

Information Agency, Department of Defense, "Problems of Documentation in the Department of Defense;" George Seielstad, Applied Physics Laboratory, The Johns Hopkins University, "Format of Technical Reports;" and A. E. Tyler, U. S. Naval Ordnance Test Station, China Lake, Calif., "Technical Reporting in a Naval Research and Development Establishment." One feature of the conference was a fruitful discussion, which included questions to the speakers and a free exchange of ideas.

Last item on the program was a brief business meeting. The conference resolved that its meetings would be a permanent part of the AAAS annual conventions. Marian Fineman was unanimously elected chairman of the group, which will meet again in Boston in 1953. Mrs. Fineman appointed a steering committee consisting of the six speakers and Jonathan N. Leonard, science editor of *Time* magazine.

MARIAN FINEMAN, *Chairman*

National Association of Science Writers (X7)

Scientific vs. journalistic accuracy was discussed by Edgar Anderson, Washington University botanist, and Harold T. Meek, news editor of the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, at the 1952 meeting of the National Association of Science Writers. Dr. Anderson, who is also assistant director of the Missouri Botanical Garden, expressed the belief that St. Louis newspapermen tended to worry too much about technical matters that do not concern the general public and thus missed points of more scientific significance. Mr. Meek stressed the importance of general assignment work as a means of training a science writer. He complained that many persons now writing about science for the press tend to trust scientists too much, frequently are inclined to exaggerate the importance of minor developments, and often oversimplify matters too greatly.

A lively discussion of both speakers' points followed

the presentation of their papers. Volta Torrey, editor of *Popular Science Monthly*, presided in the absence of Earl English, of the University of Missouri School of Journalism, who had arranged the symposium.

At a business meeting of the association, which followed the symposium, the invitation of the AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE to meet with the AAAS in Boston, Dec. 26-31, 1953, was accepted. The first issue of a NASW newsletter, to be issued six times a year, was distributed at the St. Louis meeting. This newsletter, edited by John E. Pfeiffer, at the NASW headquarters in the New York Academy of Sciences, will contain special articles written by members of the organization and invited contributors, and will cover the activities of science writers in all parts of the U. S. The NASW now has 89 active and 80 associate members, and will celebrate the 20th anniversary of its founding in 1954. Its objectives are to foster the dissemination of accurate information regarding science through all media normally devoted to informing the public, and to interpret science and its meaning to society.

VOLTA TORREY, *President*

The Society of the Sigma Xi and The Scientific Research Society of America (X9)

The arrangements made at St. Louis for the 53rd annual convention of Sigma Xi and the evening address were entirely satisfactory. With reference to the two Sigma Xi functions, the convention was well attended. There were 89 delegates, representing 79 local groups. The annual address by D. M. S. Watson, on "Africa and the Origin of Man," was attended by very close to a thousand persons. Sigma Xi and RESA will probably meet with the AAAS at Boston next December, although a definite decision will not be reached until the spring meeting of the Executive Committee.

GEORGE A. BATSELL, *Executive Secretary*

Scientific Book Register

Ciba Foundation Colloquia on Endocrinology. Vol. III, *Hormones, Psychology, and Behavior, and Steroid Hormone Administration*; Vol. IV, *Anterior Pituitary Secretion and Hormonal Influences in Water Metabolism*. G. E. W. Wolstenholme, Gen. Ed.; Margaret P. Cameron, Asst. New York: Blakiston; London: J. & A. Churchill, 1952. Vol. III: 380 pp. and plates; Vol. IV: 591 pp. and plates.

Advances in Carbohydrate Chemistry, Vol. 7. Claude S. Hudson, Melville L. Wolfrom, and Sidney M. Cantor, Eds. New York: Academic Press, 1952. 370 pp. \$7.50.

Volume and Integral. Werner W. Rogosinski. Edinburgh-London: Oliver and Boyd; New York: Interscience, 1952. 160 pp. Illus. \$1.75.

A Short Course in Organic Chemistry. Harold Hart and Roert D. Schuetz; Herman T. Briscoe, Ed. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1953. 326 pp. Illus. \$4.50.

Congenital Anomalies of the Heart and Great Vessels. Maurice A. Schnitker. New York: Oxford Univ. Press, 1952. 306 pp. Illus.

Introduction to the Foundations of Mathematics. Raymond L. Wilder. New York: Wiley; London: Chapman & Hall, 1952. 305 pp. \$5.75.

A Contribution to the Theory of the Living Organism. 2nd ed. W. E. Agar. Victoria: Melbourne Univ. Press; New York: Cambridge Univ. Press, 1951-52. 235 pp. \$3.75.

Strikes—A Study in Industrial Conflict. With special reference to British experience between 1911 and 1947. K. G. J. C. Knowles. New York: Philosophical Library; London: Basil Blackwell, 1952. 330 pp. Illus. \$8.75.

Regeneration and Wound-Healing. A. E. Needham. London: Methuen; New York: Wiley, 1952. 152 pp. Illus. \$1.75.

Highway Research Board: Proceedings of the Thirty-First Annual Meeting, Vol. 31. National Academy of Sciences-National Research Council Pub. 238. Fred Burggraf, W. N. Carey, Jr., and Walter J. Miller, Eds. Washington, D. C.: Highway Research Board, NRC, 1952. 690 pp. Illus. \$7.50.

Record of the Rocks: The Geological Story of Eastern North America. Horace G. Richards. New York: Ronald, 1953. 413 pp. Illus. \$6.00.

Student Deferment in Selective Service: A Vital Factor in National Security. M. H. Trytten. Minneapolis: Univ. Minnesota Press; London: Geoffrey Cumberlege, Oxford Univ. Press, 1952. 140 pp. Illus. \$3.00.