

The official delegates representing Great Britain at the conference will be G. S. Callendar and A. C. G. Egerton, of the University of Oxford, and H. L. Guy, chief engineer of the Mechanical Engineering Department of Metropolitan-Vickers Electrical Company, Manchester. The German delegates will be Professor Dr.-Ing. W. Hausen, Technische Hochschule, Munich; Professor Dr.-Ing. F. Henning, Physikalisch Technisch Reichsanstalt, Charlottenburg; Dr.-Ing. W. Koch, Technische Hochschule, Munich; Dr.-Ing. E. Michel, Swarthmore, Pa., and Professor Dr.-Ing. E. Schmidt, Technische Hochschule, Danzig-Langfuhr.

Geo. A. Orrok, of New York, is chairman of the committee in charge of the arrangements for the conference, and Alex Dow, president, Detroit Edison Company, is chairman of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers' Special Research Committee on the Thermal Properties of Steam.

#### VISITING ASTRONOMERS AT THE MOUNT WILSON OBSERVATORY

*The Christian Science Monitor* publishes a statement concerning astronomers from other observatories who have been working at the Mount Wilson Observatory of the Carnegie Institution during the present summer. As corrected for SCIENCE at the observatory this list reads:

Dr. Joel Stebbins, of the University of Wisconsin, with a photoelectric cell, observed stars in the region of the Milky Way to find whether their coloring is due to dust clouds in interstellar space.

Using a lens of his own design and the 10-inch telescope, Dr. F. E. Ross, of the Yerkes Observatory, University of Chicago, photographed the Milky Way in sections. Later he will piece his photographs together in a map.

Dr. Fred E. Wright, geophysicist of the Carnegie Institution, Washington, was engaged in making a globular photographic map of the moon.

Dr. John C. Duncan, of Wellesley College, photographed nebulae.

Dr. Samuel A. Mitchell, University of Virginia, observed the faint variable stars and compared them with the neighboring ordinary stars.

Dr. J. C. Boyce, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, investigated elements known to be present in the sun and stars and searched for others.

Dr. Charles G. Abbot and L. B. Aldrich, of the Smithsonian Institution, made measurements of the sun's radiation and of the energy of some of the hotter stars.

Dr. Oliver J. Lee, Northwestern University, made observations of the spectra of stars.

Dr. C. M. Huffer, University of Wisconsin, made studies with the photoelectric cell.

Dr. and Mrs. Gaposchin, astronomers of Harvard University, studied the spectra of novae, stars which suddenly flare to great brilliance.

## SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

DR. ALBERT T. POFFENBERGER, professor of psychology and executive head of the department of psychology at Columbia University, was elected president of the American Psychological Association at the meeting held in New York from September 5 to 8. Dr. J. E. Anderson, of the University of Minnesota, and Dr. E. S. Robinson, of Yale University, were elected directors.

PROFESSOR EMIL ABDERHALDEN, director of the Physiological Institute of the University at Halle, has been elected a corresponding foreign member of the Vienna Academy of Sciences.

THE Guyot Prize for the best work in otology during the last five years has been awarded to Professor F. R. Nager, of Zurich, and to Professor Max Meyer, of Wurzburg.

THE new amphitheater of the New York State Fair has been named in honor of Henry Hiram Wing, for forty years professor of animal husbandry at Cornell University, in recognition of the distinguished service which he for many years gave to the dairy industry and the science of animal husbandry. At the ceremony of dedication, which took place on September 4, Owen D. Young made the presentation address and

Dr. Frank P. Graves, president of the University of the State of New York, who was master of ceremonies, unveiled a bronze plaque commemorating the occasion. Professor Wing spoke in acknowledgment.

ASSOCIATE CURATOR PAUL C. STANDLEY, of the department of botany of the Field Museum, Chicago, has been invited to act as vice-president of the section for taxonomy and nomenclature of the sixth International Botanical Congress, to be held at Amsterdam in September, 1935.

FOR the fourth consecutive year, Dr. Henry L. Banzhaf, dean of the Marquette University Dental School, has been chosen president of the Dental Educational Council of America. Dr. Banzhaf is a past president of the American Dental Association.

THE Earl of Malmesbury has been elected president of the Health Congress of the Royal Sanitary Institute, which is to be held at Bournemouth, England, from July 15 to 20, 1935.

THE retirement is announced of Professor Horatio Scott Carslaw, for thirty-two years professor of pure and applied mathematics at the University of Sydney.

DR. VERNON C. DAVID, since 1929 clinical professor