

Long, research associate in the department of botany, has made a number of field trips to secure additional specimens for the local herbarium. In Hawaii H. Burrington Baker, research associate in the department of mollusks, is collecting and studying mollusks, and in Natal, Africa, H. W. Bell-Marley continues the collecting of fishes for the academy.

The late Prentiss N. Gray, of New York, a trustee of the academy, who died in a boat explosion early in the year while collecting in Florida with David Newell, secured on that last of a long series of expeditions fine specimens of panther which live in the cypress swamps in that state.

MEMBERS OF THE WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE

ABEL WOLMAN, chairman of the Maryland Planning Board, has been named chairman of a newly appointed Water Resources Committee, which will deal with PWA projects involving power developments, flood control and the like.

The new committee, of which Harold L. Ickes is chairman, will function as a unit of the National Resources Committee, which last winter submitted a comprehensive report on the development of public lands, forestation, water projects and minerals.

"The committee," according to a statement made by Mr. Ickes, "is engaged in outlining a long-range plan for the more effective use of all the water resources of the nation and for continuance and application of the policies set forth in the report of the Mississippi Valley Committee and the December, 1934, report of the National Resources Committee." Various water projects pending before the Work Relief Administration will be considered by the committee in connection with construction proposals and for collection of basic data.

Other members of the committee are:

Thorndike Saville, of the American Society of Civil Engineers and associate dean of the College of Engineering, New York University.

N. C. Grover, chief hydraulic engineer, water resources branch, U. S. Geological Survey.

Elwood Mead, director of the Bureau of Reclamation.

Jay N. Darling, chief of the Biological Survey.

H. H. Bennett, chief of the Soil Conservation Service.

R. Y. Tarbett, sanitary engineer, of the U. S. Public Health Service.

Major-General Edward M. Markham, chief of the U. S. Army Engineers.

Thomas R. Tate, director of the National Power Survey, Federal Power Commission.

H. H. Barrows, professor of geography at the University of Chicago and formerly a member of the Mississippi Valley Committee and the National Resources Committee.

Edward Hyatt, state engineer, of California.

The new committee will have as an advisory body the former water planning committee which was a unit of the National Resources Committee.

THE NORWICH MEETING OF THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE

THE London *Times* reports that arrangements for the meeting at Norwich in September of the British Association for the Advancement of Science are now practically completed. The association has only once before, in 1868, met at Norwich, but it is said that the city and the surrounding country have much to engage the attention of the various sections, and the excursions of the eight-day gathering will be unusually attractive. Norfolk is classical ground for the geologist, there is much to interest the archeologist and the botanist and the county has a special agricultural standing. Prehistoric man, the Gael and the ancient Briton dwelt on the site of Norwich before the Romans built a road through it to serve their settlement at Caistor. The Saxons developed the town and the Normans built the Cathedral and Castle. In the Tudor period, when Flemish and French refugees founded a flourishing textile industry, Norwich came to rank as the second city of the kingdom.

The president of the association this year is Dr. W. W. Watts, emeritus professor of geology at the Imperial College of Science and Technology, South Kensington. His address to the inaugural general meeting on September 4 in the Agricultural Hall will have for its subject "Form, Drift and Rhythm of the Continents."

The list of sectional presidents and the subjects of their addresses were given in the issue of *SCIENCE* for May 24. Among the matters to be discussed in the Section of Mathematical and Physical Sciences are atomic physics, noise and new stars. The Section of Chemistry will hear papers and discussions on the chemistry of grass crops, surface phenomena and magnetic properties and chemical constitution. The geologists and anthropologists will hold a joint discussion on "Early Man in East Anglia." In Section D—Zoology—there is to be a discussion on the centenary of the landing of Darwin on the Galapagos Islands and the birth of the Darwinian hypothesis of the origin of species. Papers will also be read in this section on "The Problem of the Herring" and animal migration.

The Section of Economic Science and Statistics has an agenda which includes, among other questions, the chronology of the world crisis, economic aspects of diet, population problems since Malthus, problems of amalgamation and decentralization and probable future trends of scientific management in Great Britain. The Sections of Physiology and Psychology will

discuss jointly the subject of hearing and aids to hearing, and the Section of Psychology with the Engineering Section will consider the application of science to traffic problems. Among the questions to come before the Section of Agriculture is that of the result of state control in agriculture. The association service on Sunday, September 8, will be held in the Cathedral, and it is understood that the Bishop of Norwich will preach the sermon.

THE WOODS HOLE MEETING OF THE GENETICS SOCIETY OF AMERICA

THE program of this year's meeting of the Genetics Society of America, to be held on Friday, August 23, and Saturday, August 24, will consist of round table conferences, demonstration papers and exhibits. In addition, a regular Marine Biological Laboratory evening lecture of interest to geneticists will be given during the meeting. Brief formal papers will not be presented. Round table conferences will consist of general discussions dealing with problems of broad interest. Each conference will be in charge of a leader, and the subject will be introduced by two speakers, each taking about 20 minutes. Demonstration papers (with the help of charts and experimental material) will constitute informal presentations of problems. They will be presented at a specified time. Exhibits will represent the material arranged so that it is self-explanatory. They will be open during the whole meeting and may be described during the presentation of demonstration papers. A limited number of microscopes will be available for demonstration and for exhibit purposes.

The Marine Biological Laboratory is offering to the society all available facilities for the meeting. Rooms

are available in private houses at prices of approximately \$1.00 to \$1.50 per day per person, or at special rates per week.

The program follows:

Thursday

8:00 P. M.—M.B.L. evening lecture by Dr. Ralph E. Cleland, Goucher College.

Friday

9:30 A. M.—Round table conference: "How Far Genetics Can Explain Ontogeny." Leader, A. H. Sturtevant; introducers, Curt Stern and J. L. Cartledge.

2:00 P. M.—Demonstration papers and exhibits.

6:00 P. M.—Clam Bake.

Saturday

9:30 A. M.—Round table conference. "Chromosomes and Their Relation to Genes." Leader, E. M. East; introducers, C. B. Bridges and Barbara McClintock.

2:00 P. M.—Demonstration papers and exhibits.

The regular winter meeting of the society will be held with the American Association for the Advancement of Science at St. Louis. At this meeting two round table conferences will be conducted, one dealing with "Species from a Genetic Viewpoint," with L. J. Stadler as leader and Th. Dobzhansky and J. Clausen as introducers, and the other dealing with "Genetics and Plant Breeding," with E. W. Lindstrom as a leader and H. K. Hayes as one of the introducers. In addition to the regular meeting at St. Louis, a branch meeting will be held at Princeton, together with the American Society of Zoologists, in order to accommodate the eastern members who are unable to attend the regular meeting.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

At a recent meeting of the board of regents of the University of Michigan the board directed that the following resolutions, adopted by the Faculty of the Medical School, be spread upon the records of the Regents' meeting and that an official copy be furnished to Dr. Novy:

WHEREAS, Dr. Frederick George Novy has completed almost half a century of devoted and loyal service to this University and to our Medical School; and

WHEREAS, During this period of time Dr. Novy has attained an eminent place in science and has through his teaching and character exercised a profound influence in achieving and maintaining the high standards of the Medical School of the University of Michigan, and by his researches has contributed to the great reputation of this among other universities; be it

Resolved, That his colleagues of the Medical Faculty hereby convey to Dr. Novy their sense of deep obligation to him as a colleague and as a man; and be it further

Resolved, That the members of the Medical Faculty make known to the President and to the Regents of the University their great pride in Dr. Novy's achievements and their sincere regret that he will no longer be actively associated with them in the affairs of the Medical School.

DR. GEORGE R. MINOT, professor of medicine and director of the Thorndike Memorial Laboratory of the Boston City Hospital, and Dr. George H. Whipple, professor of pathology and dean of the School of Medicine and Dentistry of the University of Rochester, have been elected members of the Academy of Sciences at Halle.

DR. GEORGE C. SIMPSON, director of the Meteorological Office, London, has been elected a corresponding member of the Göttingen Academy of Sciences in the section for mathematical physics.

THE Emil Fischer Memorial Medal has been