

tion, probably the most important and the largest private collection in the world, contains about 280,000 specimens, including 55,000 birds of North and South America and 25,000 sea birds.

According to the *New York Herald Tribune*, Dr. Robert C. Murphy, curator of oceanic birds at the museum, who supervised the sorting, indexing and packing of the birds in England, states that by the acquisition of the Tring collection there are added to the museum collection birds of Europe, Asia and Africa, the Indo-Malayan and Melanesian districts, Australia and New Zealand, a large proportion of extinct species from many localities and many very valuable hybrids and aberrant forms of numerous families, in which Lord Rothschild always took a special interest.

The Tring collection contains many genera not, up to the present, represented in the American Museum; it gives also a relative wealth of species, known heretofore only from unique specimens. Types—specimens, that is, the particular skins on which the original description of species or races are based and which therefore serve as the standard of comparison—number about 3,000. Among the rarities are a great auk, two Labrador ducks, and a series of passenger pigeons and Guadalupe caracaras. More important scientifically than these, however, are the remarkable aggregation of birds of paradise, including all but four or five of the known species as well as several extraordinary hybrid forms, collections of Hawaiian honey-creepers and Old World sunbirds and the 6,000 American humming birds.

Aside from the rarities, historic specimens and birds of gorgeous plumage, the greatest resources that the Tring collection offers to ornithology in America lie in the series of entire Old World families and lesser groups, which, by comparison with American groups, impart new meaning to the subjects of evolution and geographical distribution. It is invaluable from a taxonomic standpoint.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION

THE American Pharmaceutical Association and affiliated organizations will meet in Portland, Oregon, from August 5 to 10, with the Hotel Multnomah as headquarters. The North Pacific Branch of the association will have direct charge of arrangements for the meeting under the supervision of the local secretary, Dean A. O. Mickelsen, of the North Pacific College of Pharmacy, Portland, and with the active cooperation of committees representing the pharmacists of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, California and Montana. This is the first time that the association has met in this section and every effort is being exerted to make it an outstanding event.

The Pharmaceutical Associations of Oregon, Washington and Idaho will hold their annual meetings, jointly, in Portland on Monday and Tuesday, August 5 and 6. The Plant Science Seminar and the National Conference on Pharmaceutical Research will hold their annual meetings during the previous week, the latter on Saturday, August 3. The National Association Boards of Pharmacy and the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy will hold their annual meetings, as usual, on Monday and Tuesday, August 5 and 6.

The sessions of the American Pharmaceutical Association, including those of the Conference of Pharmaceutical Association Secretaries and of the Conference of Pharmaceutical Law Enforcement Officials, will be held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, closing on Friday evening.

A joint banquet for all groups, including those attending the state association meetings, is scheduled for Tuesday evening, August 6. On Saturday, all visitors will be taken on an all-day trip by bus, over the Columbia River Highway, during which an outdoor luncheon will be served. Other entertainment features will be scheduled during the week and every opportunity will be provided to see the many unusual points of interest. The arrangements for the various business sessions and the entertainment features will be announced as they are completed.

The American Chemical Society will hold its summer meeting in San Francisco during the week of August 19, which will be convenient for those who wish to attend both meetings.

Portland has ample hotel facilities for the convention. The Hotel Multnomah will be given over to the business sessions and entertainment of the delegates and visitors to the American Pharmaceutical Association and related organizations. The headquarters of the state associations will be located in other hotels within easy access to the Multnomah, so that visiting will be easy.

The committee on transportation of the American Pharmaceutical Association will soon make an announcement in reference to rates and time. The certificate plan will not be necessary because of the unusually low round-trip or single rates, including choice of routes and full stop-over privileges. Special train accommodations will be offered from Chicago and other points, and a variety of interesting side-trips will be available.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGISTS

THE annual meeting of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists will be held at the Wistar Institute of Anatomy and Biology, Philadelphia,