

be an active and distinctly beneficial biology teacher's association here in the southeastern section of South Dakota. While this association is still in its infancy, several meetings have been held and plans have been completed for another meeting in February.

The idea to form our association originated at our last science round table meeting in connection with the South Dakota Educational Association district convention. At this meeting, H. E. Thurston, Washington High School, Sioux Falls, gave a talk on "The Possibilities of a Biology Association." Considerable interest was aroused and he was elected temporary chairman in charge of the first organization meeting.

The first meeting was held in Sioux Falls, Saturday, December 2nd. Ten schools in all were represented. Of this number, five were colleges and five were high schools. The morning was spent in making a tour of the Morrell Packing Plant, one of the largest industrial plants in this section of the country. In the afternoon a paper on "Endocrine Glands" was presented by W. D. Duncan, of Sioux Falls. In his talk he discussed the location, secretions, proper functioning, and value of the endocrine glands to the human body. Another interesting part of the talk consisted of the naming of commercial endocrine products that are on the market and their real value. A business meeting was held at the close of the afternoon session at which time the organization of our association was completed.

Several rather unusual practices were followed in organizing our association. First of all we decided to elect a new chairman and choose a new meeting place for each successive meeting. It is felt that the different towns that we meet in will each have bureaus and institutions that we can become better acquainted with. The bureaus and in-

stitutions that we will visit will all be closely associated with our biological studies. The new chairman that is elected for each meeting will be selected from the town where the meeting is to be held. The advantage of this is in the familiarity of the local chairman with the opportunities offered by each particular community. H. I. Maggrett, Washington High School, Sioux Falls, was elected secretary so that all association correspondence during the year could be sent to one address.

The next meeting will be held in Vermillion in February with Dr. H. C. Eyster, head of the botany department at the University of South Dakota, in charge of the meeting.

H. I. MAGGRETT

THE 1940 CHICAGO BIOLOGY ROUND TABLE PROGRAM

The *Chicago Biology Round Table* supplemented its regular January 12 meeting with a memorial to the late Dr. Henry Chandler Cowles, professor of botany of The University of Chicago. This was led by Dr. E. E. Sherff, of Chicago Teachers College, who spoke on "Dr. Cowles as a Man." Dr. Helen Dixon, of Tuley High School, spoke on "Dr. Cowles as a Teacher and Leader." Miss Genevieve Monsch, of Morgan Park High School, presented a bronze plaque to Dr. George D. Fuller, as representative of the Botany Department of The University of Chicago, in memory of Dr. Cowles.

Dr. Paul Voth of the Botany Department of The University of Chicago, lectured to the group on his experiences at the Station for Biological Research, Barro Colorado Island, Canal Zone. His lecture was illustrated with stereopticon slides, tables, and charts.

The February 16 meeting will be devoted to a lecture by Frank Kirby,

Educational Director of Abbott Laboratories of North Chicago. The title of his lecture will be "Catching Vitamins on Fishhooks." He will present the latest developments in the study and application of vitamins.

The March 8 meeting will be in charge of our own members. Miss Bessie Bell, of Morgan Park High School, and Miss Ruth Conner, of Englewood High School, will submit a report of a survey of the present status of biology in Chicago high schools. Mr. I. P. Daniel will lead a panel discussion on "What Should be the Content of the Biology Course in Chicago?"

In May a field trip will be taken into the dunes area. The leader will be Dr. O. D. Frank, of The University of Chicago.

The June meeting will be the regular annual business meeting.

M. C. LICHTENWALTER

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The following nominations have been made for the offices of The National Association of Biology Teachers by the Election Committee, Mr. M. C. Lichtenwalter, Chairman. An official ballot will be mailed to you on February the fourteenth.

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