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Comment

WE BELIEVE that every reader of the BUL-
 LETIN will be interested in the report of the
 Prague International Management Congress
 on page 195 of this issue. Among the American dele-
 gates were several who had attended many and im-
 portant world conferences, and they testified unani-
 mously that no conference of their experience had
 surpassed it in excellence of organization and man-
 agement, and in seriousness of purpose. The Con-
 gress was a revelation to the American delegates of
 the perspicacity and energy of the Czech people and
 of the extent to which the ideal of scientific man-
 agement has seized the world.

ATTENTION is called to the program of the
 December meeting on page 202. The fea-
 ture of this meeting is that almost every ses-
 sion is a cooperative session. The sessions of the
 first day are a joint offering of the Management
 Division of the A. S. M. E. and the Taylor Society.
 The unique feature of these sessions will be a re-
 examination of Taylor's "Shop Management," the
 first comprehensive statement (1903) of scientific
 management, and a presentation and discussion of
 George Babcock's "Production Control," presented at
 the Prague International Management Congress and
 one of the best recent statements of scientific man-
 agement. For the first time the younger members
 will have sessions of their own planning. The ses-
 sion on industrial psychology, organized and presented
 by professional psychologists, will mark the begin-
 ning of what is expected to be a continuing co-
 operation between the psychologists and the Taylor
 Society. There has also been arranged special ses-
 sions for teachers of management to whom the Taylor
 Society has offered facilities for programs planned
 by them to meet their particular needs. The session
 on sales will present an analytic method of determin-
 ing sales policy, a method simple and inexpensive and
 suitable for moderate sized enterprises.

IN THIS issue is published a unique document, the
 Instructions of Procedure of the Division of
 Simplified Practice, Bureau of Standards, Depart-
 ment of Commerce. In the editorial introduction
 it is stated that the reason for its publication is that
 it is a definite contribution to conference procedure
 and is of high suggestive value for many of our mem-
 bers. If few societies which hold meetings periodi-
 cally have a standard practice for the organization
 and conduct of meetings, it is hardly to be expected
 that a group interested in occasional meetings only
 would have such a standard practice. It should be
 of interest to executives responsible for meetings of
 department heads or for meetings of salesmen, and
 should inspire the formulation of similar sets of in-
 structions. There is, however, another reason for its
 publication in this issue which precedes the annual
 meeting in December. C. L. Barnum, who worked
 out the instructions, attacked his problem in
 accordance with a very definite technique developed
 by John H. Williams. Some fifteen years ago, Mr.
 Williams was convinced by experience that the only
 way properly to relate management methods, and to
 formulate them in terms of instructions, is to utilize
 a technique of visualization, much as the engineer