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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

Laboratory of the General Electric Company at Schenectady.

Tuesday afternoon's program will include a session on postwar planning. The speakers will be John F. Fennelly, executive director of the Committee for Economic Development; Paul G. Hoffman, chairman of the Committee for Economic Development and president of the Studebaker Corporation, and W. C. Schroeder, assistant chief of the Fuels and Explosives Service, Bureau of Mines, Washington, D. C. The Tuesday night sessions will include a paper on "Principles of Air Cargo Design," by A. Klemm, of New York University; a symposium on "War-Time Problems of Industrial-Instrument Departments"; a production research panel on "What Most Needs to be Done in the Way of Production Research at This Time," and a panel discussion on "Accelerating Scientific Management in the Federal Government" with the following discussion leaders: Arthur S. Flemming, commissioner, U. S. Civil Service Commission; W. A. Jump, director of finance, U. S. Department of Agriculture; J. M. Juran, administrator, Office of Lend-Lease Administration; and L. A. Appley, deputy chairman and executive director, War Manpower Commission.

At the luncheon of the aviation division on Wednesday, Colonel Nathaniel F. Silsbee, U. S. A., Air Information Section of the Bureau of Public Relations, will be the principal speaker. At the dinner in the evening Harold V. Coes, president of the association, will speak on "Wartime Research and Development—A Molder of Engineering," and Ralph Damon, vice-president and general manager of the American Airlines, Inc., will give an address on "Aviation; During and After the War." The annual awards and honors will be conferred.

On Thursday, there will be luncheons of the railroad and of the textile divisions and the programs will include papers on railroad equipment in the post-war period. The evening session will include a program on biomechanics and on Friday there will be papers on textiles.

In connection with the meeting, Leo T. Crowley, Alien Property Custodian of the United States Government, has announced that an exhibit of some 45,000 copies of vested U. S. patents and patent applications will be shown and representatives of the custodian's office will be present to answer questions concerning these inventions and the licensing policy of the custodian. These patents and patent applications in the mechanical, electrical and chemical fields were formerly enemy-owned or enemy-controlled, but are now controlled by the Alien Property Custodian.

DECLARATION OF CITIZENS OF ARGENTINA

WE have received from Dr. Robert A. Lambert, associate director of the Rockefeller Foundation, a "declaration" published on October 13 and signed by a hundred and fifty eminent Argentine citizens, including South America's greatest scientist, Bernardo A. Houssay, and the government's reply dismissing all signers who held official positions. This means that the professors of physiology in the three leading medical schools, Houssay (Buenos Aires), J. T. Lewis (Rosario) and Oscar Orias (Cordoba) are out, along with a number of other distinguished university teachers.

A DECLARATION OF EFFECTIVE DEMOCRACY AND AMERICAN SOLIDARITY FORMULATED BY A GROUP OF THE COUNTRY'S REPRESENTATIVE CITIZENS

In order to express their opinion on the fundamental problems of the day and the solution which in their opinion is demanded, representative citizens of the federal capital, Rosario, Córdoba and La Plata, have resolved to sign the declaration which we herewith publish.

Among the signers figure men of outstanding action in the universities, finance, commerce, industry, journalism, letters and arts, scholastic centers and workers' syndicates, together with former ministers of state, ambassadors, legislators and heads of political parties such as the Civic Radical Union, Socialist, National Democrat, Progressive Democrat and Antipersonalist.

The document in question follows:

"We, the undersigned citizens of the present declaration, belonging to various walks of the national life, consider that at this present moment of the nation's history it is imperative and urgent to express the fundamental solution demanded by the vast majority of the people and which constitutes at the same time the basis for insuring union, peace and the future of the Argentinians.

"We sum up this resolution in the following terms: effective democracy through the faithful application of all the stipulations of the National Constitution and American solidarity through the loyal fulfilment of the international commitments signed by the representatives of the country. Argentina can not and should not apply only a part of her Constitution and live isolated or estranged from her brother peoples of America and from those of the world fighting for democracy. We also hold that the freedom of assembly and of the press—most essential within our institutional regimen—would afford opportunity for public opinion to ratify in decisive form the basic concepts here set forth.

"We deem it indispensable to further the realization of this national desire and hope that the citizens who share our aims will advise us of their adherence through any of the undersigners, believers in the motto: Effective democracy and American solidarity."