

## SPRING MEETING

The Spring Meeting of the Tennessee Academy of Science for the year 1929 will be held in Memphis, April 26 and 27. Hotel Peabody has been chosen as Convention Headquarters and the sessions will be held in this hotel. Hotel Peabody has every facility for handling conventions, including projection apparatus.

Any member who is preparing or has already prepared a paper which might be used at the meeting, or be published in the JOURNAL, is requested to send an abstract of it to Dr. A. Richard Bliss, Jr., Room 211-P, 874 Union Avenue, Memphis, Tenn., who will select from the papers offered such as may seem most suitable for the program. Writers should state time required for reading the paper or presenting it in substance orally and whether a lantern would be required.

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## THE BARNARD ASTRONOMICAL CLUB

Popular interest in astronomy is shown by the organization in various parts of the country of groups of amateurs and laymen who meet to discuss astronomical subjects and, by obtaining access to a telescope, to become acquainted with the aspect of celestial objects. There are numbers of such groups on the Pacific Coast, one at Miami, Florida—the Southern Cross Observatory—and several in the East. Recently a similar club was organized in Nashville, Tennessee, formerly the home of the late Edward Emmerson Barnard, distinguished astronomer. In honor of Dr. Barnard the club has chosen to be called the "Barnard Astronomical Club."

Through the courtesy of Professor James McClure and other members of the faculty of Vanderbilt University, the 6-inch refractor of the observatory has been made accessible to the club during its meetings.

A list of members is given as follows: Mr. Latimer J. Wilson, Prof. James McClure, Prof. W. H. Schuerman, Dr. J. T. McGill, Mr. J. F. Sturtevant, Mrs. A. Loveman, Mr. Robert S. Henry, Miss Elizabeth F. Price, Miss Margaret A. McIntyre, Mr. Norman McEwen, Mrs. H. A. Robinson, Mr. T. J. Crawford, Mr. Carl P. Schafer, Mrs. F. C. Lasky, Mr. James A. Dale, Mr. Herman Cooke, Mr. J. B. Slaughter, Dr. R. C. Derivaux, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Williams, Dr. Henry L. Douglass, Mr. Alfred Price. Mrs. Roberta Dillon Lyne is president.

The club meets once a month. Its programs have been of diversified interest.