

educationists of India," whose identity will doubtless be revealed in a subsequent issue. . . . Some aspects of *Science and Culture* are so similar to the corresponding features of *Current Science* that we confess to misgiving that its promoters have judged us and found us wanting. Actually, there is very little of the material presented in this first issue for which we would not gladly have found space in our own columns. The question therefore arises in our mind, is there a large enough public for two similar journals; because, if not, we fear that both must languish, under-nourished in both material and support. On the other hand, there is ample room for a journal popularizing science, old and new. Therefore, while welcoming *Science and Culture* we take leave to hope that future issues may devote themselves more definitely to the declared policy of its promoters, and expand on lines complementary to—rather than competitive with—*Current Science*.

THE PEAT SUBCOMMISSION OF THE THIRD INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF SOIL SCIENCE

DURING the session of the Peat Subcommission of the third International Congress of Soil Science, held at Oxford, England, it was proposed that the attention of workers should be directed to three main issues:

- (1) The Classification of Moorland.
- (2) The Draining and Subsidence of Moorland.
- (3) The Liming and Manuring of Peat Soils.

It was decided that these subjects should form the basis for discussions to be held in Sweden in July, 1937, and that the scope of the work should be extended before the meeting of the next international congress, which will be held in Germany in 1940.

To enable a satisfactory program of work to be carried out, it was recommended that the president be assisted by six vice-presidents and a regional committee. The latter will include members from the various countries interested in moorland problems and it will be the duty of each member to form a link between the commission and the workers in his country.

The following office bearers were elected:

Honorary President, Geheimrat Professor Dr. B. Tacke, Germany.

President, Dr. F. Brüne, Germany.

Secretary, Professor L. Rinne, Esthonia.

Vice-Presidents, Dr. A. P. Dachnowski-Stokes, U. S. A.;

Dr. I. P. Gerasimov, U. S. S. R.; Direktor E. A. Malm, Finland; Dr. W. G. Ogg, Scotland; Professor H. Osvald, Sweden; Dr. J. Tomaszewski, Poland.

Regional Committee

Canada, Professor R. R. McKibbin; Czechoslovakia, Ing. Dittrich; Denmark, Dr. K. Jessen; Esthonia, Professor L. Rinne; Finland, Direktor E. A. Malm; Germany, Professor Mayer; Great Britain, Dr. I. M. Robertson; Holland, Professor Elema; Ireland, —————; Norway,

Dr. A. Loddiesel; Poland, Dr. B. Swietochowski; Sweden, Professor H. Osvald; U. S. A., Dr. F. J. Alway; U. S. S. R., Dr. Varlygin.

THE WASHINGTON MEETING OF THE ELECTROCHEMICAL SOCIETY

THE autumn meeting of the Electrochemical Society will be held in Washington on October 10, 11 and 12, under the presidency of James H. Critchett, of the Electrometallurgical Company. Headquarters will be at the New Willard Hotel. The preliminary program describes the general plans for the meeting.

The Local Committee, headed by Dr. George W. Vinal, of the Bureau of Standards, has planned visits to various laboratories for Thursday afternoon. Of particular interest to students of high temperature will be the Geophysical Laboratories in Washington, where Dr. L. H. Adams and others have succeeded in reproducing conditions which prevailed in the earth's crust ages ago, and have produced a series of well-known minerals synthetically.

On Thursday evening there will be a dinner in honor of Frank J. Tone, president of the Carborundum Company, recipient of the fourth Edward Goodrich Acheson Medal, in recognition of his outstanding work on the electric furnace. The presentation of the medal and prize will take place immediately after the dinner. Dr. Frederick M. Becket, president of the Electrometallurgical Company and head of the Union Carbide Research Laboratories, will speak on the scientific and technical accomplishments of the medallist and Dr. Carl G. Schluederberg, manager of the Cleveland and Indianapolis Works of the Westinghouse Company, on "Tone the Man." Then will follow the presentation of the medal, and the speech of acceptance by Mr. Tone.

Dr. George W. Vinal will preside at the session devoted to recent developments in the battery art on Friday morning. Friday afternoon will be devoted to visits to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, the Food Laboratories, the Bureau of Standards and others. In the evening there will be a joint meeting with the other scientific and engineering societies of Washington in the large ball room of the New Willard Hotel. Dr. C. E. K. Mees, director of the Research Laboratories of the Eastman Kodak Company of Rochester, will be the guest speaker. He will describe the new Kodachrome process which is making it possible for every amateur to take colored photographs. Afterwards a visit is planned to the United States Naval Observatory.

The Electrodeposition Division, W. W. McCord, chairman, has arranged for a session for Saturday morning, and probably part of the afternoon, October 12.