each of five successive years. Such periodic payments would include the annual dues for each year during this period. The permanent secretary was requested to formulate the exact conditions of the plan and present the same for record and approval at the next meeting of the executive committee.

Dr. Henry Norris Russell, president of the association, was delegated as its representative for the meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science to be held in Leicester, from September 6 to 13, 1933.

Correspondence from the general secretary of Phi Beta Kappa was presented to the committee, and the permanent secretary was asked to invite that organization to arrange for an address at the Boston meeting, the address to be given by a leading scholar.

Various communications concerning the great increase in the cost of German scientific publications were read to the committee and discussed at considerable length. The possible complications as affecting intimate contacts and proper exchange of information between scientific men were pointed out. In view of the opportunity for misinterpreting definite action, the matter was laid aside for the present.

The proposal to select from the fellows in membership in the association a certain number to be designated as research fellows was presented and after much consideration was on recommendation of the chairman made a special order of business for the June meeting.

The finance committee presented a report regarding defaulted interest payments on mortgages held in the endowment funds, and it was voted that collection of interest should not be pressed during present conditions.

The committee was entertained at luncheon Saturday noon at the Administration Building of the Century of Progress Exposition. Following the luncheon there was a joint meeting with some of the officers of the Century of Progress and with the local committee for the Chicago meeting. Opportunity was afforded for seeing plans of the exposition, learning of the progress made on the installation of scientific features of the same and the general outlook for the exposition. Reports were made by members of the local committee representing individual sections and affiliated societies. They showed that the plans had been adequately worked out, that the work was well advanced towards completion, and that the exhibits, facilities and programs assured not only satisfactory conditions for the summer meeting but a scientific gathering of unusual extent and significance.

HENRY B. WARD,
Permanent Secretary

HOTEL HEADQUARTERS FOR THE CHICAGO MEETING

THE local committee has arranged for the Chicago meeting, the hotel headquarters of the association and its sections as follows:

General Headquarters: Stevens Hotel, Michigan Avenue at 7th Street.

Section A (Mathematics): Judson Court, University of Chicago.

" B (Physics): Windermere Hotel, 1642 E. 56th Street.

" C (Chemistry): Hotel Sherman, 106 W. Randolph Street.

" D (Astronomy): Hotel Stevens, Michigan Avenue at 7th Street.

" E (Geology): Southmoor Hotel, 67th at Stony Island Avenue.

" F (Zoology): Hotel Stevens, Michigan Avenue at 7th Street.

" G (Botany): Hotel Stevens, Michigan Avenue at 7th Street.

" H (Anthropology): Bismarck Hotel, 175 W. Randolph Street.

" I (Psychology): Great Northern Hotel, 237 S. Dearborn Street.

" K (Social and Economic Sciences): Hotel Stevens, Michigan Avenue at 7th Street.

" L (Historical and Philological Sciences): Drake Hotel, Lake Shore Drive and Michigan Avenue.

" M (Engineering): Palmer House, 15 East Monroe Street.