

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

point, the person should purchase to the most convenient point at which such ticket can be obtained and there repurchase through to the place of meeting, procuring a standard certificate from each agent from whom a ticket is purchased.

2d. *It is absolutely necessary that certificates be procured, indicating that the full fare has been paid for going passage and the route for which ticket or tickets for the return journey should be sold. No refund of fare can be expected because of failure to secure such certificates.*

3d. Tickets for the return journey will be sold at one-third the first-class tariff fare only to persons holding certificates of the standard form duly signed by the Permanent Secretary of the A. A. A. S., and signed by the special agent appointed for that purpose.

4th. No certificate will be honored that was procured more than three days (Sunday not included) before the meeting assembles (except that when meetings are held at distant points to which the authorized transit limit is more than three days, the authorized transit limit will govern), nor more than two days (Sunday not included) after the first day of the meeting. No certificate will be honored for return ticket unless presented during the time that the meeting is in session, or within three days (Sunday not included) after adjournment.

5th. Tickets for return journey will be limited to continuous passage on first train after purchase.

6th. Certificates will not be honored by conductors; they must be presented to ticket agents.

7th. Neither the certificates nor tickets furnished for this occasion are transferable, and if presented by any other person than the original purchaser, they will not be honored but will be forfeited.

Members desiring longer time than that allowed in connection with certificate reduction, viz., 3 days before the meeting assembles to 3 days after adjournment (Sunday not included) are advised to take advantage of the Colorado tourist fares or summer excursions, which, while costing a little more than the fare and one-third, are good from July 10 to October 31.

CORRECTION TO PROGRAM OF MONDAY AFTER-
NOON, AUGUST 26.

(See page 26 of the preliminary announcement.)

Through some clerical or printer's blunder the vice-presidents elect are here announced to give their addresses at 3 o'clock at the high-school building. As a matter of fact, this is all

wrong. The vice-presidential addresses which will be given are those of four of the retiring vice-presidents, as follows:

Vice-President Brashear, before the Section of Mechanical Science and Engineering.

Vice-President Davenport, before the Section of Zoology.

Vice-President Butler, before the Section of Anthropology.

Vice-President Woodward, before the Section of Social and Economic Science.

It will probably be arranged so that two of these addresses will be given at 3 o'clock and two at 4 o'clock, in order to allow members interested to hear two addresses.

THROUGH PULLMAN SERVICE.

If a sufficient number of passengers can be guaranteed, arrangements can be made for through Pullman service, to connect at Chicago or St. Louis, so that members from different sections of the country can make the trip to Denver together. The Permanent Secretary therefore invites all members who plan to attend the meeting and who wish to take advantage of this through Pullman service to communicate with him at once, stating the name of the road over which they intend to travel and the date of their departure. If a sufficient number of replies are received, the arrangement will be made and members notified.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS.

PROFESSOR JAMES DEWAR, the eminent chemist, has been elected president of the British Association to follow Professor A. W. Rücker, and will preside at the Belfast meeting in 1902.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY has conferred its D.Sc. on Philip Lutley Sclater, M.A., F.R.S., secretary of the Zoological Society, London, and its D.C.L. on C. N. Dalton, C.B., comptroller-general of patents, designs and trade-marks.

DR. JOHN S. BILLINGS, director of the New York Public Library, has been elected president of the American Library Association.

M. MAUPAS has been elected a correspondent of the Paris Academy of Sciences in the