

drew, according to *Museum News*, an unexpectedly large attendance. More than 200 members were registered, of whom 150 were from out of town and 70 from east of the Mississippi. Three members came from Honolulu and two from Canada. It is reported in the *News* that the meeting was marked by especially successful entertainment features and by a generous spirit of hospitality on the part of the San Francisco museums and their friends and of officials of the Golden Gate International Exposition.

Dr. Clark Wissler, curator of anthropology and dean of the scientific staff of the American Museum of Natural History, was reelected president of the association, and Henry Butler Allen, director of the Franklin Institute, was elected a vice-president, succeeding Frank B. Jewett.

Section chairmen were elected as follows: Art Museums Section, George H. Edgell, director, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston; Art Technical Section, Francis Henry Taylor, director, Worcester Art Museum; Children's Museums Section, Mrs. Dean C. Osborne, president, the Auxiliary, Brooklyn Children's Museum; Education Section, Charles Russell, curator, Department of Education, American Museum of Natural History, New York; National and State Parks Section, Ned J. Burns, chief of the Museum Division, National Park Service, Washington, D. C.; Public Relations Section, Daisy Weld Warner, director of Publicity and Radio, Cleveland Museum of Art; Registrars Section, Imogene C. Robertson, registrar of the Buffalo Museum of Science; Science Museums Section, Carlos E. Cummings, director of the Buffalo Museum of Science; Science Technical Section, Ottmar F. von Fuehrer, staff artist, Carnegie Museum, Pittsburgh; Superintendents Section, Albert N. Henriksen, superintendent of the Brooklyn Museum, New York.

At the invitation of the museums of Detroit, Mich., that city was chosen as the meeting place for 1940.

#### THE AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION

THE sixty-eighth annual meeting of the American Public Health Association and meetings of related organizations will open at Pittsburgh, Pa., on Sun-

day, October 15, closing on Friday, October 20. Thirty-five hundred health officers, nurses, engineers, school physicians, laboratory directors and other specialists are expected to attend. Every state in the Union, Canada, Cuba and Mexico, and many European countries will send delegates to participate in a scientific program that will cover the official public health activities of the North American continent.

The Sixth Institute on Public Health Education will open on Sunday, October 15. The meetings of the institute continue on Monday, October 16, at which time there will meet the International Society of Medical Health Officers, the American School Health Association, the Association of Women in Public Health and the National Organization for Public Health Nursing. The following conference groups also convene on Monday: the State Laboratory Directors, the State Sanitary Engineers, the Municipal Public Health Engineers, the Directors of Local Health Service and the State Directors of Public Health Nursing. Other organizations meeting during the week are the Pennsylvania Public Health Association, the Tri-State Food and Health Officials, the American Social Hygiene Association, Delta Omega and the American Association of State Registration Executives.

There will be six general sessions of the Public Health Association during the week at which "Medical Care," "Cancer," "Professional Education" and "The American Way as Seen from Abroad" are among the subjects to be discussed. The ten sections of the association have arranged an extensive series of joint and individual meetings covering topics of interest to health officers, laboratory workers, vital statisticians, industrial hygienists, public health engineers, food and nutritionists, child hygienists, public health education experts, epidemiologists and public health nurses. There will be a Health Exhibit with commercial and scientific displays. The headquarters will be at the William Penn Hotel. The preliminary program has been reprinted from the August issue of *The American Journal of Public Health* and may be obtained from the American Public Health Association, 50 West 50th Street, New York, N. Y.

## SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

M. HENRI PIÉRON, professor at the Collège de France and director of the Institute of Psychology of the University of Paris, was elected at the Liège meeting president of the French Association for the Advancement of Science.

OWING to the early adjournment of the Dundee meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science Dr. Isaiah Bowman was presumably unable to give the first British and American Association lecture.

The lecture, which is entitled "Science and Social Pioneering," will be printed in *SCIENCE*.

ON the occasion of the seventh assembly of the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics, at a special convocation on September 11, Washington University conferred the honorary degree of doctor of science on Dr. Dan La Cour, director of the Danish Meteorological Institute, Copenhagen, who was president, and on Brigadier Harold St. John Loyd Winter-