

the need for conservation wherever wilderness conditions remain. Mr. Torrey was a pioneer in locating and marking hiking trails in the eastern states. He also was responsible for placing large numbers of historical signs along the highways in the State of New York.

His friendly and kindly personality will be missed by many of his friends throughout the country. He was a man who believed firmly in his own convictions and who, in his last years, fought vigorously to prevent various agencies from despoiling our Eastern mountains with roads and other encroachments. He delighted in standing upon high places and looking toward far horizons and, better than this, he encouraged others to follow in his footsteps.

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RECENT DEATHS AND MEMORIALS

DR. ADDINELL HEWSON, professor emeritus of anatomy in the graduate school of medicine of the University of Pennsylvania and in the dental school of

Temple University, died on October 27. He was eighty-three years old.

SIR ROBERT LUDWIG MOND, British financier and industrialist, died on October 15 at the age of seventy-one years. Besides engaging in research in pure and applied chemistry, Sir Robert directed a series of explorations in Thebes, Palestine and Brittany.

DR. R. G. AITKEN writes that in his obituary notice of W. W. Campbell in the issue of *SCIENCE* for July 8, 1938, the date of his birth is given incorrectly. It should be April 11, 1862.

THE Cornell Society of Engineers has presented to the university a portrait of the late Rolla C. Carpenter, formerly professor of experimental engineering. It is painted by Professor Olaf M. Brauner and will be one of the group of portraits of distinguished members of the department to be hung in the renovated Sibley Dome. Professor Carpenter joined the faculty as associate professor of experimental engineering in 1890.

SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THE RICHMOND MEETING OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE

RECENT correspondence indicates that there may be fears respecting accommodations for the approaching meeting of the association in Richmond, Va., which are not fully justified.

There are two aspects of the question of accommodations for meetings of the association, that of convenient rooms for the scientific sessions and that of guest rooms for individuals. A careful survey last January showed that in Richmond there are 79 rooms (24 having a seating capacity of more than 200 each) available for scientific sessions, the total seating capacity being 17,800. These 79 rooms are located in four rather compact groups, and hence it has been possible to schedule all the sessions of closely related sciences near one another. The greatest distance in walking time between any two rooms in any of the four groups is four minutes, and the greatest distance between any two groups is one and one-half miles. Each of the 79 rooms can readily be equipped for the use of a stereopticon. Moreover, the space available for the use of microscopes and for the showing of biological specimens is unusually commodious and satisfactory. Consequently, the accommodations for the scientific sessions are adequate and conveniently located. In fact, few cities can provide so many good meeting rooms in so small an area.

When it comes to guest rooms for visiting scientists

the conditions are not so favorable, but they are far from being seriously unfavorable. In Richmond there are seven first-class and five second-class hotels, in addition to excellent rooms, each with a bath, in the dormitory of the Medical School, and there are other possibilities. It should be noted at once that the hotels in Richmond are doing everything within their power to provide the association and its affiliated societies with adequate accommodations. All the rooms for scientific sessions and for committee meetings are provided without charge. The rates for guest rooms in no case have been increased. Of course, the Richmond hotels, like those in all other cities, have rooms at various levels of prices depending on their size and furnishings. Naturally not every person can secure the minimum rate in the hotel he chooses. The Jefferson Hotel, which was built before the days of severe economies in space, has a considerable number of unusually large combination bedrooms and sitting rooms which, of course, are not available at minimum rates, but in which two or more friends can obtain excellent accommodations at a very moderate cost to each.

All the Richmond hotels are cooperating fully in providing the maximum capacity at the lowest possible cost to guests. In addition, there is a local committee on housing, of which the chairman is Mr. Foley F. Smith, A.B.C. Laboratory, Richmond, Va., to which every person having difficulties in securing accommodations should write, stating his requirements.