

members and delegates from institutions and societies in Sweden, France, Belgium, Denmark, Holland, Germany, the United States, Portugal, India and other countries. Congratulatory addresses were received from learned societies both abroad and at home, and there were expeditions to places of scientific interest. On the evening of May 26 a dinner was held at the Rembrandt Hotel, and on the following evening the president held a reception in the society's rooms in Burlington House.

In presenting the Linnean Medal to Sir D'Arcy Wentworth Thompson, the president said:

The Linnean Society, while maintaining the traditions associated with the great Swedish naturalist whose name it bore, had always welcomed to its fellowship the disciples of new schools. It seemed to the council especially fitting that at this one hundred and fiftieth anniversary meeting the highest honor in its gift should be conferred on a naturalist who, more than any other of our time, had shown himself to be at home in both the old and the new learning. Their founders, Sir James Smith and Bishop Goodenough, would have approved the ripe scholarship of Sir D'Arcy Thompson's "Glossary of Greek Birds" and of his translation of Aristotle's "Historia Animalium," which were in the eighteenth-century tradition no less distinctly than his "Growth and Form," already a classic on the shelves of the younger biologists, was in that of the twentieth.

Sir D'Arcy Thompson expressed his thanks.

The title of the presidential address of Mr. Ramsbottom was "Linneaus and the Species Concept." A symposium on "The Concept of Species from the Time of Linneaus to the Present Day" was held on May 25, which was taken part in by Sir Edward Poulton, Professor E. W. MacBride, emeritus professor of zoology of the Imperial College of Science, South Kensington, Professor O. Winge, of Copenhagen, and Dr. Karl Jordan, of the Tring Museum. A second symposium entitled "Geographical Isolation as a Factor in Species Formation" was held on May 27. The speakers included: Dr. Julian Huxley, secretary of the Zoological Society of London; Professor P. A. Buxton, of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine; Dr. E. Fischer-Piette, of the Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris; Professor B. Rensch, of Münster, and Professor Karl Skottsberg, of Göteborg.

At a formal meeting of fellows, John Ramsbottom was reelected *president*; I. Henry Burkill and M. A. C. Hinton, *secretaries*, and Francis Druce, *treasurer*.

THE OTTAWA MEETING

JUNE 27 TO JULY 2

THE preliminary announcement of the Ottawa meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science was published in the May 20 issue of SCIENCE. Although the prospects for a fine meeting were promising in May, they are now materially better. As the programs of the sections and of the affiliated

societies have taken final form they have aroused continually increasing interest and enthusiasm.

All the sections of the association, except that on mathematics, will present programs at Ottawa. Since the subsection on pharmacy will have independent sessions for presenting papers in its field, there will be fifteen sectional meetings. In addition, eighteen affiliated societies will meet in Ottawa. Perhaps the best measure of the magnitude of the meeting is the number of scientific sessions, of which eighty-one are scheduled and before which several hundred papers will be presented. These sessions are exclusive of numerous field trips and excursions, which on the whole are as truly contributory to science as are formal presentations of the results of investigations. The dinners and luncheons serve an equally useful purpose.

In the preliminary announcement emphasis was placed on the symposia, of which fourteen are scheduled. A number of the symposia, but not all of them, are sponsored jointly by two or more sections or societies. For example, the Section on Medical Sciences and the Section on Chemistry hold a joint symposium on "Medical Biochemistry." An illustration of a joint symposium exclusively by affiliated societies is that of the American Phytopathological Society and the American Society of Plant Physiologists on "Microelements and Deficiency Diseases." An example of a symposium presented under the joint auspices of a section and affiliated societies is that on "The Genetics of Pathogenic Organisms," which is participated in by the Section on Medical Sciences, the Genetics Society of America, the Phytopathological Society and veterinary and bacteriological groups.

All the symposia to be presented at Ottawa are listed in the preliminary announcement except that on "Atmospheric Ozone," which has been organized by Dr. Brian O'Brien, of the Section on Astronomy. Other speakers in this symposium, which will be held on Thursday morning, June 30, are Dr. B. Haurwitz, Dr. E. H. Gowan and Dr. Chaim Pekeris.

In addition to the fourteen symposia, a number of sections and societies will hold joint scientific sessions, as well as joint luncheons and dinners. There are fourteen such joint scientific sessions, including a few somewhat formal ones that are classed as symposia. As has often been pointed out, in these integrations of different fields the association is making one of its greatest contributions to science.

The distribution of formal sessions for the presentation of scientific papers is as follows: Monday, June 27, 14 sessions; Tuesday, 24 sessions; Wednesday, 30 sessions; Thursday, 13 sessions; Friday and Saturday will be devoted to field trips and excursions.

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