

numerous paleontological and geological contributions of eminent merit, notable among which are a series of monumental works on the Cambrian System of North America: for these distinguished contributions, and for signal ability displayed in the administration of the scientific and educational interests committed to your charge, by the authority of the Board of Trustees of the University of Chicago, upon the nomination of the University Senate, I confer upon you the degree of Doctor of Laws of this University, with all the rights and privileges appertaining thereunto.

*Edmund Beecher Wilson,*

Professor of Zoology in Columbia University, zoologist and worker in the field of biology, teacher and leader of many young investigators, writer of standard text-books in general biology and of numerous philosophical essays and classical memoirs on zoology; author of a masterpiece of research and presentation, 'The Cell in Development and Inheritance,' which embodies the writer's original contributions in embryology and cytology, as well as the results reached by other workers in these fields—for these eminent services in science, especially for the work last named, by the authority of the Board of Trustees of the University of Chicago, upon the nomination of the University Senate, I confer upon you the degree of Doctor of Laws of this University, with all the rights and privileges appertaining thereunto.

#### THE AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

THE American Philosophical Society, at its meeting on May 17, adopted the following resolution:

*Whereas*, The American Philosophical Society is and always has been a society of national scope, whose place of meeting was originally fixed at Philadelphia for reasons of convenience now less potent than formerly; and

*Whereas*, The growth and wide extent of our country and the multiplication of local societies tends to keep from our regular meetings those members who do not reside within a short distance of Philadelphia; and

*Whereas*, It is desirable that measures be taken to bring the distant members into more active participation in the work of the Society; therefore be it

*Resolved*, (1) That a committee of five be appointed by the President to consider the advisability and, if deemed advisable, to arrange for a general meeting at a time most convenient to all the members;

(2) That this meeting shall cover one or more days as may be considered advisable, and it is hoped

that the high scientific character and broad interest of the papers to be presented shall insure the attendance of a good proportion of distant members;

(3) That this committee shall have power to add to its number and to make all necessary arrangements to further the success of the proposed general meeting.

The committee appointed, consisting of Professors George F. Barker, Chairman, Edwin G. Conklin, Charles L. Doolittle, William B. Scott, William Powell Wilson, has enlarged its number, and has asked for suggestions which will tend to promote the success of the proposed general meeting. It is suggested that the meeting be held on the Friday and Saturday following Thanksgiving Day, on the Friday and Saturday following New Year's Day, or in Easter week.

#### AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE.

##### ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO THE PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT.

THE preliminary announcement of the Denver meeting of the Association has been mailed to all members, and it will undoubtedly have been noticed that the question of railroad rates has been left incomplete, except for the announcement of the Western Passenger Association, the statement being made that further arrangements will be announced in SCIENCE. The following arrangements have been made: *The Western Passenger Association*, covering the territory west of Chicago and St. Louis, has made a rate of one fare plus \$2 for the round trip, from all points in their territory to Denver, tickets to be sold July 10 to August 31, with final return limit of October 31.

*The New England, Trunk Line, Central and Southeastern Passenger Associations*, covering the territory east of Chicago and St. Louis, have made a rate of a fare and one-third for the round trip from all points in their territory to Denver, on the certificate plan, the conditions of which are as follows:

1st. Each person desiring to avail himself of the reduced rate must purchase a first-class ticket (either limited or unlimited) to the place of meeting, at the regular tariff rate and at the same time procure from the ticket agent a certificate of the standard form. If through ticket cannot be procured at the starting