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There will be connected with the library courses for the training of specialists in chemical literature. Candidates for this training will be encouraged to enter the graduate school for advanced degrees. The library will be known as the Kresge-Hooker Scientific Library.

THE AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION

THE sixty-first annual meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union was held at the American Museum of Natural History, New York City, on October 20.

Due to travel restrictions, the usual five-day meeting with program sessions was dispensed with, all activities being condensed into a streamlined one-day business session to meet requirements of the by-laws and incorporation rules. Fifteen members of the council, 19 fellows and 11 members were present. On Wednesday evening the group was entertained at the University Club by Dr. Leonard O. Sanford, of New Haven, Conn.

Officers elected for the new year were as follows: *President*, James L. Peters, New York City; *Vice-presidents*, George Willett, Los Angeles, and Hoyes Lloyd, Ottawa; *Secretary*, Lawrence E. Hicks, Columbus; *Treasurer*, J. Fletcher Street, Philadelphia; *Editor*, John T. Zimmer, New York City; *New Members of the Council*, Dr. Harry C. Oberholser, Cleveland; Ludlow Griscom, Boston, and Dr. Alden H. Miller, Berkeley.

The Brewster Medal Award was made to Dr. Alden H. Miller, of Berkeley, Calif., for his publication on "Speciation in the Avian Genus *Junco*." Two fellows were elected: Dr. S. Charles Kendeigh, Champaign, Ill., and Austin L. Rand, Ottawa.

In addition to 155 new associate members, five new members were named: Dean Amadon, New York City; Robert J. Niedrach, Denver; Frank A. Pitelka, Berkeley; Julian K. Potter, Collingswood, N. J., and Terence M. Shortt, Winnipeg.

The meeting in 1944, if conditions permit, will probably be held in New York City, in October.

LAWRENCE E. HICKS, *Secretary*

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE SOCIETY

A JOINT session of the History of Science Society with the American Historical Association will be held at Barnard College, Columbia University, on December 29 and 30. The program follows:

FIRST SESSION

Dr. L. C. Karpinski, *presiding*
Conference on Latin American History

Mathematics in Latin America, a brief survey of their publications, Dr. L. C. Karpinski, president, History of Science Society, University of Michigan.

The History of Medical and Bacteriological Sciences in South America, Dr. Aristides A. Moll, secretary of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, Washington, D. C.

Learned Societies in Latin America, Dr. Arthur P. Whitaker, University of Pennsylvania and State Department, Washington, D. C.

SECOND SESSION

Dr. Arthur P. Whitaker, *presiding*

Alexander von Humboldt as Historian of Science in Latin America, Dr. C. A. Browne, Bureau of Chemistry and Soils, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The Contribution of the Jesuits to the Exploration and Anthropology of South America, Dr. Alfred Metraux, anthropologist, Bureau of American Ethnology, Smithsonian Institution.

The Impact of the Fauna and Flora of the New World upon the Old World during the Sixteenth Century, Dr. Arthur S. Aiton, professor of Hispanic-American History, University of Michigan.

ALEXANDER POGO, *Secretary*

THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS

THE sixty-fourth annual meeting of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, under the presidency of Harold V. Coes, will be held at the Hotel Pennsylvania, New York, beginning on Monday, November 29, and concluding on December 4.

The program includes about a hundred and fifty papers, addresses, panel discussions and symposia. It is built around the eighteen professional divisions of the society—applied mechanics, aviation, fuels, graphic arts, heat transfer, hydraulic management, materials handling, metals engineering, oil and gas power, petroleum, power, process industries, production engineering, railroad, textile, wood industries, rubber and plastics.

On the opening day, speakers at a luncheon on "ingenuity" will be Dr. Charles F. Kettering, director of research of the General Motors Corporation, and Dr. Vannevar Bush, director of the Office of Scientific Research and Development and president of the Carnegie Institution of Washington. An evening session on ingenuity will include papers on "The Psychological Setting for Inventiveness," by Elliott Dunlap Smith, professor of economics at Yale University; "What Our Educational Institutions Can Do for the Genius," by Dr. Henry T. Heald, president of the Illinois Institute of Technology, and "Yankee Ingenuity in Engineering," by W. L. Merrill, head of the Works