

of analytical and microchemistry, cellulose, colloid, industrial and engineering, medicinal, organic, paint, varnish and plastics, physical and inorganic, and water, sewage and sanitation chemistry and in the history of chemistry.

The chemists will hold a banquet on April 9 at the Hotel Jefferson, which has been designated as headquarters for the meeting. Divisional sessions will take place in the Municipal Auditorium, where registration will open on Sunday afternoon, April 6. The council, composed of representatives of the ninety-three local sections throughout the country as well as of the national officers, directors, editors of publications, past presidents and divisional chairmen, will convene on Monday morning. An elaborate social program is planned and numerous trips of inspection will be made to the industries of the St. Louis area.

SYMPOSIUM AT UNION COLLEGE

A SYMPOSIUM devoted to the general subject "Science Views Man" in which some of the leading scientific men of the country will take part and to which members of colleges, universities and industrial research laboratories in the New England and Middle Eastern Atlantic States have been invited, will take place at Union College on March 21 and 22. Dr. Edward Ellery, professor emeritus of chemistry and national president of the Society of the Sigma Xi, states that the object of the symposium is "to present man as science views him, in contra-distinction to the moral and religious point of view."

Dr. A. J. Carlson, Hixon professor of physiology at the University of Chicago; Dr. Bronislaw Malinowski, professor of anthropology at Yale University; Dr. Willis R. Whitney, organizer of the Research Laboratory of the General Electric Company and now vice-president in charge of research; Dr. Kirtley F. Mather, professor of geology at Harvard University, and Dr. Harlow Shapley, Paine professor of astronomy and director of the Harvard Astronomical Observatory, will be among the speakers.

According to the official announcement "they will trace the impact of several sciences upon man's present apprehension of himself and his powers, rather than the ways in which science has merely implemented man." A number of well-known scientific men have been invited to discuss these addresses, and it is expected that about two hundred and fifty registered members of the conference will take part.

The general public will be invited to attend and hear the program, part of which will be broadcast. The symposium is being preceded by six radio colloquies, by members of the faculty of Union College, one each Saturday afternoon. These include a round table discussion held by the department of mathematics on February 8, and by the department of physics on

February 15. On succeeding Saturdays round table discussions will be conducted in chemistry, geology, psychology and biology.

NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ELECTRIC- TRICAL ENGINEERS

THE National Nominating Committee of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, consisting of members from various parts of the country, has nominated the following candidates for the offices becoming vacant August 1. These official candidates, together with any independent nominees that may be proposed later in the manner specified by the Constitution and By-laws, will be voted upon by the membership at the coming election this spring.

For President: DAVID C. PRINCE, manager, Commercial Engineering Department, General Electric Company, Schenectady.

For Vice-Presidents: (Middle Eastern District) N. S. HIBSHMAN, associate professor of electrical engineering, Lehigh University.

(Southern District) J. ELMER HOUSLEY, superintendent of power, Aluminum Company of America, Alcoa, Tenn.

(North Central District) ARTHUR L. JONES, commercial vice-president and district manager, General Electric Company, Denver.

(Pacific District) WALTER C. SMITH, engineer of Pacific District, General Electric Company, San Francisco.

(Canada District) C. A. PRICE, chief engineer, Canadian Westinghouse Company, Ltd., Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

For Directors: LESTER R. GAMBLE, electrical engineer, Washington Water Power Company, Spokane; T. G. LECLAIR, supervising development engineer, Commonwealth Edison Company, Chicago; FRED R. MAXWELL, Jr., professor of electrical engineering, University of Alabama.

For National Treasurer: W. I. SLICHTER, professor and head of Department of Electrical Engineering, Columbia University.

APPOINTMENT OF DR. JAMES BRYANT CONANT AS HEAD OF SCIENTIFIC MISSION

DR. JAMES BRYANT CONANT, president of Harvard University, formerly Sheldon Emory professor of organic chemistry, has been appointed by President Roosevelt head of a mission charged with reporting directly to Washington "recent scientific information of importance to national defense." Dr. Conant sailed on February 15 for Lisbon on the American Export liner *Excalibur*. He was accompanied by Frederick L. Hovde, since 1936 assistant to the president of the University of Rochester, previously assistant professor of chemistry at the University of Minnesota, and by Carroll L. Wilson, special liaison officer of the National Defense Research Committee, previously assistant to Dr. Karl T. Compton, president of the Mas-