

For the accompanying ladies, trips will be arranged to the "University Skyscraper," the Carnegie Museum and other points of interest in and about the city. Luncheons and other entertainments will also be provided.

If weather permits impromptu geological trips will be made. Other excursions to the Gulf Research Laboratories, the Mellon Institute of Industrial Research, the Carnegie Museum and similar points of interest may be arranged.

Local geologists will be glad to make tentative plans for informal trips. Any one interested should communicate with Dr. Charles R. Fettke, chairman of the Excursion Committee. His address is 1118 Wightman Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Associated societies which will hold meetings in conjunction with the society are as follows:

*The Paleontological Society*, thirty-seventh annual meeting, Secretary, H. E. Vokes, the Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore 38, Maryland.

*The Mineralogical Society of America*, twenty-sixth annual meeting, Secretary, C. S. Hurlburt, Jr., Department of Mineralogy, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

*The Society of Economic Geologists*, twenty-sixth annual meeting, Secretary, C. H. Behre, Jr., Columbia University, New York 27, N. Y.

*The Society of Vertebrate Paleontology*, fifth annual meeting, Secretary, E. H. Colbert, the American Museum of Natural History, New York, N. Y.

## PSYCHOLOGICAL MEETINGS AT SAINT LOUIS

SECTION I of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the Midwestern Psychological Association are meeting jointly in Saint Louis from March 28-30, 1946. Aside from the addresses of the vice-president of Section I and the president of the Midwestern Association, the program will be devoted to the usual papers. Abstracts in quadruplicate not exceeding 300 words in length should be sent to Dael Wolfe, Department of Psychology, University of Chicago, Chicago 37. The dead line for receipt of abstracts in Chicago is January 20. The abstracts will be turned over to a joint program committee to be announced later.

Papers will be limited to fifteen minutes in length, and ten-minute papers will also be scheduled. Any lantern slides should be included in the time limit for the paper. If a lantern is needed, this fact should be specified in the abstract. The time desired (ten or fifteen minutes) should also be noted. Each abstract should be accompanied by an additional short abstract of fifty words to be published as part of the proceedings. It should also be accompanied by a signed statement, as follows: "If this paper is accepted and

placed on the program, I agree to be present in person to deliver it unless circumstances beyond my control prevent me from attending."

HAROLD E. BURTT, *Secretary of Section I,  
American Association for the Advancement  
of Science*

## A TRIBUTE TO THE EDITORIAL BOARD OF THE JOURNAL OF EXPERIMENTAL ZOOLOGY

THE one hundredth volume of the *Journal of Experimental Zoology* is coming off the press. The editorial board which serves this journal and American biology merits an expression of admiration both for their service to the journal and for their truly remarkable and effective longevity.

On this board are the names of eight internationally known biologists whose contributions to scientific literature represent a distinct epoch in the history of experimental biology in America. Since the founding of the journal and the appearance of the first volume in 1904 Dr. Ross G. Harrison, who on January 13, 1946, will be 76 years of age, has served as managing editor. I am told that with the completion of the one hundredth volume he will have edited 50,000 printed pages. The other members of this board are also so well known from their scientific contributions and their influence upon American biology that what I might attempt to say here could not possibly do them justice. The main point before us is their continued function at ages far beyond that where many men not only cease to function but cease to enjoy living.

Professor William E. Castle has just passed his 78th birthday. Professor Edwin G. Conklin is now at the beginning of his 83rd year. Professor Herbert S. Jennings will be 78 years old on April next. Professor Frank R. Lillie will be 76 years old on his next birthday. The late Professor Thomas H. Morgan reached his 79th birthday in September last. Professor George H. Parker will celebrate his 81st anniversary before the new year. The only member of this board who might be considered as a veritable youth is Professor Merkel H. Jacobs, who is at the tender age of 62.

It seems extremely doubtful whether a similar record will ever be achieved again by any group of experimental biologists. They not only deserve but receive the felicitations of the entire biological world.

SAMUEL R. DETWILER

## NEWS FROM ABROAD

### LETTER FROM PROFESSOR MARCEL FLORKIN

Dr. Harold F. Blum, of the Naval Medical Research Institute at Bethesda, Md., has recently received a