

## SOUTH-EASTERN UNION CONGRESS (1936)

THE forty-first Annual Congress of the South-Eastern Union of Scientific Societies was held at Oxford, from Tuesday, 30th June, to Saturday, 4th July, 1936, the usual period of three days having been extended to four.

The retiring President was Sir Albert C. Seward, M.A., etc., of Cambridge, the President-elect being Professor G. D. Hale Carpenter, D.M., F.R.E.S., Professor of Zoology, Oxford.

A long list of patrons was secured, including the Vice-Chancellor of the University; also an Executive Committee with Mr. P. S. Spokes as Hon. Secretary. Thanks to that Committee, especially to Mr. Spokes, an attractive programme was drawn up; the meetings and excursions were consequently well attended. In addition, local guides were provided to conduct members, at intervals, to various colleges and institutions.

Rhodes House, the University Museum, and the Schools of Forestry and Geography were utilised for meetings and lectures; while board and lodging was provided at St. Peter's Hall. Mr. G. J. B. Fox attended to represent the Council of the London and Middlesex Archaeological Society.

Business commenced on Tuesday with an informal assembly at Rhodes House in the morning; in the afternoon some of the colleges were visited; in the evening Professor Carpenter gave his Presidential address on "Charles Darwin and Entomology."

On Wednesday the Archaeological Section held its business meeting at the University Museum; the reports from the Hon. Secretary and the Hon. Treasurer were

read and approved; Officers and Committee were elected; Lieut.-Col. Karslake, F.S.A. gave his Presidential address on "Silchester," the capital of the Belgic tribe of Atrebates, not a Roman camp; this was followed by a paper by Mr. C. A. R. Radford, F.S.A. on "The Roman Villa Site at Ditchley, Oxon."; both papers were fully illustrated by lantern slides. The Botanical Section held its business meeting at the School of Forestry.

In the afternoon the Archaeological Section visited Ewelme Church, Dorchester Abbey, the Dyke Hills, the Town Ditch and Bank. Excursions were also made by the Botanical and Zoological Sections.

In the evening the Mayor of Abingdon held a reception at Abingdon, when the plate and archives were exhibited.

On Thursday morning the Geological Section, at the University Museum, held its business meeting; after which papers were read. Visits were made to the Bodleian and other University institutions.

In the afternoon the Archaeological Section visited Shorthampton Church, where the wall paintings were described; Lynham Long Barrow and Burford Church; but owing to lack of time the church and manor house at Minster Lovell had to be omitted. The Botanical, Zoological and Geological Sections also made excursions.

In the evening Professor and Mrs. Hale Carpenter gave an informal reception in Rhodes House.

On Friday morning the Regional Survey Section and the Zoological Section held their business meetings. The Master of Wadham College conducted a party of members round the college garden, which contains some notable trees. Visits were paid also to the Sheldonian Theatre.

In the afternoon excursions were made by the Botanical and Zoological Sections, while the Regional Survey Section visited various Cotswold villages (Witney, Burford and Fairford).

In the evening, in Rhodes House, Dr. F. W. Edwards, of the Natural History Museum, South Kensington, gave a lantern lecture on "A Visit to Ruwenzori" (The Mountains of the Moon).

On Saturday morning a fully attended meeting of representatives of the various Societies forming the Union was held at Rhodes House. The main business consisted of receiving various reports; election of a President for 1937, Vice-Presidents, and Members of the Council; an invitation to hold a Congress at Hastings next year was accepted. As Mr. E. A. Martin resigns the office of Hon. General Secretary, the appointment of Mr. Fishlock, of Reading, in that capacity, was agreed to.

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