

The annual business meeting and election of officers will be held on Wednesday morning. At this time the award of the Frank Nelson Cole Prize in Theory of Numbers will be announced, and the recipient will give a brief talk on the paper for which the prize is awarded. Following this, Professor Oscar Zariski will give an address entitled "Normal Varieties and Birational Correspondences."

The joint dinner (informal) for the four organizations will be held at the Hotel Bethlehem on Wednesday, December 31, at 8 P.M., followed by a New Year's Eve party which will continue until midnight, and will include a number of musical and entertainment features suitable to the occasion.

There will be a luncheon for members of Pi Mu Epsilon on Thursday.

THE DALLAS MEETING OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

THE American Association for the Advancement of Science and its Associated Societies meet next week at Dallas, Texas. A full preliminary announcement of the program by the permanent secretary, Dr. F. R. Moulton, will be found in the issues of *SCIENCE* for November 28 and December 5.

The Executive Committee of the Council meets on Sunday, December 28, and the council meets on the afternoon of Monday. The Academy Conference will be held on the adjournment of the council; the Secretaries Conference, beginning with a dinner, will be held on Wednesday. The annual Science Exhibition will be held in the Baker Hotel from Monday to Thursday, inclusive.

At the first general session of the association on Monday, Dr. Albert F. Blakeslee, of the Station of Experimental Evolution of the Carnegie Institution, will give the address of the retiring president entitled "Individuality and Science."

Three other general sessions will be held. On Tuesday, Dr. Edwin P. Hubble, astronomer of the Mt. Wilson Observatory of the Carnegie Institution, will give the annual lecture under the joint auspices of Sigma Xi and the association. On Wednesday evening at five o'clock the seventh annual Pi Kappa Phi lecture will be given by Dr. Rufus B. Von Klein Smid, president of the University of Southern California; the seventh Phi Beta Kappa address will be given in the evening by Dean Christian Gauss, of Princeton University.

During the week, each of the fifteen sections and the Sub-sections of Dentistry and Pharmacy will hold meetings addressed by the chairmen, who are vice-presidents of the association. There will be numerous meetings of thirty affiliated and associated societies.

The association had in 1900 about twelve hundred members. In that year *SCIENCE* was made the official journal, and the membership increased rapidly. When the association met in New Orleans in 1905 there were 4,321 members and 211 papers were read. There are now over 22,000 members. It is expected that at Dallas about fifteen hundred papers will be presented. In spite of war conditions it is hoped that the meeting will be of special interest and will demonstrate the fundamental importance of science for the national welfare.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

REAR ADMIRAL RICHARD E. BYRD has named a coastline area of the Antarctic Continent extending to a thousand miles "Hobbs Land" in honor of Professor William H. Hobbs, emeritus professor of geology at the University of Michigan. Hobbs Land includes the area formerly known as Ruppert Land, the Ruppert name having been given to a cape.

THE Edison Medal for 1941 has been awarded by the American Institute of Electrical Engineers to Dr. John Boswell Whitehead, director of the school of engineering of the Johns Hopkins University, "for his contributions to the field of electrical engineering, his pioneering and development in the field of dielectric research, and his achievements in the advancement of engineering education."

THE Institute for Aeronautical Sciences has awarded the Octave Chanute Award for 1941 to Melvin N. Gough, senior test pilot for the National Com-

mittee for Aeronautics Laboratories at Langley Field, Va., in recognition of "his fundamental aeronautical researches conducted on airplanes in actual flight."

SIR HENRY DALE, director of the National Institute for Medical Research, London, and president of the Royal Society, was presented with the Gold Medal of the Royal Society of Medicine at a recent meeting of the council. The medal is awarded every three years "for valuable contributions to the science and art of medicine."

DR. FRANCIS PEYTON ROUS, of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, has been elected an honorary fellow of Trinity Hall, Cambridge. Dr. Rous holds the honorary degree of Sc.D. from Cambridge and was Linares lecturer at the university in 1929.

DR. JOHN E. WEEKS, professor of ophthalmology emeritus, of the New York University College of Med-