

phone and Telegraph Company; and the research problems continued to be the care of vice-president J. J. Carty (deceased in 1932). It was to the leadership of this department that Dr. Jewett succeeded when he returned to the American Company from the Western Electric.

On March 1, 1934, a further centralization of the research activities of the Bell System was accomplished. The Development and Research Department of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company and the Laboratories were consolidated. All their activities are now carried on under the corporate name of Bell Telephone Laboratories. A year earlier, when this centralization was first definitely projected,

Mr. Colpitts was elected vice-president of the Laboratories, in charge of its operation. These two units, which are now merged, have had, therefore, for almost a year, identical executives.

The combination with Bell Telephone Laboratories of the Development and Research Department of the American Company means an organization with a marked increase in responsibilities, and concurrently a commensurate increase in its technical efficiency. The direction of the enlarged organization continues to be the responsibility of Dr. Jewett in his dual capacity as vice-president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company and president of the Bell Telephone Laboratories.—*A Correspondent.*

SOCIETIES AND MEETINGS

THE NEW ORLEANS ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

THE annual meeting of the New Orleans Academy of Sciences, commemorating the eighty-first year of its existence, was held on March 23 and 24 on the campus of Tulane University. The attendance was probably the largest in the history of the academy.

This meeting concluded the presidency of Robert Glenk, curator of the Louisiana State Museum, New Orleans, the outstanding features of whose administration were the adoption of a new constitution and by-laws, the presentation of monthly popular science lectures to stimulate an interest in science in the community; the sponsoring of radio talks and the presentation of an elaborate program of scientific papers at the annual meeting.

There were 42 papers read at the meeting, classified as follows: Section A (physical sciences), 9; Section B (chemical sciences), 7; Section C (biological sciences), 8; Section D (medical sciences), 6; Section F (social sciences), 12.

The large attendance indicated a lively interest in the proceedings. Thirty-six applications for membership in the academy were received and acted upon at the meeting. Others are still coming in.

At the election of officers for the ensuing year, the academy distinguished itself by honoring Dr. I. M. Cline, president of the American Meteorological Society and principal meteorologist of the U. S. Weather Bureau at New Orleans, with the presidency. Other officers elected were: Dr. Ernest Carroll Faust, *vice-president*; Dr. Daniel S. Elliott, *treasurer*, and Mr. E. L. Demmon, *secretary*.

For the coming year's activities the formation of a junior academy affiliation is to be earnestly promoted.

ROBERT GLENK,
President, 1933-34

THE TEXAS ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY

THE Texas Entomological Society held its sixth annual meeting at the Rice Hotel in Houston, Texas, on January 26 and 27. The officers for 1933 were: *President*, E. W. Laake, U. S. Bureau of Entomology, Dallas; *vice-president*, E. V. Walter, U. S. Bureau of Entomology, San Antonio; *secretary-treasurer*, M. A. Stewart, The Rice Institute, Houston. An informal smoker was held for early arrivals on the night of January 25 and the annual dinner was held on the night of the 26th, with F. L. Thomas, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, College Station, serving as toastmaster. The address at the dinner was given by Dr. Alfonso Dampf, chief entomologist, Mexican Plant Protection Service, Mexico, D. F., on "The Status of Entomological Exploration in Mexico." The special guest of honor and official representatives in attendance at the meeting were: Dr. Alfonso Dampf, chief entomologist, Mexican Plant Protection Service, Mexico, D. F., official representative of Sr. Don Francisco S. Elias, secretary of agriculture of Mexico; Dr. W. E. Hinds, entomologist, Louisiana Agricultural Experiment Station, Baton Rouge, past-president of the American Association of Economic Entomologists and official representative of that association; and Dr. M. D. Leonard, research entomologist for John Powell and Company, of New York City, Orlando, Florida, official representative of the Florida Entomological Society. The total attendance was fifty-three. Thirty-one papers on various phases of entomology were presented. The officers elected for 1934 are: *President*, F. L. Thomas, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, College Station; *vice-president*, F. A. Fenton, U. S. Bureau of Entomology, Presidio; *honorary vice-president*, Alfonso Dampf, Mexican Plant Protection Service, Mexico, D. F.; *secretary-treasurer*, M. A. Stewart, The Rice Institute, Houston.