

men intimately acquainted with local problems. It is understood that greatly reduced fares will be available on the transcontinental railways, and that local accommodations, both in Berkeley and on the excursions, will be provided at moderate cost. Plans should be made soon. A circular with more complete detail will be available shortly. Only one other meeting of somewhat similar character in the history of the society has been held in California. This was held at Berkeley and at Stanford University in August, 1915. One point of present interest in the record is the fact that the number of fellows attending was almost equally distributed between the Atlantic seaboard, the central region and the Pacific coast, with the advantage to the East coast. The Paleontological Society, the Seismological Society of America and the Society of Economic Geologists expect to meet in Berkeley at the same time.

Because of overlapping time, attention is called to the announcement of the Pan-Pacific Science Congress, which will hold meetings in the San Francisco Bay Region in July and August (Berkeley, from July 24 to August 5, and Stanford, from August 6 to 12). To avoid conflict no geological program will be arranged by the congress on August 8, 9 and 10, in order that those attending may participate in the Geological Society meetings. The excursions arranged for these meetings will also be made available to registrants of the Science Congress.

The Geological Society calls special attention also to the seventh triennial assembly of the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics, which will be held in Washington, D. C., from September 4 to 15, under the auspices of the American Geophysical Union in cooperation with the National Research Council, and with support from other sources.

The council has accepted an invitation extended by the University of Minnesota, supported by local educational and scientific organizations, to hold the 1939 annual meeting in Minneapolis. The dates will be December 28, 29 and 30. This will be the first meeting of the society to be held in Minnesota, and the fifth held west of the Mississippi River.

Meetings of the council are regularly held in April and October and at the time of the annual meeting. Matters to come before the council should be in hand well in advance of these dates. It is expected that

the April, 1939, council meeting will be held on the fifteenth of the month.

A series of addresses under the general theme "Frontiers of Geology" is being organized for broadcasting during March and April through the facilities of the National Broadcasting Company.

THE DIVISION OF THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR THE SOCIAL AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OF SCIENCE

It is announced in the London *Times* that the Division for the Social and International Relations of Science, formed within the British Association last August, is arranging a program of meetings at which topics of immediate interest and importance will be discussed. The purpose of the division is to study the relationship between science and the community and to encourage the application of science to promote the well-being of society.

The first meeting will be held on March 28 at the University of Reading, by permission of the University Council and in cooperation with the National Institute for Research in Dairying, and two sessions will be devoted to discussion on milk in its nutritional and allied aspects. Sir Richard Gregory, chairman of the division, and Sir Daniel Hall will preside at the sessions, and other speakers will deal with deficiencies of diet, health aspects, pasteurization, production, cost, economic and social implications.

It is also proposed to arrange meetings in the early summer in London and Manchester for review of the social relationships of science and for discussion with special reference to pressing problems in industry and agriculture. In connection with the Manchester meeting, Professor H. Levy has been appointed to deliver the Alexander Pedler memorial lecture, in which he will explain the method of approach in the study of the social problems of science, with particular illustrations of the application of scientific discoveries to industry.

During the forthcoming meeting of the British Association in Dundee (August 30-September 6) the division will hold three sessions at which it is proposed to consider the coordination of scientific research, population movements and nutrition. Sir Richard Gregory will deliver an address on "Science and Social Ethics."

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

THE William Withering Lectures of the University of Birmingham will be given in late March by Dr. Peyton Rous, of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research. The subject will be "Present Aspects of the Cancer Problem."

DR. E. S. RUSSELL, director of research in the British Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, will give a series of five DeLamar Lectures at the School of Hygiene and Public Health of the Johns Hopkins University on successive days from March 20 to March 24. The