

from the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, the Illuminating Engineering Society, the Optical Society of America, the American Physical Society and the Bureau of Standards. E. C. Crittenden and C. H. Stickney were reelected, respectively, to the offices of president and secretary-treasurer of the United States Committee, as well as being reappointed United States members of the International Executive Committee, of which body Dr. C. H. Sharp, vice-president, is also a member.

The United States Committee reviewed the reports of its representatives on the twenty-seven technical committees and made plans for participation in the Berlin meetings. The United States secretariats manage three of these technical committees, namely: Factory and School Lighting, Aircraft Lighting and Lighting Education. In Factory and School Lighting, world-wide statistical surveys are being made on conservation of eyesight, special attention being given to the welfare of school children with defective vision. Because of the international character of aerial navigation, important standards for lighted signals are being set while the practices are still flexible. An English-French-German vocabulary of special terms is being established.

The commission is cooperating with the International Committee on Weights and Measures, an organization established under international treaty to which this country is a party. Progress is well under way to the establishment of a primary standard of light and toward the elimination of certain discrepancies in light measurement, which have proved embarrassing. The accurate measurement of the new gaseous tube electric illuminants, which is becoming more and more increasingly important, will also be considered.

These and many other vital questions are scheduled for discussion in Berlin, not the least of which are street and automobile lighting, in connection with which considerable differences of opinion exist in various countries.

The National Committee is endeavoring to secure a large attendance of American experts in order to insure an adequate expression of the view-points prevailing in this country.

GRANTS FOR RESEARCH AT WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY's interest in research, which has already brought endowments of more than \$100,000 for this work, has resulted in a special grant of \$9,500 by the trustees to supplement the endowment funds. The previously established endowments for research work include the Charles Himrod Denison Foundation for biological research of \$75,000 and the Atwater fund of \$30,000 to support research in chem-

istry. The position of a research associate in astronomy is also regularly maintained.

The grant for the current year is to be used for needs not supplied from these funds. A portion is allotted to secretarial service in various departments of the college, while \$1,000 is set aside as a travel fund to defray expenses incurred by members of the faculty in attending meetings of learned societies. The balance is given to aid special projects.

In the department of astronomy a grant is given Professor Slocum for employment of student computers in connection with the observatory program of study of stellar parallaxes. Professor Camp, of the department of mathematics, is given funds for special assistance in connection with mathematical problems which have been submitted by the research committee of the American Statistical Association. These are chiefly economic problems of which a statistical analysis is desired. A grant is given Professors Cady and Van Dyke of the department of physics for a research program on piezo-electricity and related problems. These investigations are of importance in the science of radio transmission. Assistant Professor Langlie of the department of psychology is given a grant for secretarial help in connection with his personnel work with Wesleyan students and his special studies on relation of learning and temperament.

COMSTOCK HALL AT CORNELL UNIVERSITY

ACCORDING to *The Cornell Alumni News*, Comstock Hall is now the official name of the building formerly occupied by the College of Home Economics of Cornell University, which now houses the department of entomology. It is named for the late Professors John Henry Comstock, '74, and Anna Botsford Comstock, '85. The *News* writes:

Professor Comstock it was who first worked out a system by which insects, like plants, might be identified and classified, based on the venation of their wings. His books and other writings, for the proper illustration of which Mrs. Comstock learned wood engraving, are still the standard authorities in the field. Most of the leading entomologists in the country have been his students as have those in the field of nature study followed the lead of Mrs. Comstock. Besides their unquestioned leadership in their chosen fields, Professor and Mrs. Comstock became, in their fifty years of residence at Cornell, among the best-loved members of the university community. Mrs. Comstock died on August 24, 1930, and Professor Comstock six months later, on March 20, 1931. The bulk of their estate was left to the university, including their interest in the Comstock Publishing Company, which they owned with Professor Simon H. Gage, '77. Their will provided also for the establishment of the Grove Karl Gilbert Student Loan Fund.