

before the *Scotia* left for the southern seas in January last.

THE National Geographic Society has recently moved into its new home, the Gardiner Greene Hubbard Memorial Hall. As the building is not entirely completed, the formal opening of the hall will be deferred for the present. The society offers three courses of meetings during the season of 1903-1904—a regular or scientific series of ten meetings; a popular series of ten illustrated lectures, and an afternoon or lenten series of five popular lectures.

A SPECIAL Roentgen Congress and Exhibition is to be held at Berlin during the spring to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the discovery of the X-rays. Professor Roentgen is expected to be present at the congress. Further information can be obtained from Dr. Immelmann, Lützowstr. 72, Berlin, W., Germany.

THE annual dinner of the Institute of Chemistry of Great Britain took place on December 14. Speeches were made by the president, Dr. Davis Howard, Sir William Huggins and Sir William Ramsay.

THE Canadian papers state that at a meeting of the board of directors of the Canadian Forestry Association, held at the office of Mr. E. Stewart, Dominion Superintendent of Forestry, the treasurer reported the receipt of a grant of \$300 from the Government of Ontario to assist in the work of the association, and that the governments of Quebec and British Columbia had also promised assistance. The membership has reached the number of 420, and, with the improved financial position in which the association finds itself, it is proposed to extend the sphere of its activities. The establishment of a journal devoted specially to forestry interests was discussed, and it was decided to report favorably to the annual meeting. The publication will, if started, be managed by the association, and will probably be at first a quarterly, with the expectation of being finally issued as a monthly. It is hoped in this way to call public attention more distinctively to the work of the associa-

tion, and to the importance of proper forest management.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

AT the forty-ninth quarterly convocation of the University of Chicago President Harper announced that Mr. John D. Rockefeller had given to the university \$1,500,000 in real estate and \$350,000 in cash. A donor, whose name was not made public, has given \$1,096,466 for a special purpose not yet designated.

It is stated that Mrs. Phoebe Hearst will provide a building for the Department of Botany of the University of California.

A GIFT of \$1,000 from Edward Mallinckrodt, of St. Louis, has enabled the department of chemistry of Harvard University to refurnish the library of Boylston Hall and to buy several hundred new books. E. Mallinckrodt, Jr., has added to this a sum to be paid annually for the next five years to defray the running expenses of the library. The collection of books has also been enlarged by several gifts from Dr. Wolcott Gibbs.

WE learn from the London *Times* that the late Mr. Charles Seale-Hayne, M.P., has under his will provided for the establishment of a College of Science, Art and Agriculture in the neighborhood of Newton Abbot, open to students of the county of Devon. Details will be left to the executors. It is thought that about £150,000 will be handed over for the college.

DR. HORACE CLARK RICHARDS, instructor in physics in the University of Pennsylvania, has been promoted to an assistant professorship of physics.

MR. HENRY BALFOUR, M.A., of Trinity College, Oxford, has been elected to fellowship at Exeter College. Mr. Balfour has been for some years curator of the Pitt-Rivers Museum. He is also president of the Anthropological Institute, and president-elect of the Anthropological Section of the British Association for 1904.

DR. HERMANN GRASSMANN, docent at Halle, has been promoted to an assistant professorship of mathematics.