

SUMMER MEETINGS OF THE BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA

IN accordance with the sentiment expressed by the members in a recent poll, the Botanical Society of America will conduct two summer meetings during the present year. One of these will be held at Dartmouth College, Hanover, N. H., beginning on the evening of June 25 and extending through June 28, and the other at the mountain camp of the University of Wyoming from July 31 to August 3.

These meetings are not to be patterned after the regular winter meetings, where emphasis is placed upon the presentation of the results of research in formal papers. They will be characterized rather by informality, the time being devoted to field excursions and round-table discussions. Everything will be done to promote that personal association out-of-doors which is necessarily lacking at the more formal and crowded meetings.

At the Dartmouth meeting it is planned to have an address of general botanical interest and an informal reception on the opening evening, a number of morning round-table discussions of special topics, two afternoon field trips, one all-day field excursion, and an open discussion of botanical teaching methods.

Registration for the Wyoming meeting will occur at Laramie on the afternoon of July 31; this will be followed by an informal dinner and reception. On the following morning those in attendance will be taken by automobile to the mountain camp, where three days will be occupied by field excursions and round-table discussions.

The chairman of the Pacific Section of the Botanical Society of America has extended an invitation to members of the society and others to consider the annual meeting of the section, to be held in June, as another summer meeting of the society.

A cordial invitation to attend the meetings is extended to botanists who are not members of the society, and especially to those who may be visiting this country from abroad.

A circular containing more detailed information will be mailed to every member of the society in May. Meanwhile inquiries may be addressed to the undersigned or to the chairmen of the local committees: Professor A. H. Chivers, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N. H., and Professor Aven Nelson, University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyoming.

L. W. SHARP, *Chairman of the
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SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

THE fiftieth anniversary of the birth of Professor Albert Einstein will be celebrated on the evening of

April 16 at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York City, under the auspices of the Jewish National Fund and the Zionist Organization of America. Professor Einstein has submitted to the Prussian Academy of Sciences a further paper which according to press despatches is entitled "A Unitary Field Theory and the Hamilton Principle." The manuscript of the preceding paper on the new field theory has been presented to the Olin Library of Wesleyan University by George W. Davison, president of the board of trustees, and Mr. Albert W. Johnson.

M. J. RICHARD, director of the Museum of Oceanography at Monaco, has been elected a correspondent of the Paris Academy of Sciences to take the place of Roald Amundsen. Guido Castelnuovo, professor of mathematics at Rome, has been elected correspondent in place of the late Luigi Bianchi.

ON the occasion of his sixtieth birthday the State University of Moravia in Brno has conferred on Dr. Aleš Hrdlička, of the U. S. National Museum, the honorary title of "doctor of natural sciences."

AT the graduation exercises of the Yeshiva College, New York, held in its new building on April 2, the degree of doctor of literature was bestowed upon Dr. David I. Macht, lecturer in pharmacology in the Johns Hopkins University and director of the Pharmacological Laboratory of Hynson, Westcott and Dunning, in recognition of his scientific investigations concerning the materia medica, pharmacology and hygiene of the ancient Hebrews.

LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER C. H. HAVILL, chief of the propeller section of the Navy Bureau of Aeronautics, has been notified by the Society of Automotive Engineers that he has been awarded the Wright Brothers' medal for his paper entitled "Aircraft Propellers."

PROFESSOR I. A. ABT, of Chicago, has been elected an honorary member of the German Society for Children's Diseases.

PROFESSOR J. W. GREGORY has been elected president of the Geological Society of London. The vice-presidents are Dr. F. A. Bather, Professor E. J. Garwood, Dr. E. Greenly and Mr. H. W. Monckton.

The *British Medical Journal* states that the Gifford Edmonds prize in ophthalmology has been awarded to Mr. V. M. Métivier, of the Ophthalmic Department of the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, for his essay on the causation and differential diagnosis of proptosis. This prize, founded by Miss Sophie Edmonds in memory of her brother who fell at Magersfontein, is valued at £100, and is awarded every second year.

ACCORDING to *Nature* the proceeds of the Daniel-Pidgeon Fund for the year 1929 of the Geological