

SEMICENTENNIAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION

THE fiftieth anniversary meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union will be held from November 13 to 16 in New York, at the American Museum of Natural History, 77th Street and Central Park West, where the union was originally organized in 1883. The organization now has about 2,000 members, including 74 who have maintained their membership for 40 years or more.

The headquarters will be at the Hotel New Yorker, 8th Avenue and 34th Street, where the business meetings will be held on Monday.

The public meetings, beginning on Tuesday, November 14, will be held at the American Museum and will continue three days from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M. The program contains more than 60 papers, including the latest reports on work in the field and in the museum,

illustrated by specimens, lantern slides, direct color photographs and "sound pictures."

The award of the Brewster Medal, made biennially to the author of the leading work on the birds of America which has appeared during the last six years, will be announced at this meeting.

In honor of the occasion the union has prepared a special volume containing a series of papers showing "Fifty Years of Progress in American Ornithology" since the organization of the union.

The local committee on arrangements has brought together a carefully selected exhibit of bird art, including paintings, water colors, photographs, drawings and sculpture, which will remain on exhibition for some time after the meeting.

The annual dinner will be held at the Hotel New Yorker on Wednesday evening. Public sessions trips have been arranged on Friday and Saturday to the New York Zoological Park, to the Jones Beach Bird Sanctuary, Long Island, and to the Roosevelt Bird Sanctuary at Oyster Bay, Long Island.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

DR. HARVEY CUSHING, now John W. Sterling professor of neurology in the Yale School of Medicine, received the degree of doctor *honoris causa* on November 4 during ceremonies which attended the re-opening of the University of Paris. Among those present were President Lebrun and Minister of Education de Monzie.

At the ceremonies in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Graduate School of the University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Joseph S. Ames, president of the Johns Hopkins University, received the degree of doctor of laws; Dr. Luther P. Eisenhart, dean of the Graduate School of Princeton University, the degree of doctor of science, and Dr. Frederick J. E. Woodbridge, Johnsonian professor of philosophy at Columbia University and formerly dean of its Graduate School, the degree of doctor of letters.

THE honorary degree of doctor of science was conferred on Dr. Charles A. Kraus, research professor of chemistry at Brown University; on Lemuel F. Smith, professor of chemistry at Kalamazoo College; on Vernor C. Finch, head of the department of geography at the University of Wisconsin, and on Leroy J. Buttolph, physicist with the General Electric Vapor Lamp Company of Hoboken, New Jersey, by Kalamazoo College in connection with its centennial celebration on October 13.

ACCORDING to *Industrial and Engineering Chemistry*, Henry Arnstein has been awarded first prize by the Uruguayan government for bids for designing, constructing and putting in operation an agricultural

distillery and an industrial alcohol plant manufacturing alcohol, recovering yeast, liquid and solid carbon dioxide, corn oil and cattle feed. Dr. Arnstein has recently sailed for Johannesburg, South Africa, to initiate a program for utilizing the surplus farm crops of that country.

DR. D. C. WARREN, poultry geneticist at the Kansas State College, has been awarded the 1933 \$100 prize of the Poultry Science Association for outstanding research on the domestic fowl during the year.

PROFESSOR VON LICHTENBERG, director of the urological department of the Hedwig Hospital, Berlin, has been awarded the gold medal of the International Society for Urology.

DR. MAX HEINRICH FISCHER, physiology, Berlin, has been elected a corresponding member of the Royal Academy of Medicine, Rome.

DR. ARNO B. LUCKHARDT, professor of physiology at the University of Chicago, gave the presidential address on "Biological Reaction to Ethylene Anesthesia" before the Associated Anesthetists of the United States and Canada, meeting in Chicago on October 17. He was also elected honorary president of the International Anesthesia Research Society.

DR. A. HAMILTON RICE has been elected president of the Museum of French Art, New York City.

F. A. SILCOX has been appointed as chief forester of the Forest Service to succeed the late Major R. Y. Stuart. Mr. Silcox has been engaged in handling labor problems in shipyards and as director of indus-