

1918. Its object is to promote better understanding and cooperation among the Chinese research workers in the United States of America in order to contribute to the advancement of the various branches of science, both natural and social.

The activities of the society for the present consist in promoting lecture meetings for scientific discussions at which distinguished speakers will address the meeting.

The officers of the society have been elected as follows:

President: John Y. C. Watt, Cornell University Medical College.

Vice-president: Chek M. Soo-Hoo, Presbyterian Hospital, New York City.

Secretary: Roberta Ma, New York Botanical Garden.

Treasurer: Raymond Yoh, Bank of China, New York City.

Members of the Committee: Katherine Li, Memorial Hospital, New York City; Min Pung Tien, Columbia University; Van Y. S. Hong, Syracuse University.

THE AMERICAN COMMISSION ON SCIENTIFIC NOMENCLATURE IN ENTOMOLOGY

THE disturbed condition of the world during the last few years has interfered with the activities of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, and there is no prospect that this commission will again function successfully for several years to come. Entomologists in the United States have felt that this situation should not be allowed entirely to stifle progress in the development of nomenclature and the clarification of nomenclatorial problems. At the meetings of the Entomological Society of America and the American Association of Economic Entomologists in San Francisco, in December, 1941, a plan was adopted which called for the establishment of an American Commission on Scientific Nomenclature in Entomology.

In accord with the terms of this plan, C. F. W. Muesebeck and Professor G. F. Ferris were appointed to organize the commission. That organization has now been completed and the commission is ready to function. It includes Professor J. C. Bradley, of Cornell University; W. J. Brown and G. Stuart Walley, of the Division of Entomology of the Department of Agriculture of Canada; Professor G. F. Ferris, of Stanford University; Professor T. H. Hubbell, of the University of Florida; Professor H. B. Hungerford, of the University of Kansas; Dr. E. G. Linsley, of the University of California; Professor Clarence E. Mickel, of the University of Minnesota;

C. F. W. Muesebeck and P. W. Oman, of the U. S. Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine; Professor A. G. Richards, Jr., of the University of Pennsylvania; Dr. Herbert H. Ross, of the State Natural History Survey of Illinois; Professor C. W. Sabrosky, of the State Agricultural College of Michigan; Dr. R. L. Usinger, of the College of Agriculture of California. Professor G. F. Ferris has been elected as chairman.

The commission will receive, consider and advise upon such nomenclatorial problems as are presented to it. All acts of the commission will be in harmony with the International Rules of Zoological Nomenclature, although recommendations for the clarification, extension and improvement of these rules may be made. The commission will report to the two parent societies at their next annual meeting. Communications concerning matters within the province of the commission may be addressed to any of its members.

G. F. FERRIS

MEETING OF EXPERIMENTAL BIOLOGISTS IN OREGON

A MEETING of experimental biologists was held at Portland, Oregon, on May 9.

Forty-seven workers from colleges and universities in the States of Oregon and Washington attended the meetings, during which papers were presented on varied subjects ranging from plant and animal physiology to ecology, embryology and genetics, and so forth.

The meeting was organized as the result of a general agreement as to the need for some annual meeting at which biologists interested in experimental work in the Pacific Northwest could get together. Held at Reed College, the program of papers was followed by a dinner at which the subject of the future organization of the group as well as the need for a general biological society in the region was discussed.

It was agreed that for the time being, at least, the organization should remain informal, though with the papers limited to the experimental fields, and that it should remain affiliated with no existing society or institution. It was agreed that the diversity of the subjects in the program as well as the general informality of the meeting were factors contributing to its success.

Dr. Orlin Biddulph, plant physiologist of the State College of Washington, was elected to head a committee to organize a similar meeting in the spring of next year.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY conferred on June 2 at its 188th commencement exercises the doctorate of science on Dr. Jekuthiel Ginsburg, professor of mathematics

and head of the department at Yeshiva College; on Dr. Alfred Newton Richards, professor of pharmacology at the University of Pennsylvania; on Dr. Robert