

sure the carrying out of the work of Dr. William Beebe and his staff for the remainder of the current year at the station at Nonsuch Island in Bermuda, which has been used for several years previously for marine study.

A report was also submitted regarding the plans which are under way through which the society will be represented at the World's Fair in 1939. To date these plans include a so-called bathyspherium, which is being designed to exhibit deep sea life, together with novel types of aquarium exhibits.

There were also presented at the meeting certain projects which are under consideration for broadening the usefulness of the society to the public, particularly in connection with educational activities and in the development of zoological research work through the medium of a new laboratory in the animal hospital which has just been opened.

Among the more recent exhibits at the park are a Masai giraffe, a pair of secretary birds, an Asiga gazelle antelope from Russia and a wattled crane from East Africa—the two latter being displayed for the first time at the park.

It was reported that the attendance at the park was in excess of one million visitors through May 31, and the attendance at the aquarium was 965,209, being substantial increases over the similar period of the preceding year.

After the meeting the annual garden party was held on the lawns in front of the Administration Building attended by more than six hundred members and friends of the society.

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THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROMOTION OF ENGINEERING EDUCATION

THE Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education is holding this week its forty-fifth annual meeting at Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Conferences, designed to supplement the general sessions, include round-table discussions, presentation of papers dealing with various phases of the engineering curricula and laboratory inspections at both Harvard University and at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The subjects planned for discussion include cooperative engineering courses, drawing and descriptive geometry, electrical engineering, engineering economy, English graduate work, guidance of pre-college students, industrial engineering, machine design, mathematics, mining and metallurgy and the professional status and employment of engineering graduates.

At the opening session, Dr. Vannevar Bush, vice-president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technol-

ogy and dean of engineering, with Dean-elect Harald M. Westergaard, of the Graduate School of Engineering of Harvard University, and Carl S. Ell, chairman of the New England Section of the society, welcomed the gathering. Following a response by President Hammond on behalf of the society, Dr. Karl T. Compton spoke. President Hammond then gave the annual presidential address, for which he chose as his subject "The Engineering Teacher." President Hammond presided at the annual dinner on Thursday evening at which President Henry M. Wriston, of Brown University, was the principal speaker.

Papers on the program read at the meetings include addresses by Henry W. Holmes, dean of the Graduate School of Education of Harvard University, on "Practical Outcomes of the Study of Education Since 1900," and by President William O. Hotchkiss, of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, on "Administering the Faculty"; Frederick M. Feiker, executive secretary of the American Engineering Council, presented a paper on "The Teacher and the Social Significance of the Engineer." Other speakers were Professor Warren K. Lewis, of the department of chemical engineering of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Professor Thomas N. Whitehead, of Harvard University; Professor Virgil M. Faires, of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of the University of Texas; Professor Frank L. Eidmann, of Columbia University, and Dr. Paul Cloke, dean of the College of Technology of the University of Maine.

HONORARY DEGREES CONFERRED BY YALE UNIVERSITY

ELEVEN honorary degrees were conferred by Yale University at its commencement on June 23. These included the doctorate of science on Dr. E. O. Lawrence, of the University of California, and on Dr. John H. Northrop, of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research. Dr. William Lyon Phelps, public orator of the university, presented the candidates, and President Angell conferred the degrees. The citations were as follows:

Ernest Orlando Lawrence, Sc.D.

Professor Phelps:

Physicist. Born in the twentieth century in South Dakota. A student of St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn., holding bachelor's and master's and doctor's degrees from the University of South Dakota, University of Minnesota, University of Chicago, and Yale, where he subsequently became national research fellow and assistant professor. Dr. Lawrence is now Professor of Physics at the University of California. His researches in the structure of atoms, atomic nucleus, transmutation of atoms, interaction of radiation and matter, have given