

of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Professor J. McKeen Cattell, of Columbia University, were elected additional members of the executive committee. The time and place of the next meeting of the society were referred to the executive committee in consultation with the secretaries of the affiliated societies, but will doubtless be at St. Louis in conjunction with the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

PROFESSOR J. H. LONG, of Northwestern University, was elected president of the American Chemical Society, in succession to President Ira Remsen, of the Johns Hopkins University.

At the annual meeting of the American Mathematical Society the following officers were elected: *President*, Professor Thomas S. Fiske, Columbia University; *Vice-Presidents*, Professor W. F. Osgood, Harvard University, Professor Alexander Ziwet, University of Michigan, Professor D. E. Smith, Teachers College, Columbia University; *Secretary*, Professor F. N. Cole, Columbia University; *Treasurer*, W. S. Dennett. *Librarian*, Professor D. E. Smith; *Committee of Publication*, Professor F. N. Cole, Professor Alexander Ziwet, Professor D. E. Smith; *Members of the Council*, Professor James Harkness, Bryn Mawr College, Heinrich Maschke, University of Chicago, Irving Stringham and W. H. Tyler.

MR. WILLIAM LUTLEY SCLATER has been selected by the council of the Zoological Society of London to succeed his father, Mr. Philip Lutley Sclater, as secretary of the society. Mr. Sclater holds the position of director of the South African Museum at Cape Town.

MR. WILLIS L. MOORE, of the U. S. Weather Bureau, and M. C. A. Angot, of the Central Meteorological Bureau of France, have been elected members of the Royal Meteorological Society.

DR. J. WIESNER, of Vienna, has been elected a foreign member of the Linean Society of London and a corresponding member of the Academy of Sciences at Göttingen.

On the occasion of his jubilee Lord Lister has been created, by the King of Denmark, a Knight of the Grand Cross of the Order of Dannebrog.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Paris Academy of Sciences, M. Darboux has been appointed a member of the Bureau of Longitude in the room of the late M. Cornu.

DR. HERMANN NOTHNAGEL, professor of clinical medicine and therapeutics in the University of Vienna, has been nominated a life member of the upper house of the Austrian Parliament.

DR. FREDERICK W. TRUE, executive curator of the National Museum, has been placed in charge of the exhibits of the Smithsonian Institution and National Museum at the St. Louis Exposition.

DR. RUDOLF ADERHOLD has been made director of the Berlin Bureau of Health.

DR. CHARLES J. BELL, professor of chemistry in the University of Minnesota, died on January 4, aged forty-eight years.

THE scientific fraternity, the Sigma Xi Society, has established a chapter at Columbia University.

THE Colorado Institute of Electrical Engineers has been organized at Denver with the following officers: *Chairman*, Henry L. Doherty; *Vice-Chairman*, J. W. Stearns; *Second Vice-Chairman*, A. H. Weber; *Secretary*, Eugene Sayer; *Treasurer*, A. M. Ballou.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

It is announced that among the New Year's benefactions of Dr. D. K. Pearsons, of Chicago, will be: Illinois College, Jacksonville, Ill., \$50,000; Fargo College, Fargo, N. D., \$50,000; West Virginia Conference Seminary, Buchanan, W. Va., \$50,000; Fairmount College, Wichita, Kas., \$25,000. This would make the total of Mr. Pearsons's contributions to colleges \$4,000,000.

THE Board of Trustees of Hamline University in Minneapolis announces that an endowment of \$250,000 for the university has been raised, principally in Minnesota. Messrs. James J. Hill and M. G. and J. L. Norton, of Winona, gave large sums.

It is announced that the endowment fund for Schurteff College, at Upper Alton, Ill., has been completed, and that \$92,000 has been collected to pay the debt of Albion College, Mich.

THE trustees of Union College at Schenectady, N. Y., have received an offer from the General Electric Company to make a gift for the equipment of the electrical laboratory and the annual payment for salaries. The course will be in charge of Dr. C. P. Steinmetz, who will hold the position of professor of electrical engineering.

At a recent meeting of the council of the North Wales University College, Bangor, it was announced that Lady Morgan intended to give to the college a sum of £2,500 to found scholarships in memory of the late Sir G. Osborne Morgan, a former vice-president of the college.

THE registration at New York University, which was omitted from the article on the subject by Dr. Rudolph Tombo, Jr., published in the issue of SCIENCE for December 26, is as follows:

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THE following statements regarding the scientific work of Oxford University are included in a pamphlet issued by the vice-chancellor on the most pressing needs of the university: The keeper of the Ashmolean Museum estimates that not less than £3,500 will be required in the near future for additional cases and upper galleries to meet the rapid increase of the collections. Eventually it will be necessary to erect new exhibition rooms, basement rooms for storage, a coin room and lecture theater; also to add to the library and

to provide a librarian. The need of space for extension is also felt by the committee of the picture galleries, and the keeper of the Hope collection of engravings. The want of lecture rooms for the use of the public teachers of the university is dwelt on in several of the replies. The desirability of instituting and maintaining a laboratory for experimental research in the field of psychology is urged by several professors. The urgent needs of the several departments of the University Museum would at the present time involve an additional capital expenditure of £33,000, and an annual expenditure of £3,050 (representing a capital of £100,000); the future needs specified show that a further capital sum of £60,000 and an annual outlay of £4,000 will eventually be necessary. An additional professorship (for which provision is already made by statutes not yet in operation) is asked for applied mechanics. Better endowment is asked for the professorship of human anatomy, the readership in pathology, the Slade professorship of fine art (which it is proposed to make resident and permanent), the Sibthorpe professorship of rural economy (now suspended), the chairs of geology, zoology, physics, and experimental philosophy, and the curatorship of the Pitt-Rivers Museum. A large extension of the system of readerships and lectureships is asked for in medicine, natural science, ancient history and archeology. The curators of the schools ask that the electric light may be installed there at a cost of £850.

At a meeting of the senate of the University of London on December 13 it was decided to constitute an additional board of studies in human anatomy and morphology. Dr. Nathaniel H. Alcock was appointed demonstrator in the physiological laboratory till October 1, 1903.

SIR WILLIAM MUIR has resigned the position of principal of the University of Edinburgh. Among those suggested as his successor are Sir William Turner and Sir Archibald Geikie.

PROFESSOR JOSEF NUSBAUM has been appointed professor of comparative anatomy at the University of Lemberg.