

geology and biology. The Conkling Cave, Jornada Experimental Range and the industrial and other interests of El Paso and Juarez, Mexico, may be visited within a few hours. The Carlsbad Cavern trip requires an entire day.

The Mesilla Valley offers an environment rich in anthropological remains and historical landmarks. The White Sands National Monument contains 274 square miles of dazzling white gypsum sands and a lake of unusual setting and beauty. Conklin's Cave in Bishop's Cap of the Organ Mountains was used for years by Indians and Mexicans for shelter. The village of "La Mesilla," two miles southwest of Las Cruces, was settled by Mexican colonists in 1854. Excursions are planned to these points as well as to the Jornada Experimental Range, which embraces experimental projects of the U. S. Forest Service and the New Mexico Agricultural Experiment Station.

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE

THE executive committee met in New York on March 15. The following members were present: Drs. Livingston, *chairman*; Caldwell, Cannon, Cattell, Compton, Long, Moulton and Wrather.

Among items of business of interest to scientific men transacted by the committee are the following:

The president of the University of Michigan having withdrawn the invitation to the association to meet at Ann Arbor in June, owing to war conditions and a change in the schedule of sessions at the university, it was voted to cancel the Ann Arbor meeting.

A committee of three, consisting of Drs. Long, *chairman*, Livingston and Moulton was appointed to have charge of making arrangements for a local committee for the New York meeting at the end of the present year.

On nomination of the Section Committee of the Section

on Chemistry, Dr. Hugh S. Taylor (M28, F28), Princeton University, was elected vice-president of the Section on Chemistry for 1942 in the place of Dr. Joel H. Hildebrand. Dr. Wade W. Oliver (M11, F27), Long Island College of Medicine, Brooklyn, N. Y., was elected vice-president of the Section on Medical Sciences for 1942, in the place of Dr. H. S. Gasser. On recommendation of the Executive Committee of the Section on Agriculture, Dr. W. A. Albrecht (M18, F24), University of Missouri, was elected secretary of the Section on Agriculture to fill the unexpired term of Dr. M. F. Morgan, resigned to serve as an officer in the U. S. Infantry. Dr. Sydney S. Negus was reappointed director of the Press Service for the New York meeting.

The status of the American Society of Plant Taxonomists was changed from an associated society to an affiliated society. The Washington Academy of Science was affiliated on the same basis as state academies.

The Permanent Secretary reported the approval of the Executive Committee by mail ballot of the publication of the Symposium on Relapsing Fever, organized and presented by the Section on Medical Sciences at the Dallas meeting.

On a request from the editors of "American Men of Science," the Executive Committee authorized the president (Dr. Compton) to appoint a committee, of which he will serve as chairman, to advise the editors regarding the subdivisions of science for classifying entries, the advisability of continuing the stars, and, if they are to be continued, the method of selecting them. The committee was requested to deliver its recommendations direct to the editors.

By a majority of 7 to 1, the Executive Committee authorized and directed the Office of the Permanent Secretary to publish and have mailed to all members of the association about the middle of each month an eight-page bulletin of the same general format as the journal SCIENCE.

It was voted to hold the next meeting of the Executive Committee in New York City at 10:00 A.M. on Sunday, October 18, unless in the interim an emergency requires that a meeting be held earlier.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

THE twenty-fifth anniversary as dean of Columbia College of Dr. Herbert E. Hawkes, professor of mathematics, will be celebrated by alumni, faculty and undergraduates at a dinner to be given in his honor on April 16.

J. B. DAVIDSON, head of agricultural engineering at Iowa State College, has been elected a foreign member of the Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture.

THE Jackson-Gwilt Medal and Gift of the British Royal Astronomical Society has been awarded to Dr. R. L. Waterfield "for his general contributions to astronomy, and in particular for his photographic work on eclipses and comets and his visual observa-

tions of planets." The medal will be presented to him on April 10 at the annual general meeting.

Nature reports that the Royal Society of Arts has awarded the annual Thomas Gray Memorial Trust Prize for an invention advancing the science or practice of navigation to T. E. Metcalfe, of Windsor, for a seaman's protective suit devised by him.

THE University of London has conferred the degree of doctor of science on Dr. G. W. Scott Blair, National Institute for Research in Dairying; Dr. A. H. Cook, Imperial College of Science and Technology; C. L. Hewett, Royal Cancer Hospital (Free) and the Sir John Cass Technical Institute; Alexander King, Im-