

THE UNION OF AMERICAN BIOLOGICAL SOCIETIES

THE annual meeting and dinner of the Council of the Union of American Biological Societies was held at the Hotel Normandie, Philadelphia, on January 17.

The business considered included a report of the "Committee on the Teaching of Biology" by its chairman, Dr. Oscar Riddle; a report on the activities of the "Cooperative Committee on Science Teaching" by the union's representatives, Dr. Oscar Riddle and Dr. W. F. Loehwing; a report on *Biological Abstracts* by its editor-in-chief, Dr. John Flynn.

It was decided that one of the major items on the agenda of the union for the immediate future would be the development of a program to establish closer relationships between the biologists of Latin America and those of the United States.

The following officers were elected to serve for the year 1943:

President, Dr. E. G. Butler, Princeton University.

Secretary, Dr. F. A. Brown, Jr., Northwestern University.

Treasurer, Dr. D. H. Wenrich, University of Pennsylvania.

Members of the Executive Committee, Dr. B. M. Duggar, University of Wisconsin; Colonel A. P. Hitchens, University of Pennsylvania, and Dr. G. W. Hunter, III, Wesleyan University.

FRANK A. BROWN, JR.,
Secretary

THE WASHINGTON ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

OFFICERS of the Washington Academy of Sciences have been elected as follows:

President, Leland W. Parr.

Secretary, F. G. Brickwedde.

Treasurer, Howard S. Rappleye.

Vice-Presidents representing the Affiliated Societies:

Philosophical Society of Washington, Raymond J. Seeger.

Anthropological Society of Washington, Frank M. Setzler.

Biological Society of Washington, Harry B. Humphrey.

Chemical Society of Washington, Herbert L. Haller.

Entomological Society of Washington, Austin H. Clark.

National Geographic Society, Alexander Wetmore.

Geological Society of Washington, Clarence S. Ross.

Medical Society of the District of Columbia, Frederick O. Coe.

Columbia Historical Society, Allen C. Clark.

Botanical Society of Washington, Charlotte Elliott.

Washington Section of the Society of American Foresters, William A. Dayton.

Washington Society of Engineers, Frank B. Scheetz.

Washington Section of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, Francis B. Silsbee.

Washington Section of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Walter Ramberg.

Helminthological Society of Washington, Emmett W. Price.

Washington Branch of the Society of American Bacteriologists, Ralph P. Tittsler.

Washington Post of the Society of American Military Engineers, Captain C. L. Garner.

Washington Section of the Institute of Radio Engineers, Harry Diamond.

Washington Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers, Owen B. French.

Elected members of the Board of Managers: John E. Graf and Frederick D. Rossini.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

THE 1943 Washington Award, administered by the Western Society of Engineers, has been conferred on Andrey A. Potter, dean of engineering at Purdue University and chairman of the National Advisory Committee on Engineering and War Training, in recognition of "distinguished leadership in engineering education and research and patriotic service in mobilizing technical knowledge for victory in war and peace." Herbert Hoover received the first award in 1919. Other recipients include Arthur N. Talbot, Orville Wright, Michael I. Pupin, Charles F. Kettering, Frank B. Jewett and Ralph Budd.

THE 1942 Lamme Medal of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers has been awarded to Dr. Joseph Slepian, associate director of research, Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, East Pittsburgh, "for his contributions to the development

of circuit interrupting and current rectifying apparatus." The medal and certificate will be presented to him at the national technical meeting of the institute, which is to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, from June 21 to 25.

THE Joseph A. Capps Prize for medical research of the Institute of Medicine of Chicago, founded by Dr. and Mrs. Edwin R. LeCount, has been awarded for 1942 to Dr. Mary E. Martin, Northwestern University Medical School (1941), for her investigation on "The Distribution of Nerves in the Adult Human Myometrium."

Nature reports that the Clough Memorial Medal of the Edinburgh Geological Society for the years 1941-1942 has been presented to James L. Begg, of Mount Vernon, Glasgow, for his contributions to Scottish paleontology. He has worked for many