

# Scientific Book Register

- The Pectic Substances.** Z. I. Kertesz. New York-London: Interscience, 1951. 628 pp. \$13.50.
- The Chemical Technology of Dyeing and Printing: Substantive, Basic, Acid and Pigment Colors, Aniline Black, and Dyestuffs for Acetate Rayon and Synthetic Fibers.** Louis Diserens; trans. and revised from 2nd German ed. by Paul Wengraf and Herman P. Baumann. New York: Reinhold, 1951. 446 pp. \$12.00.
- Vitamin Methods**, Vol. II. Paul György, Ed. New York: Academic Press, 1951. 740 pp. \$14.50.
- American Sociology: The Story of Sociology in the United States through 1950.** Howard W. Odum. New York-London: Longmans, Green, 1951. 501 pp. \$5.00.
- Mineralogy: An Introduction to the Study of Minerals and Crystals.** 4th ed. Edward Henry Kraus, Walter Fred Hunt, and Lewis Stephen Ramsdell. New York-London: McGraw-Hill, 1951. 664 pp. \$7.50.
- A History of Science, Technology, and Philosophy in the 16th & 17th Centuries** (Wolf). Rev. ed. by Douglas McKie. London: Allen & Unwin; New York: Macmillan, 1950. 692 pp. \$7.00.
- Nomographic Charts.** C. Albert Kulmann. New York-London: McGraw-Hill, 1951. 244 pp. \$6.50.
- College Zoology.** 6th ed. Robert W. Hegner and Karl A. Stiles. New York: Macmillan, 1951. 911 pp. \$6.00.
- Grundlagen der Atomphysik: Eine Einführung in das Studium der Wellenmechanik und Quantenstatistik.** 4th ed. Hans Adolf Bauer. Vienna: Springer-Verlag, 1951. 631 pp. \$10.70.
- A Color Atlas of Morphologic Hematology with a Guide to Clinical Interpretation.** Geneva A. Daland; Thomas Hale Ham, Ed.; illus. by Etta Piotti. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard Univ. Press, 1951. 74 pp. \$5.00.
- Physiology of the Fungi.** Virgil Greene Lilly and Horace L. Barnett. New York-London: McGraw-Hill, 1951. 464 pp. \$7.50.
- The Organization of Bones.** P. Lacroix; trans. from rev. French ed. by Stewart Gilder. Philadelphia: Blakiston, 1951. 235 pp. \$6.00.
- Physical Biochemistry.** 2nd ed. Henry B. Bull. New York: Wiley; London: Chapman & Hall, 1951. 355 pp. \$5.75.



## Association Affairs

### AAAS Policy

A MEETING was held September 13-15 at Arden House, near Harriman, N. Y., at which the Executive Committee of the AAAS, together with a group of invited consultants, considered the basic policy and program of the AAAS. The questions studied had been previously set forth in a statement printed in *SCIENCE* (114, 246 [Aug. 31, 1951]).

The Arden House meeting gave consideration to a variety of detailed aspects of the present program of the AAAS and to the ways in which these might or should be modified. But the chief aim of the meeting was to discuss fundamental questions of purpose, policy, opportunity, and obligation. Once a clear and agreed framework of policy is established—and really not until then—effective approach can be made to the problems of instrumentation of policy.

It is impossible to report adequately in a brief space the full content or value of this important meeting. The conclusions tentatively reached are purely advisory in character. The group unanimously adopted a summary statement. In its formal meeting on September 16, the Executive Committee of the AAAS accepted the report of the conference of the preceding days and instructed the Administrative Secretary to publish, both in *SCIENCE* and in *THE SCIENTIFIC MONTHLY*, the summary report of the Arden House Conference.

It is most earnestly urged that every member of the AAAS study this statement carefully, and that every member who approves it, or who wishes to sug-

gest additions, deletions, or changes in emphasis, will write his opinion to Howard A. Meyerhoff, Administrative Secretary of the AAAS, 1515 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington 5, D. C. Our Association should approach these important issues in a democratic way; and this places an obligation on each individual member.

At the next annual meeting, in Philadelphia, this matter will be considered by the Council of the AAAS. If this statement of policy appears to be generally approved by the AAAS, or if a satisfactory substitute statement can be produced, the Executive Committee plans then to set up a series of committees to study scientifically the practical problems of implementing the policies.

The statement of the Arden House Conference is as follows:

#### A Statement of Policy for the AAAS

Whatever its obligations to other groups and whatever its opportunities in wider fields, the AAAS is an organization of scientists for science. The AAAS must, first of all, serve scientists and science in such a way as to command the confidence and backing of the scientists of this country. Otherwise it will be in no position to meet its wider opportunities.

This central principle indicates the necessity that the AAAS re-examine those of its activities which relate primarily to the internal affairs of science in this country, improve these activities, and extend them when and where that seems desirable in view of present circumstances. This must in particular involve a most careful review of the program and policy in respect to meetings,