

Sections of the **National Association of Corrosion Engineers** have been organized at Toronto and at Hamilton-Niagara. T. R. B. Watson of Corrosion Service, Ltd., Toronto, has been named chairman of the Toronto Section, and C. F. Makepeace of Page Hersey Tubes, Ltd., Welland, Ont., chairman of the Hamilton-Niagara Section.

A conference on "The Status of Multiple Sclerosis," sponsored by the **New York Academy of Sciences** and the **National Multiple Sclerosis Society**, was held in April in New York. Organized under the direction of H. R. Wainerdi and presided over by Pearce Bailey, director of the National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness of the National Institutes of Health, the conference featured 33 eminent investigators reporting on recent research into the causes and control of the disease.

Members-at-large of the **Society of the Sigma Xi** from three different Illinois organizations joined forces with the installation of the Galesburg-Knox-Monmouth RESA Club at the Galesburg State Research Hospital. Officers of the new club are: president, Shannon C. Allen, State Research Hospital; secretary, Garrett W. Thiessen, Monmouth College; and treasurer, Curtis B. Coleman, Knox College.

The First Western Hemisphere Conference of the **World Medical Association** was held at Richmond, Va., in April, with representatives of 20 American countries in attendance. Delegates included heads of national medical associations, ministers of public health, medical college presidents and editors of national medical journals. Twenty special guest participants, covering the range of medical practice in the United States and reporting on subjects ranging from surgery of the heart and blood vessels to the use of atomic particles in cancer, took part in a series of panel discussions.

Miscellaneous

Establishment by the **American Council on Education** of a Commission on Instruction and Evaluation, with responsibility for planning and reviewing the council's activities relating to teaching and educational evaluation, has been announced. T. Raymond McConnell, Chancellor of the University of Buffalo, is chairman.

Nine electrical engineers have been elected fellows of the **American Institute of Electrical Engineers** by its Board of Directors. Those honored were: J. W. Allen, Bendix Aviation Corporation, Teterboro, N. J.; A. G. Clavier, Federal Telecommunication Laboratories, Inc., Nutley, N. J.; A. A. Nims, Newark College of Engineering; K. M. Smith, J. C. Woods, and W. W. Wishard, Commonwealth Edison Company, Chicago; M. H. Pratt, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, West Syracuse, N. Y.; G. B. Scheer, Kaiser Industries, Oakland, Calif.; and Demetri Trone, General Electric Company, Rio de Janeiro.

An eight months' expedition to Africa to collect mammals, birds, and anthropological specimens has been undertaken for the **American Museum of Natural History**, under the direction of Colonel and Mrs. William J. Morden. Thomas J. Larson, graduate student of the University of California, will be expedition anthropologist, and George W. McClellan will act as general assistant.

The Philosophy of Science Group of the **British Society for the History of Science** offers a prize of \$50, open to all, for the best essay of not more than 4000 words on "What is the logical and scientific status of the concept of the temporal origin and age of the universe?" Information may be secured from the Hon. Secretary of the Philosophy of Science Group, University College, Gower St., London, W. C. 1.

J. Griffiths Davies, Associate Chief of the **Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization**, Melbourne, has stated that the recent transformation of poor scrub land in Australia to productive pasture is only a prelude to similar improvement throughout all better rainfall areas. Opportunities for development of about 340 million acres of unimproved land in Australia are being revealed by research into deficiencies of the trace elements, such as copper, zinc, molybdenum, and cobalt.

Columbia University's **Lamont Geological Observatory** has launched a two-month expedition to the Gulf of Mexico with twelve scientists and technicians aboard the schooner *Vema*. They will investigate the possibility of an underwater canyon discovered by Columbia geologists last summer. They will also check sediments from the bottom of the gulf to determine whether the bottom was ever above water.

Chemicals wanted by the **Registry of Rare Chemicals**, 35 West 33rd St., Chicago 16, Ill., include: molybdenum carbonyl; isophthalaldehyde; thiobenzoic acid; 3,4,5-trichlorobenzaldehyde; methyl α -benzylacrylate; trinaphthylmethane; 3-fluorophenylalanine; 3,3-dichloropropene-1; 2-cyanobutadiene-1,3; 2,6-dimethylheptanetriol-2,4,6; 5,5'-dichloro-6,6'-dimethylindigo; 1-methyl-4-methylglyoxaline; 1-methyl-5-cyanomethylimidazole; 2,6-dichlorodiphenylamine; camphane aldehyde; vulbocapnine; hypertensinogen; perillaldehyde; quercetagenin; and daidzin.

An internationally recruited team of medical scientists left Geneva Headquarters of the **World Health Organization** recently for a seven-week visit to Indonesia. Under the chairmanship of Arvid Wallgren, professor of pediatrics, Royal Carolina Institute, University of Stockholm, the team will work with their Indonesian counterparts in hospital and university departments. There will also be group discussions, lectures, films, and demonstrations.

ERRATUM. The Dr. Howard Sloan Memorial Grant was erroneously mentioned as given for the benefit of the University of Chicago Medical School (*SCIENCE*, 117, 446). The grant was given to The Chicago Medical School, 710 S. Wolcott Ave., Chicago.