

his contributions to chemical and physical science.

A Royal medal to Professor John Henry Poynting, F.R.S., for his researches in physical science, especially in connection with the constant of gravitation and the theories of electrodynamics and radiation.

A Royal medal to Professor Charles Scott Sherrington, F.R.S., for his researches on the central nervous system, especially in relation to reflex action.

The Davy medal to Professor Albert Ladenburg, of Breslau, for his researches in organic chemistry, especially in connection with the synthesis of natural alkaloids.

The Hughes medal to Professor Augusto Righi, of Bologna, on the ground of his experimental researches in electrical science.

MEETING OF TRUSTEES OF THE CARNEGIE FOUNDATION.

THE first meeting of the trustees of the Carnegie Foundation, the \$10,000,000 fund given by Mr. Andrew Carnegie last May for the pensioning of college professors, was held, on November 15, at Mr. Carnegie's residence, in New York.

The morning session was devoted to an informal conference. After luncheon Mr. Carnegie called the meeting formally to order. In a brief speech he expressed satisfaction at gathering together so many prominent educators. Nothing he had ever done, he said, seemed so propitious or so likely to be useful to the cause of education as this gift. He expressed the hope, in conclusion, that the trust would be administered in a broad and generous manner. President Eliot, of Harvard, in reply expressed the thanks of the teaching profession to the donor.

The board of directors organized by electing President Eliot chairman, President Harper vice-chairman and President Thwing secretary. By-laws were then adopted providing that the business of the board be entrusted to an executive committee and a president who shall be chairman of the committee. Dr. Henry S. Pritchett, president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, was chosen

president. The committee was made up as follows: President Butler, of Columbia; President Wilson, of Princeton; Provost Harrison, of the University of Pennsylvania; President Humphreys, of Stevens Institute; Mr. Vanderlip, vice-president of the National City Bank; and Mr. Franks, Mr. Carnegie's financial secretary.

It was decided that the head office of the foundation shall be in New York City. The third Wednesday in November was selected as the date of the annual meeting. A special meeting will be held in New York late in the winter, at which time the executive committee will make a report on the plan and scope of the organization.

All the trustees except President Harper, of Chicago, were present, namely: Charles W. Eliot, Harvard; A. T. Hadley, Yale; Nicholas Murray Butler, Columbia; Woodrow Wilson, Princeton; Jacob G. Schurman, Cornell; L. Clark Seeley, Smith; Charles C. Harrison, Pennsylvania; Alexander C. Humphreys, Stevens Institute; S. B. McCormick, Western University of Pennsylvania; Edwin B. Craighead, Tulane; H. C. King, Oberlin; Edwin H. Hughes, De Pauw; C. F. Thwing, Western Reserve University; Thomas McClelland Bell, Drake; George H. Denny, Washington and Lee; Principal Peterson, McGill University, Montreal; Samuel Plautz, Lawrence; David Starr Jordan, Stanford; W. H. Crawford, Allegheny; Henry S. Pritchett, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; F. A. Vanderlip, T. Morris Carnegie and Robert A. Franks.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS.

PROFESSOR ALBERT VON KÖLLICKER, the eminent anatomist and zoologist, died at Würzburg, on November 3, at the age of eighty-eight years.

At the meeting of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, held on November 7, the Hayden memorial gold medal was unanimously voted to Charles Doolittle Walcott, director of the United States Geological Survey, in recognition of the value of his individual contributions to geological science and of the benefits derived from his able and con-