

A JOINT meeting of the Philadelphia County Medical Society, and the Pennsylvania Society for the Prevention of Tuberculosis will be held at the New Century Club on Wednesday, January 10th. Prominent speakers, both medical and lay, will take part in the discussion. Among the speakers are Dr. Otis, of Boston, Dr. Osler, of Baltimore, and Judge Ashman, of Philadelphia.

THE post of assistant physician in the government Hospital for the Insane with a salary of \$1200 will be filled by Civil Service examination on February 6th and 7th.

THE Göttingen Academy of Sciences offers a prize of 1000 Marks for a mathematical paper to be submitted before the first of February 1901. The details can be obtained by addressing the Secretary.

THE world at large, and even many of those who are interested in the history of mechanical engineering, says the *Scientific American*, do not know that the body of the great engineer, Robert Fulton, lies in Trinity churchyard in New York City, being interred in the Livingston family vault. There is no mark or inscription to indicate its resting place. In view of the epoch making character of the work of Fulton, and of his eminence as an engineer, and of his indomitable perseverance in the development of steam navigation in the face of the greatest obstacles, it has been deemed desirable that his tomb should be marked by a suitable monument. The Council of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers had the matter brought to its attention at the Washington meeting last May. The idea was warmly welcomed, and a committee was appointed to investigate the proper method of accomplishing the suitable marking of the grave. The committee has found its efforts heartily met both by the Trinity corporation and by members of the Fulton family. The Society has been assured that a suitable place will be provided in Trinity churchyard for such a monument as may be erected, and that the remains of Fulton will be removed to such a place when the monument is ready. The Society possesses a number of memorials of Robert Fulton, including furniture, his portrait by his own hand, draw-

ings, autograph letters, and other personal relics. Indeed, it may be said that the Society is Fulton's literary heir. In view of this fact, the action of the Society is most dignified and fitting. A subscription is now being raised by it, and there is little question but that sufficient funds will be obtained to erect a most admirable memorial to mark the place where lies the body of one of the earliest and greatest of American engineers.

It is poetic justice that Fulton should continue to rest in the spot where he was interred. At the front of the quaint old burying ground run the cable cars, at the rear the electric cars and the elevated road, and at the foot of Rector Street, the other boundary, two of the fastest vessels on the bay make their landings. Almost across the street is one of the tallest buildings which has ever been erected, and Wall Street commences directly in front of the burying ground. What more fitting spot could be obtained for the resting place of one whose activities contributed in so large a degree to the progress which is so much in evidence immediately around the historic old church?

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

THE University of Pennsylvania has received a gift of \$250,000 from the estate of the late H. H. Houston, formerly a trustee and a generous benefactor of the University. Fifty thousand dollars is to be used for the dormitory system; the remaining \$200,000 for such purposes as the trustees may desire.

PLANS have been filed for a new building for the Horace Mann School, the model school of Teachers College, Columbia University. The estimated cost is \$350,000; the building will occupy the block on Broadway between 120th and 121st Street, adjoining the College.

O. H. INGHAM, of La Crosse, Wis., has given \$15,000 toward the building of a new school of science for Ripon (Wis.) College.

THE new laboratories for bacteriology and pathological research at Mason University College, Birmingham, were opened on Wednesday, December 6th. Dr. E. Rickards gave £1,000 toward the equipment.