

BRITISH SCIENTISTS TO MEET IN TORONTO

Preparations are going rapidly forward for the August meeting in Toronto of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, which will be one of the most notable gatherings of English-speaking scientists ever convened on the American continent. More than 400 British scientists and many scientists from the United States and other countries will attend.

Among these will be many whose lives and works are world famous. The retiring president, Sir Ernest Rutherford, who did much of the pioneer work on radio-activity, will turn over his office to Major General Sir David Bruce, chairman of the governing body of the Lister Institute, famous for his work on Malta fever and sleeping sickness. Lord Rayleigh will deliver an address on "The scattering of Light".

"If the World Went Dry" is the somewhat startling title of a paper to be delivered by Sir Napier Shaw. The title is presumably to be interpreted in a strictly literal sense, since Sir Napier is a distinguished meteorologist and president of the International Meteorological Committee. Another topic of popular interest will be "The Sense of Humour in Children" which will be discussed by Dr. C. W. Kimmins, chief inspector of the Education Department of the London County Council.

Popular lectures for children will be a feature of the meeting, three of them being on the program. A series of evening lectures of popular appeal will also be given by some of the distinguished scientists. The regular program will consist of a large number of technical papers to be delivered before the appropriate sections of the Association. Some of these papers are expected to disclose new advances in science of the utmost importance.

The inaugural general meeting will take place in the convocation hall of the University of Toronto on Wednesday, August 6, at which Major General Sir David Bruce will deliver his presidential address on "Advances Made in the Knowledge of Disease, with Especial Reference to Methods Developed During the War". The convention will continue through August 13.

MEDICAL ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT CRITICIZES MODERN CODDLING OF WEAK

A strong plea for more individualism in medicine, and a general criticism of the coddling of the weak by modern civilization were features of the inaugural address of Dr. William A. Pusey of Chicago, newly elected president of the American Medical Association.

Dr. Pusey attacked the Sheppard-Towner Maternity act and commended President Coolidge for his "wise statesmanship in taking a definite stand against federal support of a wide range of socialized activities". He characterized the Sheppard-Towner act as "an expedient to meet temporary difficulties" and warned his hearers to "treat it with prudent foresight if America does not want the medical socialism of the middle classes in Europe". Stating the avowed purpose of the act was to save lives of mothers and children, Dr. Pusey declared that in view of the imminent overpopulation of the earth, limitation of population rather than increase is the logical social ideal, He said: