

*Vienna Academy of Sciences.*—Hann, Weiss, von Lang, Exner, committee; Boltzmann, delegate.

*St. Petersburg Academy of Sciences.*—Backlund, and others not yet named, committee; Backlund, delegate.

*Sub-committee of International Meteorological Committee.*—Rotch, delegate.

*Stockholm Academy of Sciences.*—Arrhenius,\* delegate.

*Astronomical and Astrophysical Society of America.*—Frost, Abbot, Bauer, Jewell, Perrine, committee; Frost, Abbott, Bauer, Jewell, Perrine, delegates.

*American Physical Society.*—Ames, Crew, Lewis, Mendenhall, E. F. Nichols, committee; Crew, Mendenhall, delegates.

*National Academy of Sciences.*—Hale, Campbell, Langley, Michelson, Young, committee; Hale, Campbell, delegates.

GEORGE E. HALE,  
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Recording Secretary.

#### THE FRANKLIN FUND.

THE Boston *Transcript* gives further details in regard to Mr. Andrew Carnegie's gift to the Franklin Fund. It appears that he has offered to duplicate the amount of the fund as it stood last September—\$408,396.48. His gift is to be used as an endowment for the Franklin Union or Franklin Institute, whichever name it may finally bear, on the following conditions:

1. That the Franklin Fund be devoted to the establishment of a school for the industrial training of men and women along the lines of the Mechanics' and Tradesmen's School of New York and the Cooper Union.

2. That the city of Boston shall furnish a site.

The information was imparted to the managers of the fund by a letter recently written to Mayor Collins, chairman of the fund, by President Henry S. Pritchett of the Institute of Technology. In the letter Dr. Pritchett said:

"In September last I had some talk with Mr. Andrew Carnegie concerning the history of Franklin's bequest to the city of Boston. Mr. Carnegie took great interest in the out-

come of Franklin's effort, both from his admiration of the character of Franklin, and from the desire to see the gift a helpful one. The outcome of this talk was his suggestion that he would furnish an endowment equal in amount to the sum available from Franklin's bequest. Upon my return to Boston, I sent to Mr. Carnegie a copy of Franklin's will, together with a statement of the treasurer of Boston showing that the amount available at that time was \$408,396.48. Recently Mr. Carnegie has written me, saying that after looking over these papers, he saw no reason to modify his original suggestion, and formally renewing his offer to duplicate the amount mentioned as an endowment for the Franklin Union or the Franklin Institute, whichever name it may finally bear."

Dr. Pritchett then quotes the conditions Mr. Carnegie imposes, as stated above. In conclusion the letter says, Mr. Carnegie's thought is, perhaps, best shown by the following extract from his letter:

"I am a trustee of both the schools mentioned and do not hesitate to say that to the best of my knowledge no money has produced more valuable results. I think it is from the class who not only spend laborious days, but who also spend laborious nights fitting themselves for hard work, that the most valuable citizens are to come. We are here helping only those who show an intense desire and strong determination to help themselves—the only class worth helping, the only class that it is possible to help to any great extent."

#### SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS.

THE new series of SCIENCE completes with the present issue its tenth year and twentieth volume.

AT the time we go to press all indications point to a most successful meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the affiliated societies at Philadelphia during convocation week. Full reports of the meetings will be published in the next and subsequent issues of this journal.

THE Paris Academy of Sciences has bestowed upon Sir James Dewar its Lavoisier gold medal.

\* Acting informally.