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symposia. Volume 5 contains the list of registrants and a general account of the congress. Volume 6 will contain the six scientific plenary sessions and will be published by the Natural History Press, Central Park West at 79th Street, New York, New York.

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Paleontology

Advances in paleontological research and the republication of classic contributions to the field were reported at a meeting of the Paleontological Research Institution in Ithaca, New York, on 12 October.

The subject matter announced by K. V. W. Palmer, director of the institution, as having been published or in press in the serial publications of the institution (*Bulletins of American Paleontology* and *Palaeontographica Americana*) reflects a continuing interest in the problems of tertiary stratigraphy which first attracted the founder, Gilbert Dennison Harris. However, in recent years the institution has embarked on a program of republishing important references no longer readily obtainable. While some will be reprinted in their original form, such as Conrad's *Fossil Shells of the Tertiary Formation* (available in 1964), others are being reevaluated and modernized, such as K. V. W. Palmer's *Illustrations and Descriptions of Type Specimens of Marine Mollusca Described by P. P. Carpenter from the West Coast of Mexico and Panama* (in press).

The institution also compiles data covering wide geographic areas and a wide range of organisms. Research workers will soon have available the *Catalogue of Paleocene Mollusca of the Southern and Eastern U.S.A.* by K. V. W. Palmer and D. Brann, and *Late Cenozoic Pelecypods from Northern Venezuela* by N. E. Weisbord (both in press). Publications on organisms, from Foraminifera through Lycopods, indicate the breadth of the institution's activities in all areas of paleontology. Palmer noted that the total volume of publications had doubled during the last 3 years to sustain this activity. The number of manuscripts at hand point to further increases in volume in the near future.

In addition to activities pertinent to publication, the institution maintains and processes large collections of type

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material and literature—both of which are accessible to qualified and interested workers. It was reported that to date 18,907 entries of species of duplicate material have been catalogued and 1885 locality stations made. The institution also acts as the business office and distributor of publications for the Cushman Foundation for Foraminiferal Research.

Upon being granted its charter by the State of New York in 1932 the institution's declared purpose was to "increase and disseminate knowledge in the field of Invertebrate Paleontology and to collect and preserve type material for the promotion of paleontological research."

From a modest beginning its role has become international in scope. In anticipation of future needs, plans are under way for enlarging its physical facilities.

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Forthcoming Events

January

22-25. American Assoc. of **Physics Teachers**, New York, N.Y. (E. U. Condon, Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio)

23. Central Council for **Health Education**, annual conf., London, England. (Director, CCHE, Tavistock House, Tavistock Sq., London, W.C.1)

23-24. **Industrial Water and Waste Conf.**, Austin, Tex. (J. B. Maline, Jr., 305 Engineering Laboratories Bldg., Univ. of Texas, Austin 12)

25. **Industrial Hygiene and Air Pollution**, 8th conf., Austin, Tex. (J. O. Ledbetter, 305 Engineering Laboratories Bldg., Univ. of Texas, Austin 12)

27-30. Society of **Plastics Engineers**, 20th annual technical conf., Atlantic City, N.J. (J. J. McGraw, Natl. Vulcanized Fibre Co., Philadelphia, Pa.)

27-31. UNESCO, working party on **scientific translation and terminology**, Rome, Italy. (UNESCO, Place de Fontenoy, Paris 7)

28-30. **Entomological Soc. of America**, southeastern branch, Asheville, N.C. (W. C. Nettles, Clemson College, Clemson, S.C. 29631)

29-31. American **Meteorological Soc.**, 44th annual, Los Angeles, Calif. (A. Court, 17168 Septo St., Northridge, Calif.)

29-1. Southwestern Federation of **Geological Societies**, 6th annual, Midland, Tex. (W. E. Wadsworth, AAPG, 1444 S. Boulder, P.O. Box 979, Tulsa 1, Okla.)

29-1. Western Soc. for **Clinical Research**, 17th annual, Carmel-by-the-Sea, Calif. (H. R. Warner, Latter-Day Saints Hospital, 325 Eighth Ave., Salt Lake City, Utah)

30-31. Spontaneous and Experimental **Comparative Atherosclerosis**, conf., Bev-