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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ECONOMIC
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THE twenty-second annual meeting of this association will be held in Boston, Mass., on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 28 and 29, 1909, during the week of the winter meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

For the program to be made up so that it can be included as a part of the official program of the latter association and so that it can be placed in the hands of the members before the meeting it will be necessary for all titles of papers that are to be presented to be in the hands of the Secretary November 15. The length of time desired for each paper should be stated after the title, and attention is called to the action taken at the Chicago meeting whereby the secretary was directed to request members to present each paper within a fifteen minute time limit.

An arrangement has been made whereby the meeting of the Association of Horticultural Inspectors will begin on Monday, December 27, and the meeting of the Entomological Society of America will convene on Thursday and Friday, December 30 and 31, thus preventing duplication in the time of holding these meetings and giving the members an opportunity of attending all the sessions.

It is expected that an extensive exhibit will be made illustrating the New England insect fauna, together with a special display of equipment and devices for rearing and distributing beneficial species, as well as for treating noxious ones in the field.

A large number have already signified their intention of attending the meeting and the local entomologists will spare no pains to make this the most interesting and profitable one that has been held by the association.

DR. W. E. BRITTON,
President
 A. F. BURGESS,
Secretary

THE ROCKEFELLER COMMISSION FOR THE
 ERADICATION OF HOOKWORM DISEASE

MR. JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER has given the sum of \$1,000,000 to combat the hookworm disease and has selected a commission to administer the fund which consists of

Dr. William H. Welch, professor of pathology in Johns Hopkins University, president of the American Medical Association.

Dr. Simon Flexner, director of Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research.

Dr. Ch. Wardell Stiles, chief of the division of zoology, United States Public Health and Marine Hospital Service, discoverer of the prevalence of the disease in America.

Dr. Edwin A. Alderman, president of the University of Virginia.

Dr. David F. Houston, chancellor of Washington University, St. Louis, Mo.

Professor P. P. Claxton, professor of education in the University of Tennessee.

J. Y. Joyner, state superintendent of education in North Carolina and president of the National Educational Association.

Walter H. Page, editor of the *World's Work*.

Dr. H. B. Frissell, principal Hampton Institute.

Frederick T. Gates, one of Mr. Rockefeller's business managers.

Starr J. Murphy, Mr. Rockefeller's counsel in benevolent matters.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

Mr. Rockefeller's letter to the members of the commission is as follows:

NEW YORK, Oct. 26, 1909.

Gentlemen: For many months my representatives have been inquiring into the nature and prevalence of "hookworm disease" and considering plans for mitigating its evils. I have delayed action in this matter only until the facts as to the extent of the disease could be verified and the effectiveness of its cure and prevention demonstrated. The wide distribution and serious effects of this malady, particularly in the rural districts of our southern states, first pointed out by Dr. Charles Wardell Stiles, of the United States Public Health and Marine Hospital Service, have now been confirmed by independent observations of the distinguished investigators and physicians, as well as by educators and public men of the south.

Knowing your interest in all that pertains to the well-being of your fellowmen, and your acquaintance with this subject, I have invited you to a conference in the hope that it may lead to