

fessional reward did not influence his mode of work or his choice of problem. He chose problems because he wanted to know the answers. His friends will always remember him best for his deep sympathy and

understanding, his lively sense of humor, and his inability to take himself or others too seriously.

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Association Affairs

AAAS Journals

Members are advised that the February 6 issue of *Science* and the February issue of *The Scientific Monthly* will be the last sent to those who have not paid their dues for 1948. Because of high printing costs, free copies cannot be sent beyond a reasonable period. Remittances of dues should be forwarded promptly to insure continuity of receipt of the journals.

During the year 1947 the editorial staff of the Association worked on plans for improving the physical appearance and layout of the journals. Recommendations were made to the Publications Committee, and approval of the Executive Committee was secured to proceed with the plans formulated.

Beginning with the January 2, 1948, issue, *Science* has had a separate cover of heavier stock plus the new design and use of color. The use of heavier stock was dictated by the necessity of providing better carriage through the mails.

In the plans for physical improvement, the Association was fortunate in securing aid from the Bausch & Lomb Optical Company. An artist was commissioned by Bausch & Lomb to submit designs for the cover and suggestions for improvements in the typography of the Table of Contents page. The staff of the Association held several conferences with the artist, and the present design is the result. The interested assistance of the Bausch & Lomb organization has been acknowledged through the appropriate officers of the Association.

Further improvements will be sought continuously for both publications of the Association. At the meetings of the Association's Publications and Executive Committees in Chicago, the publication staff was directed to proceed as soon as possible to make both journals the same size. The experience of other societies publishing more than one journal was taken into consideration. In certain cases, scientific societies

have achieved reductions of almost 25% in publication costs of their journals by such a standardization. Therefore, beginning with the next volume, *The Scientific Monthly's* page size will be made identical with that now used in *Science*.

Section on Anthropology (H)

Section H held four sessions in the two opening days of the 114th meeting of the AAAS. One of these was a joint session with the Society for Research in Child Development, and another was in collaboration with the Linguistic Society of America. A new sound film, in color, showing the life of the Navajo Indians of New Mexico and Arizona, was presented with the cooperation of the American Museum of Natural History. All sessions were well attended and discussion was lively.

Following the previous practice of Section H, those papers were selected for presentation which seemed best to exemplify cross-disciplinary studies. In anthropology, these take two forms: (1) studies which combine two or more of the recognized branches of anthropology—archaeology, ethnology or cultural anthropology, linguistics, and physical anthropology; and (2) studies which cross into other disciplines or sciences. The high point of the former type was the dinner address by Wilson D. Wallis, vice-president of the AAAS, in which he critically analyzed recent reconstructions in physical anthropology according to standards laid down by techniques and methods of the other branches of anthropology. Volney Jones, of the University of Michigan, made an interesting contribution bringing botany and archaeology together. The cross-disciplinary paper which started the most discussion was probably that by Dorothy D. Lee, of Vassar College, in which she questioned the validity of the concept of basic needs as used today by both anthropologists and psychologists. This has important theoretical bearing on both sciences. Indeed, the trend in all the sessions seemed to be toward implications of a theoretical nature. A better trend could hardly be noted in this era of scientific stocktaking. (MARION W. SMITH, *Secretary*.)