

was expressed that some date early in May—probably between May 7 and 14—would be most convenient.

NEGOTIATIONS have been completed whereby Purdue University is to receive from the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, through the courtesy of Mr. Samuel Higgins, general manager, the historic locomotive 'Daniel Nason.' A few years ago the university interested itself in securing from railways samples of such classes of locomotives as are now being superseded by machines of more modern construction, its purpose being to preserve as museum exhibits types of design which were in danger of becoming extinct. As a result of this plan, a number of valuable relics are already upon its grounds. From the beginning of this movement, an effort has been made to secure a representative of a type which was common throughout New England thirty years ago, namely, an eight-wheeled engine having cylinders inside the frames connecting with the crank axle. This effort has now been crowned with success. The 'Daniel Nason' is said to have been built in 1858. It was exhibited in Chicago in 1893 and has been held as a relic at Roxbury, Mass. The engine weighs about twenty-five tons, is complete with its tender and will be shipped to the University at Lafayette, Indiana, upon its own wheels. The university is also to become the custodian, in behalf of the same railway, for a stage-coach passenger car which is said to have been placed in service in 1835. It consists of the body of a stage-coach suspended over a simple railway truck by means of thorough-braces. It will seat inside and on its top about twenty persons. The American Locomotive Company has presented to the university the full-sized model locomotive cylinders sectioned to show the piston valve construction, which formed a part of its exhibit at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, St. Louis.

THE lecture arrangements at the Royal Institute, London, include the following: A Christmas course of lectures (experimentally illustrated and adapted to a juvenile auditory) on 'Ancient and Modern Methods of Measur-

ing Time,' by Mr. Henry Cunynghame; Professor L. C. Miall, Fullerian professor of physiology, R. I., six lectures on 'Adaptation and History in the Structure and Life of Animals'; Professor Karl Pearson, three lectures on 'Some Recent Biometric Studies'; Professor W. E. Dalby, two lectures on 'Engineering'; Mr. A. H. Savage Landor, two lectures on 'Exploration in the Philippines'; Professor W. Schlich, two lectures on 'Forestry in the British Empire'; Mr. J. J. H. Teall, two lectures on 'Recent Work of the Geological Survey'; Professor H. H. Turner, three lectures on 'Recent Astronomical Progress'; Professor R. Meldola, two lectures on 'Synthetic Chemistry'; Professor J. J. Thomson, three lectures on 'Electrical Properties of Radioactive Substances'; and Lord Rayleigh, three lectures on 'Some Controverted Questions of Optics.' The Friday evening meetings will begin on January 20, when a discourse will be delivered by Professor Sir James Dewar on 'New Low Temperature Phenomena'; succeeding discourses will probably be given by Dr. E. A. Wilson, Mr. Cecil Smith, Mr. J. W. Gordon, Professor H. Marshall Ward, Chevalier G. Marconi, Professor J. J. Thomson, Sir Squire Bancroft, Professor G. H. Bryan, Professor J. Wright, Professor T. Clifford Allbutt, Lord Rayleigh and others.

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THE regents of the University of Nebraska have passed a resolution accepting a gift of \$66,000 from Mr. John D. Rockefeller for the erection of a building to be used for religious purposes.

DR. FOWLER, late president of Corpus College, Oxford, has under his will left £1,500 to his own college, a like sum to Lincoln, of which he was formerly fellow and tutor and honorary fellow at the time of his death, and £1,000 to Merton, where he was a post-master.

MR. CLIFTON D. HOWE, assistant in the department of botany of the University of Chicago, has received an appointment to an instructorship in botany in the Biltmore Forestry School.