

CORRECTION OF AN ERRONEOUS STATEMENT

At the midwinter meeting of the Zoologists in Cambridge I reported some data from an unpublished paper nearly two years in the hands of the editor for the National Museum. (See *SCIENCE*, March 2, 1934.) In one paragraph I said:

Opalina, a flattened, multinucleate genus, did not evolve from *Zelleriella*, a flat, binucleate genus, as it seems it might well have done by merely acquiring multinucleation. This is indicated by the fact that *Zelleriella* and *Opalina* do not occur and never have occurred in the same locality.

This was a most careless misstatement. There should have been added the clause, "except for the overlapping of the two genera in the late Pliocene Period at the extremities of their migrations in Central America and southernmost United States." In my National Museum paper I had called attention to

evidence that *Opalina* was carried by *Rana* from Siberia to North America via Alaska in the Tertiary Period, while *Zelleriella*, carried by *Hyla* and *Leptodactylids*, migrated northward across the Isthmus of Panama to Central America, the West Indies and southernmost United States after the Isthmus was formed at about the middle of the Pliocene Period (Vaughan). The point in mind was that *Opalina* occurred in Euro-Asia and *Zelleriella* in South America at least one geologic period earlier than the time of the first meeting of the two genera after their migration to North America.

My friend, Mr. T. T. Chen, of the University of Pennsylvania, has very kindly directed my attention to my careless misstatement of the true conditions, which I had long ago correctly shown. I thank him very cordially for allowing me to correct my own recent misstatement.

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SOCIETIES AND MEETINGS

THE ALABAMA ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

THE eleventh annual meeting of the Alabama Academy of Science was held at Spring Hill College, Mobile, Ala., on Friday and Saturday, March 9 and 10. The meeting was called to order at 2 P. M. by President Brakefield. Following addresses of welcome by President John J. Druhan, of Spring Hill College, and City Attorney Harry Seale, speaking for Mayor R. V. Taylor, of Mobile, sectional meetings were begun in which sixty-three papers and three demonstrations were given.

On Friday evening the annual banquet was held in the college dining hall, with about seventy-five members and guests present. At the banquet President Brakefield gave the presidential address on "Samuel Wallace Welch."

On Saturday morning the junior academy held its second meeting with two hundred high-school students, representing six Mobile and nine out-of-town high schools, present. This was almost double the number taking part in the first meeting last year. The new constitution was ratified and officers elected for the coming year. The exhibits were numerous and very good.

The following officers were elected for 1934: *President*, R. S. Poor, Birmingham-Southern College; *Secretary*, P. H. Yancey, Spring Hill College; *Treasurer*, A. G. Overton, Alabama By-Products Company, Tarrant; *Councillor to the A. A. A. S.*, E. B. Carmichael, University of Alabama; *Editor of the Journal*, E. V. Jones, Birmingham-Southern College.

The next meeting will be held April 12 and 13, 1935, at the State Teachers College, Florence, Ala.

P. H. YANCEY,
Secretary

THE TENNESSEE ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

THE 1934 spring meeting of the Tennessee Academy of Science was held at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, April 26, 27, 28.

Since the meeting of the academy last November at Nashville the executive committee has approved a petition of fifteen members for the formation of a botanical section and applications of the Ornithological Society of Tennessee and The Barnard Astronomical Society of Tennessee for affiliation. The Botanical Section held its first session on the afternoon of Friday, April 27, at which six papers were read and Dr. L. M. Hesler was elected chairman for the year 1934. The first meeting of the affiliated societies with the academy will be at Nashville next November.

The president of the Tennessee Ornithological Society is Dr. George Mayfield, of Nashville. The Barnard Astronomical Society of Tennessee includes: The Barnard Astronomical Club of Nashville, Mrs. Roberta D. Lyne, president; The Barnard Astronomical Society of Chattanooga, Clarence T. Jones, president; The Barnard Astronomical Society of Knoxville, Lilian C. B. McA. Mayer, president.

The board of trustees of the Reelfoot Lake Biological Station elected Dr. A. Richard Bliss, Jr., Memphis, director and three new members of the board: Professor Richard G. Turner, of Martin, Tenn.;