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RESEARCH SEMINARS AT THE MARINE BIOLOGICAL LABORATORY. SEASON OF 1905.

July 11. Dr. A. J. Carlson, 'Conduction in Nerves.'

July 13. Dr. A. P. Mathews, 'Precipitation of Colloids by Electrolytes.'

July 18. Dr. L. L. Woodruff, 'Life-Histories of Hypotrichous Ciliates.'

July 20. Dr. W. H. Lewis, 'Experiments on Correlative Embryology.'

July 25. Dr. Torald Sollmann, 'Filtration Phenomena in Dead Kidneys.'

July 28. Dr. C. W. Hargitt, 'Variations in the Genus *Aurelia*.'

August 2. Dr. H. S. Jennings, 'Behavior of Sea Anemones.'

August 8. Dr. O. C. Glaser, 'Amitosis in *Fasciolaria* Embryos'; 'Origin of Nettle Cells in Nudibranchs.'

August 10. Dr. Leo Loeb, 'The Growth of Tumors.'

August 15. Dr. E. P. Lyon, 'Geotropism in *Paramoecium*.'

August 17. Dr. E. G. Spaulding, 'Experimental Determination of Energy in the Segmentation of the Sea-Urchin's Egg.'

August 22. Mr. J. F. McClendon, 'Some Effects of Pressure on the Segmentation of the Eggs of Copepods.'

Dr. Louis Murbach, 'Marginal Bodies of *Gonionemus*.'

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THE NEW ORLEANS MEETING OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE.

THE permanent secretary of the association has received a certain number of letters from members who seem to have gained the impression that there is some doubt about the desirability of holding the meeting as announced in the city of New Orleans on account of the fact that there have been a num-

ber of cases of yellow fever in that city during the past few months. The permanent secretary has consulted members of the committee on the policy of the association and some of the leading members of the council and finds that the consensus of opinion is that the meeting should be held in New Orleans and that no change of plan should be considered. He has further corresponded with prominent yellow fever experts and sanitarians and has consulted the wishes of the people of New Orleans and the result is that it seems beyond all possible question that a meeting during convocation week in that city will be as safe as in any other city in the United States.

Surgeon-General Walter Wyman, of the Public Health and Marine Hospital Service, who has charge of the situation in New Orleans, assures the permanent secretary that there will not be the slightest danger in holding the meeting in New Orleans at the time specified. Such a thing as a case of yellow fever at that time is unprecedented and long before that time the last case will have received its final treatment.

Ex-Surgeon-General Sternberg, U. S. Army, a notable yellow fever expert, writes the permanent secretary under date of October 7, that the history of the prevalence of yellow fever in New Orleans makes it appear certain that there will be no danger to any one visiting that city at the time of the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, December 28, 1905.

President Craighead, of Tulane University, and the secretaries of the New Orleans Progressive Union, Board of Trade, Stock Exchange, Sugar and Rice Exchange, have all written letters voicing the same opinion and with enthusiastic cordiality renewing the invitation to the association to hold its meeting in New Orleans. It would have been a sore

disappointment to the people of New Orleans had the association expressed any strong doubt of the fulfillment of its promise to meet in that city.

Dr. J. H. White, in charge of the Public Health and Marine Hospital Service in New Orleans, states that it would be perfectly safe for the association to meet in New Orleans long prior to December 29.

The secretary of the New Orleans board of trade writes that the hospitality of the city will not in the least suffer from the occurrence of yellow fever during the summer, which has not been a strain on the financial resources of the community, since there was only a slight interruption in the free movement of business. He further makes the significant remark, under date of September 19:

The advancement of science has taught our citizens a lesson how to guard against a recurrence of yellow fever and there is to-day less danger from that disease than from typhoid fever which at this time prevails in many eastern cities to an alarming extent.

He further says:

The association could not meet in a city more hospitable, nor in a climate more salubrious and environments more pleasing. \* \* \* The entertainments to be given will not be lacking in that enthusiasm and warmth for which our city is famous all over the United States. \* \* \* The association will find that the outbreak of yellow fever has neither made us too poor, nor too sorrowful, to give a rousing reception to the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

A letter received September 25, from a prominent state scientific official, residing in Shreveport, who has recently gone to the state of Louisiana and is, therefore, not influenced by local pride, writes to the permanent secretary as a member of the association, expressing the opinion that not the slightest risk will

be incurred by any member of the association and that the meeting could in fact be held in New Orleans at the date of writing (September 25) and the visitors would be in no more danger of contracting yellow fever than they would be in contracting smallpox in Chicago or typhoid fever in Washington or Philadelphia.

On the basis of these opinions and on the strength of his own opinion (and he has for some years been making a special study of the yellow fever mosquito) and by the advice of a majority of the committee on policy, the permanent secretary is now making arrangements for the meeting and will as soon as possible issue the preliminary announcement. The local arrangements have been delayed, but President Craighead, of Tulane University, has now returned to New Orleans and the committees will soon be appointed, so that the necessary details may be completed. An effort is being made to secure a one-fare rate for the round trip and the result of these negotiations as well as other facts will be published as soon as possible.

#### SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS.

THE exercises in connection with the installation of Dr. Edmund J. James, as president of the University of Illinois, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of last week, took place in accordance with the program already printed here, in the presence of a large assemblage of delegates from foreign and American universities. We hope to print in a subsequent issue the inaugural address of President James. Among the honorary degrees conferred were the following: Doctor of laws, Professor Thomas F. Holgate, acting-president of Northwestern University, and John B. Murphy, M.D., Chicago; doctor of science, Professor T. C. Chamberlin, of the University of Chicago; doctor of engineering, Octave Chanute, Chicago, and F. E. Turneure, University of Wisconsin; doctor of

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