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THE PHILADELPHIA MEETING OF THE SOCIETY

It is by no means too early for members who expect to attend the mid-winter meeting, Dec. 30-Jan. 1, to be getting into shape any papers they have to present. This meeting will, as usual, be held in conjunction with the annual convocation of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. The accessibility of Philadelphia should make possible a large attendance of our members. Hotel Pennsylvania will be our headquarters.

Preparation of the scientific program will be greatly facilitated if each author will consider it his duty to send to the Secretary or to the Editor *as soon as possible* the title of his contribution, the time necessary for presenting it (this is best determined by reading it aloud, in seclusion), together with a note as to whether lantern slides or other illustrative material will be presented. We hope to announce hours and places of meeting in the November BULLETIN. The complete program will be printed in the issue for December. A symposium on "Greenland," jointly with the Association of American Geographers will be held the afternoon of December 30.

LIGHTNING AND FOREST FIRES IN THE NORTHERN ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION

In the July, 1926, issue of the *Monthly Weather Review*, Mr. H. T. Gisborne, Associate Silviculturist at the Northern Rocky Mountain Forest Experiment Station, contributes a very valuable paper on the above subject. The following author's summary of the paper is of especial importance in view of the unusually disastrous fire season of 1926 in the western mountains, a note on which, communicated by the Forest Service, was printed in the last issue of this BULLETIN. The Chief of the Office of Forest Experiment Stations, Mr. E. N. Munns, has aptly described the situation by saying that "lightning storms have sprayed the entire west with a tremendous number of fires, and in the Northern Rocky Mountain region particularly these have been exceptionally destructive."