

THE anniversary meeting of the Royal Society was held on November 30, with Sir William Huggins in the chair. After the report of the council had been presented and the president had delivered an address, Lord Rayleigh was elected president of the society, and presided at the dinner in the evening. In answer to the toast of 'The Medallists,' Professor Mendeliëff, Professor Righi, Professor Poynting and Professor Sherrington replied.

THE International Congress of Prehistoric Anthropology and Archeology will hold its thirteenth meeting at Monaco, under the patronage of Prince Albert the First, from April 16 to 21, 1906. Detailed information as to the congress may be obtained on application to the general secretary, Dr. Verneau, 61, Rue de Buffon, Paris.

THE new building of the Rockefeller Institute at the foot of East 56th St., New York City, will be ready for occupancy in January.

Nature, quoting from the *Chemiker-Zeitung*, states that the German state grant for the support of scientific, technical and similar undertakings is to be increased by 115,000 Marks. The sum of 179,500 Marks is to be spent upon increasing the accommodation for the permanent exhibition devoted to the interests of the working classes; 120,000 Marks to be a first instalment for investigation of sleeping sickness; 30,000 Marks to be devoted to the development of the Starkstrom laboratory of the Reichsanstalt; 43,850 Marks to be contributed to the kite station on Lake Constance for experimental investigations of the higher air strata.

WE learn from *The British Medical Journal* that Professor Debove recently presented to the Académie de Médecine, Paris, the report for 1904 of the Scientific Information Bureau. During the year 8,000 persons applied for information as to courses of instruction, laboratories, hospitals, libraries and archives. Fifty-five per cent. of the applicants were foreigners, the countries represented being Great Britain, the United States, Russia, Scandinavia, Italy, Spain, South America, Germany, Japan and China. Sometimes there were from seventy to eighty applicants in one day. The staff of the bureau consists

of four persons, and answers to questions can be given in five languages. The members of the bureau are paid by the Municipal Council and the Council of the University. It may be mentioned that the information supplied is by no means confined to matters relating to medicine; replies are given to inquiries as to the French language and literature, the fine arts, industrial physics and chemistry, etc.

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MRS. HELEN C. COBURN has by her will made public bequests amounting to \$450,000. \$10,000 are given to Radcliffe College, \$40,000 to Phillips-Andover Academy, \$75,000 to the Massachusetts General Hospital, and considerable sums to institutions for the education of negroes.

MR. ANDREW CARNEGIE has agreed to give \$100,000 to equip the electrical engineering laboratory of Union College, provided the college raises \$100,000 to endow it.

YALE UNIVERSITY has received from two anonymous donors a gift of \$75,000, which, subject to certain annuities, will be used to found a lectureship on 'The interrelation of religion, science and philosophy.'

OBERLIN COLLEGE receives \$10,000 by the will of the late Miss Annie Walworth, Cleveland.

MR. JOHN WILLIAM TAYLOR, of Kensington, has bequeathed \$100,000 to Owen's College, Manchester, now a part of Victoria University.

PROFESSOR CRUM BROWN has given to the University of Edinburgh a collection of over 2,000 specimens of chemical substances.

THE Japanese minister of education having caused the resignation of one of the professors of the University of Tokyo, owing to his attitude on public questions, the professors of the university have signed a protest, which has led to the resignation of the minister of education and the assumption of his portfolio by the premier. It is said that the position of the cabinet has been greatly weakened by this action of the minister of education.

PROFESSOR C. H. JUDD, of Yale University, has been appointed director of the summer school.