

*SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS.*

THE degree of Doctor of Science, established last summer by Oxford University, will soon be conferred in ordinary course for the first time. Those to whom it is to be granted are Professors E. B. Poulton, W. F. R. Weldon, H. A. Miers, A. E. H. Love and H. Turner; Mr. W. Hatchett Jackson, Radcliffe Librarian and the re-writer of Rolleston's *Forms of Animal Life*; Mr. F. A. Bather, of the British Museum (Natural History), and H. W. L. Tanner, professor in the University of South Wales.

PRESIDENT ELIOT, of Harvard University, having been detained at Cambridge during the summer, has now been given leave of absence and has sailed for Europe. During his absence the duties of president will be performed by Dr. Henry P. Walcott, a member of the Corporation and chairman of the Massachusetts State Board of Health. Dr. Walcott graduated from Harvard in 1858 and received the M.D. from Bowdoin in 1861.

PROFESSOR BENJAMIN O. PEIRCE, of Harvard University, has been given a year's leave of absence and has sailed for Europe.

WE regret to learn that Professor John P. Marshall, emeritus Pearson professor of geology at Tufts College, is seriously ill.

PROFESSOR LOUIS DYER, of Oxford, is at present in the United States, having been invited by Mrs. Phoebe Hearst to give a course of eight lectures at the University of California. His subject is 'Mycenæan Greek Art,' and the lectures will be delivered from the 1st to the 9th of November.

THE Hughlings-Jackson Lecture of the Neurological Society of London for 1900 was delivered by Dr. Eduard Hitzig, professor of psychiatry and nervous diseases at Halle, on November 29th. Professor Hitzig took as his subject, 'Hughlings-Jackson and the Cortical Motor Centers in the Light of Physiological Research.' This triennial lectureship was founded by the Neurological Society in honor of Dr. Hughlings-Jackson, its first President, who three years ago delivered the first lecture.

THE annual course of Christmas lectures,

specially adapted to young people, at the Royal Institution will be delivered by Sir Robert Ball, F.R.S., Lowndean professor of astronomy in the University of Cambridge, whose subject is 'Great Chapters in the Book of Nature.' The first lecture will take place on December 27th, and the remaining lectures will be delivered on December 29, 1900, and on January 1, 3, 5 and 8, 1901.

PROFESSOR MACALISTER, M.D., has been elected president, and Professor Woodhead, M.D., W. H. R. Rivers, M.D., and G. Elliot Smith, M.D., have been elected fellows, of the Philosophical Society of Cambridge University.

THE sum of £200 has been granted from the Craven Fund of Oxford University to Mr. Grenfell and Mr. Hunt for expenses of a journey to Egypt in search of papyri.

MR. A. J. DREXEL BIDDLE, of Philadelphia, has been elected a fellow of the Royal Meteorological Society of Great Britain.

DR. EDWARD D. JONES, of the School of Economics of the University of Wisconsin, received a grand prize at the Paris Exposition for an exhibit of charts and monographs dealing with the resources and industries of the United States.

THE King of Denmark has forwarded to Lieutenant Amdrup for his recent exploration of the hitherto unknown east Greenland coasts the 'gold medal for brilliant service.'

WE regret to record the death, at the age of 69 years, of Dr. Eugène Janssen, member of the Superior Council of Hygiene and of the Belgian Royal Academy of Medicine, well-known for his work in hygiene.

WE have already described the plans for the erection of a building at Berlin for the German Chemical Society and as a center for chemical science. The first step was taken on the occasion of Professor A. W. Hofmann's seventieth birthday in 1888, and the work was continued after his death in 1892. The building called the Hofmannhaus was formally opened on October 20th.

A PARTY from the United States Geodetic and Coast Survey has sailed for Manila to chart the Philippine Archipelago.

THE chemical library of the late Professor Bunsen is now offered for sale at Leipzig.

THE eleventh annual meeting of the American Morphological Society will be held at the Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md., December 27 and 28, 1900, under the presidency of Professor T. H. Morgan. The first session will begin Thursday, December 27th, at 9:30 A. M. Other sessions will be held on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning. The titles of papers and lists of exhibits should be in the hands of the Secretary, Professor J. S. Kingsley, Tufts College, Mass., not later than December 10th; any title received after December 23d will be admitted only by special vote of the executive committee. The suggestion has been made that the Society have an informal meeting on Wednesday evening which shall be of a social character and in some respects similar to the gatherings of the Physiological Society. If sufficient encouragement is received arrangements will be made for such a meeting of the Morphological Society.

THE first annual meeting of the Illinois State Electric Association will be held at the University of Illinois, November 27, 1900. The Association was organized at Springfield, Ill., on April 24, 1900, and represents in its membership the leading electric light and power industries of the State.

PARTICULARS concerning the Ludwick Institute courses of free lectures on the natural sciences and their applications at the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia for the season 1900-1901 have been announced. The program is as follows:

Course I. 'Geographical Distribution of Animals.' Dr. Henry A. Pilsbry.

Course II. 'Entomology.' Dr. Henry Skinner.

Course III. 'Physiology and Hygiene.' Dr. Seneca Egbert.

Course IV. 'The Bird Life of Philadelphia and Vicinity.' Witmer Stone.

Course V. 'Metamorphism, as exemplified in the rocks of the Philadelphia Region.' Dr. Amos P. Brown.

Course VI. 'Influence of the Environment on Animal Life.' Dr. Benjamin Sharp.

Course VII. 'Botany.' Stewardson Brown.

Course VIII. 'The Survival of the Fittest Animals.' Dr. Philip P. Calvert.

Each course consists of five lectures which are delivered on Monday and Thursday evenings at 8 o'clock. Free season tickets can be obtained at the Academy from any of the lecturers or from Mr. A. C. Ashmead, 11th and Walnut Sts., Philadelphia.

THE annual report of the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons of England has recently been issued. According to the account in the London *Times*, it contains for the first time a list of honorary fellows. The list includes the names of the Prince of Wales, Lord Salisbury and Lord Rosebury, and of 35 eminent surgeons from all parts of the world. There are 1,221 fellows of the College and 17,510 members, being considerably over half of the number of names contained in the Medical Register for 1900.

AT the fourteenth ordinary general meeting of the Egypt Exploration Fund on November 7th, Professor Flinders Petrie spoke of the new knowledge of ancient Egyptian civilization which had resulted from the explorations supported by the Society. The treasurer reported that about thirteen thousand dollars was spent in 1899-1900.

AN international association for the furtherance of the exploration of Central Asia is being formed at St. Petersburg.

THE *Antarctic*, the ship used by the Danish Lieutenant Amdrup during his recent successful East Greenland exploration expedition, has been bought by Dr. Otto Nordenskjöld, for his proposed South Polar expedition. The *Antarctic* once before visited the South Polar regions and is the same ship that Professor Nathorst used in two Antarctic expeditions.

THE French War Department has appropriated \$80,000 for secret experiments on wireless telegraphy with a view to perfecting its applications in war.

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#### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

THE hall of Natural History of Trinity College will be formally opened on the afternoon of Friday, December 7th. Addresses will be given in Alumni Hall by Professor H. F. Osborn, of Columbia University, on 'The Prog-