president of the University, Dr. Rush Rhees, and the Trustees will tender a reception to the Fellows of the Society at the president's house on Thursday evening, January 2. The customary dinner will be arranged, probably for Wednesday evening.

No special reduction of railroad fare can be secured for the meeting, but during the holiday season reduced rates can usually be obtained from important railroad centers.

# PROGRAM OF AMERICAN SOCIETY OF NATURALISTS.

### Tuesday, December 31, 1901.

8.00 P. M., Kent Theater, University of Chicago.—Address of welcome, by President W. R. Harper. Lecture by Dr. Leland O. Howard. Subject: 'International Work with Beneficial Insects.'

9.30 P. M., the President's House.—A Reception to all the Societies, by President Harper.

#### Wednesday, January 1, 1902.

2.00 P. M., Kent Theater.—Business meeting.

3.00 P. M., Kent Theater.—Discussion. Subject: 'The Relation of the American Society of Naturalists to other Scientific Societies.' Charles Sedgwick Minot, Harvard Medical School; C. B. Davenport, University of Chicago; W J McGee, Washington; William Trelease, Washington University, St. Louis; E. A. Birge, University of Wisconsin; J. McKeen Cattell, Columbia University.

6.45 P. M., Auditorium Hotel. — Business meeting.

7.00 P. M., Auditorium Hotel.—Annual dinner. Address of the President, Professor William T. Sedgwick, 'The Modern Subjection of Science and Education to Propaganda.'

#### LOCAL COMMITTEES.

Executive.—C. B. Davenport, Chairman; E. O. Jordan, Secretary; W. A. Locy, Treasurer; L. F. Barker, C. R. Barnes, John M. Coulter, John Dewey, H. H. Donaldson, G. A. Dorsey, F. R. Lillie, Jacques Loeb, E. P. Lyon, C. O. Whitman.

Reception.—H. H. Donaldson, Chairman; C. W. Andrews, Miss Helen Culver, W. R. Harper, Mrs. Martin A. Ryerson, G. C. Walker, Mrs. Coonly-Ward, C. O. Whitman.

Transportation.—Frederick J. V. Skiff, Chairman; G. A. Dorsey, F. R. Lillie, Willard A. Smith.

General.—C. M. Child, C. B. Davenport, George Dreyer, John Dewey, H. H. Donaldson, G. A. Dorsey, W. S. Hall, L. Hektoen, E. O. Jordan, F. R. Lillie, W. A. Locy, Jacques Loeb, A. P. Matthews, A. R. Reynolds, C. O. Whitman.

# RAILROADS.

The New England Passenger Association, the Trunk Line, the Central and the Western Passenger Associations have granted the usual reduction (one and one third fares for the round trip) to those attending the meeting and provided with 'certificates.' The certificates, not transferable, must be obtained from the ticket agent at the starting-point (or, if the startingpoint is not an important station, at the nearest station issuing certificates) to the place of meeting, at least thirty minutes before the train leaves. The going ticket may be purchased not earlier than December 26 or later than December 31. The certificate must state that the object of making the journey is to attend the meeting of the Affiliated Scientific Societies at Chicago, and they must be signed on December 31, January 1 or January 2, by Dr. L. W. Williams and by the special railway agent in attendance at the meetings on these three days.

### SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS.

It is announced by cablegram from Stockholm that the Nobel prize in medicine has been awarded to Professor Behring, the prize in physics to Professor Röntgen and the prize in chemistry to Professor Van't Hoff. The value of each of the prizes is about \$40,000. The prize for the promotion of peace has been divided between Dr. Dumant and M. Passy, and the prize in literature has been awarded to M. Prudhomme.

THE Symons gold medal of the Royal Meteorological Society has been awarded to Dr. Alexander Buchan, F.R.S.