

mond, dean of engineering, the Pennsylvania State College, *vice-chairman*, representing the Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education; G. M. Butler, dean of engineering, University of Arizona, representing American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers; Ivan C. Crawford, dean of engineering, University of Kansas, representing the American Society of Civil Engineers; P. H. Daggett, dean of engineering, Rutgers University, representing the National Council of State Boards of Engineering Examiners; A. B. Newman, College of the City of New York, representing the American Institute of Chemical Engineers; A. A. Potter, dean of engineering, Purdue University, representing the American Society of Mechanical Engineers; D. B. Prentice, president of the Rose Polytechnic Institute, and J. R. Killian, Jr. of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Dean Potter has been chosen chairman of the 1939-40 committee. J. W. Barker, dean of engineering, Columbia University, succeeds Dean Hammond on the committee and E. L. Moreland, dean of engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, replaces Dr. Compton. President R. E. Doherty, of the Carnegie Institute of Technology, succeeds Dean Daggett on the committee.

THE FRANCIS AMORY SEPTENNIAL PRIZE OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

IN compliance with the provisions of the will of the late Francis Amory, The American Academy of Arts and Sciences, as trustee of a fund given by the testator, announces a prize to be known as "The Francis Amory Septennial Prize" to be awarded for conspicuously meritorious work performed during the immediately preceding septennial period, "through experiment, study or otherwise, in the treatment and cure of diseases and derangement of the human sexual generative organs in general, and more especially for the cure, prevention or relief of the retention of urine, cystitis, prostatitis, etc." While the donor wished especially to reward the discovery of any new method of treatment, he expressly authorized that the prize might be given to any author who might have contributed any theoretical or practical treatise of extraordinary or exceptional value and merit on the anatomy of said organs or the treatment of their diseases.

If there shall appear work of a quality to warrant it, the first award will be made in 1940. The total amount will exceed \$10,000, which may be divided at the discretion of the academy among several nominees. While formal nominations are not expected and no essays or treatises in direct competition for the prize are desired, the committee invites suggestions looking toward the wise performance of their duty. Communications on this subject should reach the committee not later than

May 15, 1940, and should be addressed in care of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 28 Newbury Street, Boston, Mass., U. S. A. The members of the committee on the Francis Amory Septennial Prize are: Dr. Roger I. Lee, *chairman*; Dr. Walter B. Cannon, Dr. David Cheever, Professor Leigh Hoadley, Dr. William C. Quinby, Dr. E. E. Tyzzer and Dr. Soma Weiss, secretary.

A ZOOLOGICAL EXPEDITION OF THE FIELD MUSEUM

A ZOOLOGICAL expedition of the Field Museum of Natural History, sponsored and personally led by Leon Mandel, of Chicago, will sail from Havana in January on Mr. Mandel's yacht *Buccaneer* for a cruise to out-of-the-way cays, islands and rocks in the Caribbean Sea. Birds, mammals and reptiles will be collected, and fishes and other marine creatures will be sought in the surrounding waters. The scientific staff of the expedition plans also to make ecological studies of several species in the exotic fauna of the tropic American region to be visited. This is the fourth expedition Mr. Mandel has conducted for the museum. Rudyerd Boulton, curator of birds, and D. Dwight Davis, assistant curator of anatomy and osteology, who will accompany the expedition, have left for Havana. Mr. Mandel will also take an active part in the collecting, and another collector will be Captain William Gray, of Palm Beach. Mr. Boulton will concentrate his efforts chiefly on birds, and Mr. Davis will specialize in reptiles. Both will also seek desirable specimens of mammals and of oceanographic material, and will assist Mr. Mandel and Captain Gray in the collecting of fishes. Other members of the party include Mrs. Mandel and her mother, Senora Elvira Panerai.

Included in the itinerary are such places as Swan Island, a small possession of the United States; the Bay Islands, which belong to the republic of Honduras; Glover's Reef, Half Moon Cay, Turneffe Cay, Chinchorro Bank, Cozumel Island, Holbox Island and the Triangles—three large rocks in the Gulf of Mexico. The ship will also call at the Mexican port of Progreso, at which time a trip inland will be made to Yucatan's famous Maya archeological site at Chichen Itza. The expedition is expected to complete its work and return to Havana about the middle of February.

Among the objectives of the expedition is the collection of various specimens needed for a new hall of fishes in preparation at the museum. Efforts will be made to harpoon a large devilfish, a species of ray known as manta, which has a fin spread of twelve feet or more in fully developed individuals. An especially equipped fishing launch will be used for work in waters not navigable by the larger vessel. Two-way radio-telephone communication will be maintained be-