

delegates assembled in the Ghirlandajo Room of Agassiz House, where the installing officers spoke briefly on the significance of the society and its major activities, especially of its national lectureships and publications.

Officers were elected as follows: *President*, Dr. Cecilia Payne-Gaposchkin; *Vice-president*, Dr. Elizabeth Deichmann; *Member of the Executive Committee*, Dr. Ytte Muus, and *Secretary-Treasurer*, Dr. Dorrit Hoffleit, all members of the Harvard Chapter. Professors F. M. Carpenter, Grinnell Jones, E. A. Hooton, H. R. Mimno and D. S. Whittlesey were elected members of the committee on membership of the Radcliffe Chapter. The charter was then presented by National President Shapley to Chapter President Payne-Gaposchkin.

In the evening over a hundred members, delegates and guests of the chapter, including Radcliffe graduate students in scientific fields, were entertained at the college. Dr. F. L. Hisaw acted as toastmaster. Dr. Shapley pointed out that this year marks several important scientific anniversaries—the one hundredth anniversary of Harvard College Observatory, the two hundredth of the birth of Thomas Jefferson, the three hundredth of Newton's and the four hundredth of the death of Copernicus. He spoke mainly on various activities for the promotion of science.

The principal address of the evening was given by Dr. Cecilia Payne-Gaposchkin, who spoke on "The Scholar and the World."

DORRIT HOFFLEIT,
Secretary-Treasurer

POSITIONS WITH THE NAVY

THE Navy needs capable men for staff duties in the administration of occupied areas of foreign lands. Candidates with a background of education and experience in government administration may qualify.

Foreign travel, particularly in the Far East and Southwest Pacific region, is desirable; also a knowledge of the customs, language and character of the people in these areas. Applicants with similar experience and knowledge of other foreign areas will be considered if they meet one or more of the following qualifications:

Administrative experience of an important nature, domestic or foreign, involving government, business, foundations, schools of public administration, etc.

Educational experience in State and Federal governments, university administrators; also teachers in fields of geography, economic and international relations.

Engineering experience: construction of public works, shipping, public utilities, transportation, etc.

Legal training and experience of an important nature indicated by relative importance of position in profession or related field, preferably public service.

Candidates must be in good physical condition and be capable of absorbing intensive instruction in a one-year course in government. Commissions in the U. S. Naval Reserve will be granted immediately and applicants who qualify will be on an active duty status. All educational expenses will be paid by the Navy. Service of these officers will extend beyond the expiration of the war.

Qualified candidates should apply to the nearest Naval Office of Officer Procurement. These offices are located in all major cities.

THE AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY AND THE KILGORE BILL

IN accordance with information received from the American Chemical Society the directors of the society oppose the establishment of an Office of War Mobilization as proposed in Senator Kilgore's bill. Dr. Charles L. Parsons, secretary of the society, reports that

In the opinion of the directors there is no necessity for the enactment of such legislation now. Their objections can be summarized briefly by stating that these bills confer totalitarian powers that should be entrusted to no human being, and require an omniscience for their intelligent execution which is not to be found on this earth.

The directors believe that the enactment of these bills into law at this time would serve no good purpose in so far as the mobilization of technical resources in the field of chemistry is concerned. The Government now has at its command every resource in the fields of chemistry and chemical engineering.

In support of the position taken by the directors, Dr. Parsons points out that the membership of the society, which includes practically all the leading chemists and chemical engineers of the country organized into 101 local sections, varying in size from 30 to 2,500 each, is solidly behind the war effort. Its publications are described as "a complete key to all that is new in chemical discovery and development." They go to all agencies of the Government engaged in the war effort and in addition they go to all war plants engaged in the war effort which in any way deal with the field of chemistry, and they go to practically all the research laboratories in the United States as well as to all educational institutions with chemical departments.

The chief of the Chemicals and Allied Products Branch of the War Production Board is reported to have stated that "without the publications of the society, the laboratories of our colleges, of our Government and of our industries could not efficiently function. These journals are a contribution to the

success of the war which must not be handicapped or retarded in any way. . . . Without them the technical staffs of the Chemical Warfare Service would be most seriously handicapped in their developmental work."

Senate Bill 607 proposes to set up the following offices: (1) Office of Production and Supply, (2) Office of Manpower Supply, (3) Office of Scientific

and Technological Mobilization, and (4) Office of Economic Stabilization. This bill carries an appropriation of \$400,000,000 and provides for a director of the Office of War Mobilization and four administrators appointed by the director with the approval of the President, one administrator for each of the four offices the bill would create.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

THE degree of doctor of science was conferred by the University of Rochester at its ninety-third commencement exercise on May 2 on Dr. Stanhope Bayne-Jones, professor of bacteriology and dean of the School of Medicine of Yale University, on leave as a colonel in the Army Medical Corps, and on Dr. Roger Adams, head of the department of chemistry of the University of Illinois, one of the chemists in charge of chemical warfare research.

At the ninetieth commencement of the University of Wisconsin on May 29 an honorary degree will be conferred on Dr. Henry F. Helmholtz, professor of pediatrics at the Mayo Foundation of the University of Minnesota, head of the section of pediatrics of the Mayo Clinic at Rochester, Minn.

DR. THOMAS E. FRENCH, emeritus professor of engineering drawing at the Ohio State University, has been awarded the Lamme Medal for meritorious achievement in engineering. This medal, going each year to an Ohio State alumnus who has distinguished himself in engineering, is named for its donor, the late Benjamin G. Lamme. Dr. French will receive the award at commencement on June 11.

SIR HENRY HALETT DALE, president of the Royal Society, has been awarded the Harben Gold Medal of the Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene, London.

DR. CLARENCE A. HORN, of Albright College, was elected president of the Pennsylvania Academy of Science at the seventeenth annual meeting in Harrisburg on April 2 and 3. He succeeds Charles E. Mohr, director of education of the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences. Dr. Homer C. Will, Juniata College, was chosen president-elect. Vice-presidents elected were Dr. Bradford Willard, Lehigh University, and Dr. LeRoy K. Henry, the Carnegie Museum. Dr. Edwin G. Conklin, president of the American Philosophical Society, and Dr. C. E. McClung, emeritus professor of zoology of the University of Pennsylvania, acting chairman of the department of zoology of Swarthmore College, were elected honorary members.

THE University of Rochester Chapter of Sigma Xi has elected Dr. E. F. Adolph, *President*, and Dr. R.

W. Helmkamp, *Vice-president*. Drs. S. C. Bishop and E. A. Culler have been elected members of the *Executive Committee*, and Drs. R. Goodwin and F. Paul of the *Nominating Committee*. The other officers of the society are Drs. K. E. Mason and M. Huggins, *Executive Committee*; Drs. S. C. Madden, F. L. Haven, H. Gardner and H. Scherp, *Nominating Committee*, and Dr. Charles D. Kochakian, *Secretary-Treasurer*.

PROFESSOR VINCENT DU VIGNEAUD, head of the department of biochemistry of Cornell University Medical College, has been elected chairman of the New York Section of the American Chemical Society. He succeeds Dr. Charles N. Frey, director of research of the Fleischmann Laboratory of Standard Brands, Inc. Dr. Beverly L. Clarke, head of the analytical department of Bell Telephone Laboratories, Inc., has been chosen chairman-elect. Dr. Clarke will serve as vice-chairman until July 1, 1944, when he automatically becomes chairman. At the same meeting Professor Peter Debye, of Cornell University, delivered an address on "Reaction Rates in Solution." A discussion was led by Professor Victor K. LaMer, of Columbia University.

THE title of emeritus has been conferred by Barnard College on Dr. Henry E. Crampton, who recently retired from the chair of zoology.

DR. DOUGLAS JOHNSON, professor of physiography at Columbia University, has been named Newberry professor. He is the fourth head of the department since its foundation in 1866, his predecessors being Professors John Strong Newberry, James Furman Kemp and Charles Peter Berkey.

DR. GRANVILLE A. BENNETT, of the Harvard Medical School, has been appointed professor of pathology and bacteriology at the School of Medicine of the Tulane University of Louisiana.

BRIGADIER GENERAL JAMES STEVENS SIMMONS, A. U. S., director of the Division of Preventive Medicine of the Office of the Surgeon General, U. S. Army, has been appointed lecturer in public health on the staff of the School of Medicine of Yale University.

DR. RUFUS OLDENBURGER, professor of mathematics at the Illinois Institute of Technology, has been