tion of major reaction patterns have been approved. Such exhibits enrich the visitor's concept of the psychobiological aspects of animal life and increase his perspective and understanding of human behavior.

# THE ELECTROCHEMICAL SOCIETY AND THE KILGORE BILL

THE following resolution was adopted unanimously by the Electrochemical Society at its eighty-third meeting, held in Pittsburgh from April 8 to 10:

WHEREAS, It appears that enactment of the Kilgore-Patman Bill S-702, HR2100 for the establishment of an Office of Scientific and Technical Mobilization

- (a) Would confuse the war effort by creating at this time a new agency for the direction of the scientific and engineering program which is now so effective in the prosecution of the war and
- (b) Might develop in peace-time a gigantic bureaucracy which would impede scientific and technical progress, be it

Resolved, Therefore, that members of the Electrochemical Society be urged to examine this bill and communicate their views on it to their congressmen, and furthermore be it

Resolved, That the Electrochemical Society in convention assembled, express its general opposition to the enactment of any measure which embodies government supervision, regimentation and control of the scientific and technical resources of the nation in peace-time.

## THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

AT the annual meeting of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, held on May 12 at its house, 28 Newbury Street, Boston, the election of twenty-seven fellows was announced:

### MATHEMATICAL AND PHYSICAL SCIENCES

Bradley Dewey, Dewey and Almy Chemical Company, Cambridge.

Enrico Fermi, professor of physics, Columbia University. Philipp Frank, lecturer on physics and mathematics, Harvard University.

Edwin Powell Hubble, astronomer, Mount Wilson Observatory, Pasadena, Calif.

Edwin Herbert Land, president, Polaroid Corporation, Cambridge.

Cecilia Payne-Gaposchkin, astronomer, Harvard College Observatory.

Donald Charles Stockbarger, associate professor of physics, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Hugh Stott Taylor, professor of chemistry, Princeton University.

#### NATURAL AND PHYSIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Arlie Vernon Bock, professor of hygiene, Harvard University.

David Bruce Dill, professor of industrial physiology, Harvard University.

Chester Scott Keefer, professor of medicine, Boston University.

Lewis Don Leet, associate professor of geology, Harvard University.

Brenton Reid Lutz, professor of biology, Boston University.

#### SOCIAL SCIENCES

Augusta Fox Bronner (Mrs. William Healy), director, Judge Baker Guidance Center, Boston.

Ada Louise Comstock, president, Radcliffe College.

Benjamin Morris Selekman, associate professor of business administration, Harvard University.

Payson Sibley Wild, Jr., associate professor of government, Harvard University.

Charles Edward Wyzanski, U. S. district judge for Massachusetts.

#### THE HUMANITIES

Leonard Bacon, poet and teacher.

Willa Cather, novelist.

Carleton Stevens Coon, associate professor of anthropology, Harvard University.

Angus Dun, dean, Episcopal Theological School, Cambridge.

Hugh O'Neill Hencken, curator of European archeology, Harvard University.

Perry Gilbert Eddy Miller, associate professor of history and literature, Harvard University.

Jean-Joseph Seznec, associate professor of Romance languages and literature, Harvard University.

Randall Thompson, composer and teacher.

Thornton Niven Wilder, novelist and dramatist.

The officers elected for the year 1943-44 were:

President, Harlow Shapley.

Vice-Presidents, Percy W. Bridgman, S. Burt Wolbach, Sidney B. Fay and Fred N. Robinson.

Corresponding Secretary, Abbott Payson Usher.

Recording Secretary, Hudson Hoagland.

Treasurer, Horace S. Ford.

Librarian, Frederick H. Pratt.

Editor, Robert P. Blake.

The Academy voted to award the Rumford Medals to Charles Edward Kenneth Mees, of the Eastman Kodak Company, for his contributions to photography.

### SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

THE doctorate of science was conferred on May 9 at the commencement exercises of Syracuse University on Dr. William M. Smallwood, professor emeritus of zoology of the university, and on Dr. Charles Hurd, professor of organic chemistry at Northwestern University.