

THE Association of German Men of Science and Physicians will hold its meeting next year at Kassel.

A LOCAL section of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers has been established at Pittsburgh, and held its first meeting on November 6.

MRS. PHOEBE HEARST's gifts for archeology and anthropology at the University of California amounted to \$111,000 during the last academic year. Excavations have been made in Egypt by Drs. Reisner, Gunfel and Hunt and in Peru by Dr. Uhle, while Dr. Alfred Emerson has made extensive collections of Greek, Roman and Etruscan antiquities. Dr. Kroeber and Mr. Goddard have been engaged in work among the Indians in California.

THE public library which Mr. Andrew Carnegie has given to the city of Washington will be dedicated on December 16. It is hoped that Mr. Carnegie will be present.

THE cornerstone of the New York Public Library was laid by Mayor Low on November 10. The marble façade of the building, on Fifth Avenue and 42d St., is already partly erected; when completed it will cost over \$3,000,000.

The Electrical World and Engineer states that the German Society of Engineers has undertaken the publication of a polyglot technical dictionary, and solicits the cooperation of engineers throughout the world to render the work of the highest possible value. Dr. Alfred Müller, 150 Nassau Street, New York, is authorized by the Society to arrange in this country for collaboration in the work, and application may be made to him for further information on the subject. Mr. Müller will supply collaborators with note-books especially arranged for their use.

THE New York Civil Service Commission announces examinations on November 29, to fill the position of bacteriologist in the state hospitals at a salary of \$100 a month; and of physician with a salary beginning at \$900 a year and increasing to \$1,000.

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THE subscriptions for the completion of the buildings of the University of Durham College of Science in memory of Lord Armstrong amount to £31,000, and an anonymous donor has promised £10,000 additional if the total should reach £50,000 by the end of the year.

PROFESSORS of Cornell University who reach the age of seventy years will hereafter be retired with a pension. Their salary will be continued for one year, and they will thereafter receive \$1,500 a year for four years, which time will doubtless be extended. They will act as special lecturers with such duties as may be assigned to them. Professor I. P. Roberts, of the College of Agriculture, is the only man of science who will be affected by this provision.

DR. JOSEPH SWAIN, formerly professor of mathematics at Indiana and Stanford Universities, and since 1893 president of Indiana University, will be installed as president of Swarthmore College, on November 15.

THE Boston *Evening Transcript* states, we do not know how correctly informed, that Professor Jacques Loeb, of the University of Chicago, will go to the University of California to accept its newly established chair in physiology.

PROFESSOR E. A. FUERTES has resigned the directorship of the College of Civil Engineering, Cornell University, but remains connected with the University as professor of astronomy.

DR. WILLIAM H. WALKER has been appointed associate professor of industrial chemistry at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. For the past few years he has been a member of the firm of Little and Walker, consulting chemists, and in this connection he has had a valuable technical experience.

AT Cambridge University Mr. J. S. Gardiner has been appointed demonstrator in animal morphology in succession to Mr. J. Graham Kerr.

MR. R. W. H. T. HUDSON, B.A., St. John's College, Cambridge, has been appointed lecturer in mathematics at University College, Liverpool.