

WE learn from the London *Times* that the annual meeting of the Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland was held on January 21, Mr. H. Balfour, the retiring president, in the chair. The annual report of the council stated that the year had been one of steady progress, the number of new fellows and the net increase being greater than for any year since 1898. The total membership now stood at 442. The question of physical deterioration had lately been engaging public attention, and the council had prepared a memorial to Lord Londonderry recommending the organization of an anthropometric survey and the appointment of an advisory committee, and making other suggestions. An amendment to strike out of the report a proposal that the publication *Man* should be paid for by fellows in order to assist in meeting the annual deficit was rejected after prolonged discussion, and the report was approved. The treasurer's report stated that the income from subscriptions for the past year was the highest on record. Notwithstanding this highly satisfactory increase of the institute's principal source of income, there had been an excess of expenditure over income in every year of the 1900-04 period except 1902. The chief cause of these deficits appeared to have been the increase in the cost of the annual publications. The council accordingly proposed to effect economies in their publications, and to ask members to pay for their copies of *Man*. The report was agreed to. Professor W. Gowland, F.S.A., was elected president for the current year.

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ACCORDING to the daily papers the articles of agreement under which it is proposed to combine the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Harvard University have been made public. They provide for a joint school of industrial science, to be known under the present name of the Institute of Technology, to be governed by an executive board of nine members, of which three shall represent Harvard, and to be maintained by present institute funds, augmented by the income of all funds of the Lawrence Scientific School, by three-

fifths of the net income which may accrue from the Gordon McKay bequest, amounting to several millions, and by the income of all property which Harvard may hereafter acquire for the promotion of instruction in industrial science. The new institute is to occupy a site on the Cambridge side of the Charles River, near the present Stadium.

THE Catholic University of America will receive a bequest of \$100,000 from Miss Helen Tyler Gardiner.

MR. ANDREW CARNEGIE has agreed to give a \$50,000 library to the Washington and Lee University on condition that the university raises an endowment of \$50,000 for maintaining the new library.

Two new buildings are about to be erected for the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. One is for the departments of mathematics and drawing and the other for the department of chemistry. Both will be strictly fire proof. Their cost will be about three hundred thousand dollars. A motion is before the Troy Common Council to make a handsome stone approach to these buildings by extending Broadway.

THE board of regents of the University of Michigan at its February meeting voted to invite bids for the erection of an addition to the physical laboratory according to plans already prepared.

A BILL has passed the North Dakota legislature creating a state bacteriologic and pathologic laboratory, to be located at the State University and School of Mines, and to be under the control of the university trustees and the professor of bacteriology at the university, who is to be the director.

It is announced that the Russian Ministry of Public Instruction will at once undertake the elaboration of a plan for a compulsory system of primary education. Representatives of the schools in the principal cities are invited to participate in the drawing up of the plan.

GEORGE V. N. DEARBORN, Ph.D., M.D. (Columbia), has been promoted to the full professorship of physiology in the Tufts College Medical and Dental Schools.