

This committee has issued the following appeal:

A movement has been inaugurated in Germany to erect a statue at Berlin to the late Professor Rudolf Virchow.

Representatives of science and art, irrespective of political parties, have joined the committee constituted for this purpose, and it is hoped that the appeal recently issued by the committee will meet with a very general response.

At the same time it is felt that this movement ought to be more than an exclusively German one. Professor Virchow's labors in medicine, public health, anthropology, ethnology, and archeology have benefited the world at large, and amongst his pupils have been men of every nationality. It is believed that in this country in particular, of which he was ever a staunch friend, and amongst the men of science of which he numbered many devoted admirers, a general desire will be felt to participate in the movement intended to do homage to him at the seat of his labors.

With this object a British committee has been formed, the chairmanship of which has been undertaken by Lord Lister, with Lord Avebury as hon. treasurer, and Sir Felix Semons as hon. secretary.

The committee now invite subscriptions from all those who wish to pay a last tribute to the memory of one of the greatest men of our time. Whilst it has been decided not to limit the *maximum* amount of contributions, in order not to check the generosity of those who may desire to show in a substantial form their appreciation of Professor Virchow's services to humanity, the committee are particularly anxious that it should be understood that even the smallest contributions will be cordially welcomed, as the main object of the British collection is to testify to the widespread amount of esteem and veneration which the deceased scientist enjoyed in this country.

Cheques and postal orders made payable to 'Virchow Memorial,' and crossed 'Messrs. Robarts, Lubbock and Co.,' may be sent to 'the Hon. Treasurer of the Virchow Memorial, care of Messrs. Robarts, Lubbock and Co., 15, Lombard street, London, E. C.,' who will send an acknowledgment to the individual contributors.

When the list has been closed, the hon. treasurer will forward the amount to the treasurer of the Berlin committee, together with a list of the contributors, but the amount of the individual contributions will not be stated.

We enclose a list of the committee, and have the honor to remain, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

LISTER,
AVEBURY,
FELIX SEMON.

London, November 21.

LECTURE COURSES OF THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY.

DURING the season of 1902-1903 the National Geographic Society presents in Washington, D. C., three courses of meetings—popular lectures, technical meetings and *lenten* lectures. These courses have been planned with great care to include those problems of a geographic character which are of special interest to the general public at the present time. Arrangements have been made for addresses in the popular course on the geographic distribution and mining of hard and soft coal, Mr. Peary's work in the Arctic during the last four years, the tragedy of Saint Pierre, Colombia and the Isthmian Canal, the commercial expansion of Argentina and the Macedonian question. The arrangements for the later part of the season are so far provisional as to permit the introduction of specially timely topics.

The interest shown last year in the technical meetings, which were planned for scientific men actively engaged in geographic work and for persons specially interested in such work, has led the board to continue such meetings.

The subject of the afternoon, or *lenten*, course will be announced in a later program.

The popular course will be delivered in the National Rifles Armory, G street between Ninth and Tenth streets northwest, on Friday evenings, at 8 o'clock, commencing November 14 and alternating with the technical meetings, which will be held in the Assembly Hall of Cosmos Club until the new home of the Society on Sixteenth and M streets is completed. The following dates have been definitely assigned:

November 14—'The Coal Resources of the United States' (illustrated), Dr. David T. Day, Chief Division of Mineral Resources, U. S. Geolog-

ical Survey. Dr. Day will discuss the geographical distribution of soft and hard coal in the United States, the methods of mining, and the manner in which the output is distributed throughout the country.

November 29—'Explorations in the Arctics, 1898-1902' (illustrated), Commander Robert E. Peary, U.S.N. Mr. Peary will describe his Arctic work of the last four years, during which he gained the most northerly known land and the highest point yet reached on the western hemisphere.

December 12—'Argentina, Present and Future' (illustrated), E. L. Corthell, C.E. Mr. Corthell for the past two years has been consulting engineer of the Ministry of Public Works in Argentina, and has thus had an exceptional opportunity to study the recent remarkable development and the tremendous possibilities of this vast South American republic.

January 9—'The Turk and His Rebellious Subjects' (illustrated), Mr. William E. Curtis. The restless and heterogeneous people of Macedonia and of the Sultan's European provinces will be the subject of an interesting address by Mr. Curtis.

January 23—'The Tragedy of Saint Pierre' (illustrated), Mr. George Kennan.

Provisional arrangements have also been made for lectures on Colombia and the Isthmian Canal; 'America before the Advent of Man'; 'The Geographic Distribution of Insanity in the United States'; 'Russia of Today' (by Paul du Chaillu), and a lecture by Mr. John Muir.

Regular meetings of the society for the presentation of technical papers and discussion will be held on Friday evenings, at 8 o'clock, commencing November 7, and alternating with the popular lectures. As the new home of the society will not be completed before January 15, 1903, these meetings will be held for the present in the Assembly Hall of the Cosmos Club. The course has been planned to form a series on the geographic work of the great scientific bureaus of the government. Mr. Richard U. Goode, chairman of the committee on technical meetings, announces the following program:

November 7—'Some of the Administrative and Industrial Problems of Porto Rico,' Hon. Wm. F. Willoughby, Treasurer of Porto Rico.

November 21—'The Work of the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey,' Hon. O. H. Tittmann, Superintendent U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.

December 5—'The Work of the U. S. Weather Bureau,' Dr. Willis L. Moore, Chief U. S. Weather Bureau.

December 19—'The U. S. Signal Corps,' Gen. A. W. Greely, Chief Signal Officer, U.S.A.

At later meetings the geographic work of the Hydrographic Office of the Navy Department, of the Experiment Stations of the Agricultural Department, of the Census Office, of the Naval Observatory, of the Geological Survey and of the Library of Congress will be discussed.

The lenten course of five lectures will be delivered in Columbia Theater, F street, near Twelfth, at 4:20 o'clock, on Wednesday afternoons of February 11, 18, 25 and March 4, 11. The subject of this course and the speakers assigned for the special topics will be announced in a later program.

The headquarters of the society will continue to be Rooms 107-108 Corcoran Building, Washington, D. C., until the new home of the society, on the southwest corner of Sixteenth and M streets, is completed.

A GENERAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

A COMMITTEE of this society, with Professor George F. Barker as chairman and Dr. I. Minnis Hays as secretary, has sent out the following letter:

The very gratifying success of the general meeting of The American Philosophical Society, held last April, has established most satisfactorily the claim that the interests of useful knowledge in the United States may be greatly promoted by holding an annual general meeting of the society. Such a meeting, not only from the information derived from the papers presented, but also from their discussion, has proved attractive to its members from all parts of the country and has markedly broadened the field of usefulness of this, the oldest scientific society in America.

At the concluding session of the general meeting held last April it was unanimously resolved that a second general meeting be held in April, 1903. In accordance with this resolution the said general meeting of the society will take place