

*Executive Committee*, R. Redfield, E. C. Parsons, R. H. Lowie.

*Representative to Social Science Research Council*, R. H. Lowie (1939-1941).

*Representative to American Council of Learned Societies*, Franz Boas (1939-1942).

*Representatives to National Research Council*, J. A. Mason, Wendell C. Bennett, Fay-Cooper Cole (1939-1942).

*Representatives to Section H, the American Association for the Advancement of Science*, E. A. Hooton, C. Osgood (1939).

The following resolution was unanimously adopted at the 1938 annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association.

*Whereas*, The prime requisites of science are the honest and unbiased search for truth and the freedom to proclaim such truth when discovered and known; and,

*Whereas*, Anthropology in many countries is being conscripted and its data distorted and misinterpreted to serve the cause of an unscientific racialism rather than the cause of truth;

*Be it resolved*, That the American Anthropological Association repudiates such racialism and adheres to the following statement of facts:

(1) Race involves the inheritance of similar physical variations by large groups of mankind, but its psychological and cultural connotations, if they exist, have not been ascertained by science.

(2) The terms "Aryan" and "Semitic" have no racial significance whatsoever. They simply denote linguistic families.

(3) Anthropology provides no scientific basis for discrimination against any people on the ground of racial inferiority, religious affiliation or linguistic heritage.

#### DR. VANNEVAR BUSH, PRESIDENT OF THE CARNEGIE INSTITUTION OF WASHINGTON

DR. VANNEVAR BUSH, vice-president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and dean of the School of Engineering, entered upon his work as president of the Carnegie Institution of Washington on January 1. A year ago Dr. John C. Merriam, who has been president of the institution for eighteen years, requested the trustees to release him at the end of 1938 in order that he might resume his research work in paleontology and related fields. Last June Dr. Bush was elected to succeed Dr. Merriam.

Dr. Bush is a native of Everett, Mass., the son of the late Rev. R. Perry Bush, for fifty years a clergyman

in the vicinity of Boston. He was graduated from Tufts College in 1913, and in 1916 was awarded the degree of doctor of engineering from Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Early in his career he held a position in the test department of the General Electric Company, and then returned to Tufts College as an instructor in mathematics, later becoming assistant professor of electrical engineering. In 1932 he received from the college, of which he is a trustee, the honorary degree of doctor of science.

Dr. Bush was invited to join the faculty of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1919 as professor of electric power transmission. He was appointed vice-president and dean of the School of Engineering of the institute in March, 1932. At the same time he was elected a member of the corporation of the institute.

Dr. Bush has been particularly interested in the design of advanced mathematical analyzing instruments and has had charge of a group of research workers which has produced several important instruments of this type. In recognition of work in this field, in 1928 he was awarded the Levy Medal of the Franklin Institute. Recognition has also been given him on account of the design which he developed of an intricate analyzing machine called the differential analyzer. This machine greatly increases the speed of scientific and engineering calculations. Another instrument in this group is the cinema integrator, which is just going into use. For his achievements in the development of methods and devices for the application of mathematical analysis to problems of electrical engineering, the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, in 1926, awarded to him the Lamme Medal. Dr. Bush has made also many important contributions to the improvement of vacuum tubes and has carried out distinguished research in the field of electric power transmission. He has also carried on important studies of transients in machines and dielectric phenomena.

As head of the Carnegie Institution of Washington Dr. Bush will be responsible for administering one of the largest non-governmental research budgets in existence, the current yearly expenditures approximating a million and a half dollars. In preparation for his work Dr. Bush has devoted much time during the past six months to acquainting himself with the organization of the institution and with its work and problems.

## SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

THE presentation of the Perkin Medal of the American Section of the Society of Chemical Industry to Dr. Walter S. Landis, vice-president of the American

Cyanamid Company, was made on the evening of January 6 at the Chemists' Club, New York City. The medal address by Dr. Landis was entitled "Argon."