

to sequester a part of his capital, and have requested him through his patron to turn a new leaf. But he has paid no heed, he has resumed his former practices, so we have been put to not a little trouble and pains to try to bring about a change for the better in his mode of life, but without being able to do anything with him. We have finally, on his own representation, decided to have him sent to the East Indies, for which purpose we dispatched him to Amsterdam a few weeks ago, and sent orders to a certain merchant [firm] by the name of Johannes Drooghenhorst and Son to help him to a place with the East India Company, which was done. But when the time came for him to present himself, he failed to appear, and according to a report that has come in, he has gone to the bad again and resumed his former way of life. Because we can see nothing ahead for him except destruction and dire ruin to his temporal well-being, we guardians desire to report the situation to the honorable Council, as his supreme guardians, hoping that the Council with the help and advice of the authorities will support this modest expression of our opinion, and request (though we would not go contrary to the wishes of the honorable Council) that we be authorized to send full powers issued under the seal of the town to the said Drooghenhorst and Son in Amsterdam, instructing them to locate him with the help of the authorities, place him under arrest, and send him to an appropriate place in the East Indies at the earliest opportunity. In laying the matter before your honorable Council, we seek only the welfare of this minor, his present and eternal happiness, await a happy decision, and remain

Your honorable Body's dutiful servants

[signed] BRUNO PLANDERS
BENJAMIN HEDDING
DANIEL NUTZMANN

Authorized guardians of the minor son of the late Daniel Fahrenheit, who is called Daniel Gabriel.

[Endorsement]: Read in the Senate [of Danzig] January 21, 1707. The Council authorizes the guardians to send a full power to the person [i.e., firm] mentioned in the petition through the Chancery here.

WALDEMAR WESTERGAARD

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
AT LOS ANGELES

FIELD EXPEDITIONS OF THE ORIENTAL INSTITUTE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

THE twelve field expeditions of the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago follow a line of great ancient cities, Persepolis, Babylon, Bagdad, Nineveh, Aleppo, Megiddo and Jerusalem, Cairo and Luxor, through the Highland Zone, the Fertile Crescent and the Nile Valley, at strategic sites in the area where civilization first arose.

Their work is as follows:

The *Megiddo Expedition* is excavating the mound of Armageddon or Megiddo in Palestine, commanding the most famous battlefield of the ancient world. The mound covers a stratified series of cities, which are

now being laid bare. The work is in charge of Mr. P. L. O. Guy.

The *Anatolian Expedition* is working in the eastern part of Anatolia, has surveyed the country of the ancient Hittites, and has done considerable excavating in a mound at Alishar. Dr. H. H. von der Osten is in charge of the field work.

The *Iraq Expedition* is engaged in a ten years' program of excavation in Assyria and Babylonia. Last year Prof. Edward Chiera excavated the Temple of Sargon II and discovered the temple of Sennacherib near Khorsabad, north of Bagdad. Dr. Chiera is to take charge of the Assyrian dictionary, and Dr. Henri Frankfort is now field director.

The *Persian Expedition* is under the direction of Dr. Ernst Herzfeld. A party is working on the ruined palaces of the emperors Darius and Xerxes at Persepolis. This is the first American scientific mission in Persia.

The *Syrian Expedition* is excavating a mound believed to be that of the ancient city of Calneh, referred to by the prophets Amos and Isaiah.

In Egypt: Architectural Survey. Located at the Great Temple of Medinet Habu, built by Ramses III (1200 B. C.) at ancient Thebes, opposite modern Luxor in Egypt. This expedition is in charge of Professor Uvo Hoelscher.

Epigraphic Survey. Also at Medinet Habu; under the direction of Professor Harold H. Nelson. It is preserving the inscriptions on the walls of the temple, which were perishing, by a process requiring photographers, artists and epigraphers, who produce a perfect facsimile. These records are to be published in six large volumes and distributed throughout the libraries of the world.

Abydos Expedition. Here the institute is saving the records of the beautiful temple of Seti I, the reliefs of which are among the finest works of art surviving from ancient times. Headquarters of these three Egyptian expeditions are in Chicago House near Luxor, funds for which were contributed by Mr. Julius Rosenwald and the International Education Board.

Coffin Texts Project. This is located at Cairo. Dr. Alan H. Gardiner, research professor of the University of London, and Dr. A. DeBuck, have virtually completed the task of copying the texts, which were written with pen and ink on the inner surfaces of the wooden coffins in Egyptian burials, beginning as far back as the twenty-third century B. C. and coming down to the eighteenth century B. C.

Sakkara Project. The institute will publish some five folio volumes of colored relief paintings from the great masonry tombs of the cemetery of ancient Memphis, fourteen miles from Cairo. The copying is being done under the direction of Professor Prentice Duell.

Theban Tomb Paintings Project. Under the general direction of Dr. Gardiner, Mrs. N. DeG. Davis has long been engaged in copying the paintings on the walls of the tombs in the cemetery at Thebes. These will also be published by the institute.

Prehistoric Survey. This expedition is studying the prehistoric background of early civilization in Egypt and Asia Minor, and has carried on investigations of the geology of the Nile Valley. The field director is Dr. K. S. Sandford.

THE SIXTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF GENETICS

DURING the past few weeks there has been agitation on the part of certain individuals in favor of postponing the Sixth International Congress of Genetics. The council of that organization has been in prolonged and careful consultation on this matter and has decided that the congress should not be postponed.

In coming to this decision the council has been particularly influenced by several important factors. Among these may be listed the fact that in spite of adverse economic conditions a number of prominent foreign geneticists have already indicated their intention of attending the congress; a large number of lectureships which are available in American universities will undoubtedly provide honoraria for further foreign attendance; obligations already undertaken and commitments made to members and others interested; the distinct uncertainty of any marked improvement in the economic situation within any possible period of postponement; the already keen interest in the congress expressed by the great majority of American geneticists, and the inadvisability of postponing any international congress for reasons other than general war conditions.

Now that the matter of postponement has been carefully considered and finally settled, it should be the welcome duty of all American geneticists and interested biologists to make even more than ordinary effort to cooperate in organizing and carrying through a successful congress. As stated above, there is no doubt but that this result will be accomplished. The object in making this statement is simply to settle the question in the minds of all interested.

C. C. LITTLE,
Secretary General

RESEARCH EXHIBITS OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION AT NEW ORLEANS

THE American Association for the Advancement of Science is again offering the facilities of its annual meeting for holding exhibits in science. The City of New Orleans has generously provided the exhibit space in its large Auditorium for non-commercial exhibits, on condition that these exhibits shall be open to the public. This exhibit space is provided with direct and alternating current, water and gas,

and should therefore facilitate the setting up of active demonstrations both in pure and applied science. It is recognized that the progress in science is contingent upon the advance in material quite as much as the advance in the efficiency of warfare. Moreover, the growing economic support of science is contingent upon a broad public appreciation of its value. The continued improvement in the quality of the army of workers is none the less dependent upon the general popular appraisal. The council of the association believes that this public appreciation can be wisely augmented by objective presentations of the current works of scientific men and that willingness to exhibit may be taken as a democratic gesture on their part. These exhibits have the hearty support of the press service of this association, of which Austin H. Clark is chairman, as well as of Science Service, Howard Blakeslee, science editor of the Associated Press, and the other science editors. Experience has taught these men the advantages of the objective approach to sympathetic understanding of the public at large.

The exhibition of science at New Orleans, from December 28 to January 2, is an assured success in spite of the economic conditions and the resultant lateness in getting the organization for exhibition into operation. Among the exhibitors who already have their work prepared are the Bureau of Standards, the Bureau of Mines, the scientific bureaus of the Department of Agriculture, the Coast and Geodetic Survey, the U. S. Public Health Service, the Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army, the U. S. Geological Survey, the Carnegie Institution of Washington, the Science Department of the "Century of Progress," Tulane University Museum and the Tulane Department of Geology, the American Institute of New York, the American Museum of Natural History, the School Nature League, the Rice Institute, Forest Products Laboratory, New York Botanical Garden, Southern Forest Experiment Station, Stanford University, George Washington University, the Entomological Society of America, the American Association of Economic Entomologists, the Society of Petroleum Geophysicists, the American Association of Physics Teachers, Professor Burton E. Livingston, of the Johns Hopkins University, Professor Fred Allison, of Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Dr. Sam F. Trelease, of Columbia University, and Dr. John W. Shive, of the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station.

The Association is providing tables and wall space and supervision of the exhibits. Those desiring to exhibit should communicate immediately with Dr. F. C. Brown, chairman of the committee, at the office of the permanent secretary, Smithsonian Institution Building, Washington, D. C.