

THE forty-fourth Congrès de sociétés savantes will be held at the Sorbonne, Paris, from April 17 to 20.

THE second congress of the German Röntgen Society will be held at Berlin on April 1 and 2, under the presidency of Professor Eberlein.

THE Queensland branch of the Royal Geographical Society of Australia proposes to celebrate its twenty-first anniversary in June. Arrangements are being made for the delivery of a series of special addresses by eminent authorities on geographical science.

THE Warren triennial prize will be awarded for researches on some special subject in physiology, surgery or pathology. Dissertations should be presented not later than April 14, 1907. The prize was founded by the late Dr. J. Mason Warren in memory of his father. The judges are the physicians and surgeons of the Massachusetts General Hospital. The amount of this prize for the year 1907 will be \$500.

SEVERAL changes have recently been made in the American board of editors of the *Botanische Centralblatt*; Dr. E. C. Jeffrey and Dr. George T. Moore having resigned on account of pressure of other work. In their places there have been appointed Dr. M. A. Chrysler, of Harvard University, who will review papers on morphology and Dr. William R. Maxon, of the United States National Museum, who will review papers on archegoniates and algae. Botanists are requested to note these changes and to send separates of their papers to the respective editors so that they may be reviewed at the earliest possible date.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT has issued under date of February 10 the following executive order: It is hereby ordered that Indian Key, an island in Tampa Bay, Florida, containing ninety acres, and located in sections 10 and 15, township 32 south, range 16 east, as the same appears upon the official plat of survey of said township on file in the General Land Office, be, and it is hereby reserved and set apart for the use of the Department of Agriculture as a preserve and breeding ground for

native birds. This reservation to be known as Indian Key Reservation.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

MRS. A. A. ANDERSON has given \$100,000 to Barnard College, Columbia University, toward the establishment of a course in science leading to the degree of bachelor of science.

THE New York *Evening Post* states that a movement has been started to increase the salaries of professors at Pennsylvania. The gift of \$50,000 made recently by Eckley Brinton Coxe, Jr., is to be used for this purpose. The fund itself was invested in a dormitory, and the income is to be applied to the purpose designated by Mr. Coxe.

IT is now virtually assured that Swarthmore College will receive the conditional gift of \$50,000 from Mr. Andrew Carnegie for a library building. Mr. Isaac H. Clothier has started the subscription for the additional fund required with \$10,000; Mr. Joseph Wharton, president of the board of managers, has also subscribed \$10,000 and two other friends of the college have indicated their willingness to contribute liberally. Mr. Morris L. Clothier, class of '90, has offered to assume the responsibility of raising the remainder of the \$50,000 required.

During the month preceding the holiday vacation, Oberlin College received in gifts and bequests about \$145,000. For the last few years the college has been engaged in raising a fund of half a million dollars. This is now almost complete. The fund was started by an anonymous donor of Boston who promised \$100,000. At the time of the trustees' meeting in November the fund had reached \$335,000. Since then the following gifts have been made: \$5,000 for library endowment, by C. M. Hall, of New York; \$2,000 by members of the trustees for additions to the women's gymnasium; \$5,000 each, by A. C. Bartlett and Miss Grace Sherwood, of Chicago, toward a men's building; \$33,000 from the estate of Dr. C. N. Lyman, of Wadsworth, O., which will be devoted to library endowment; \$75,000 by Miss Anne Walworth, of Cleveland, to be

used as endowment for the Slavic Department of the seminary; \$10,000 from her estate, for the same purpose; \$10,000 from the estate of Mrs. Helen G. Coburn, of Boston, for library endowment, and \$5,000 from an anonymous donor for the art building. In the total of \$485,000 thus raised is counted \$125,000, promised by Mr. Carnegie for a library, on condition that \$100,000 be raised for library endowment. To complete the fund, therefore, it will be necessary for the college to raise about \$50,000 more. It is expected that this will be done before commencement.

A MEETING of the alumni of the University of Maryland was held on February 21 to prepare for the celebration in May, 1907, of the one hundredth anniversary of the medical department.

THE University of Wisconsin experiment station has established three experimental farms in northern Wisconsin. This step is the beginning of a system of experimental farms at various points in which typical conditions for the different agricultural areas of the state may be studied. Beside the investigation side of the work these farms will make possible the practical demonstration to the farmers of the surrounding country of the principles worked out at the central station at Madison.

THE second session of the Graduate School in Agriculture under the auspices of the Association of American Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations will be held at the University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois, beginning July 2, 1906, continuing four weeks. The school is under the charge of Dr. A. C. True, director of the Office of Experiment Stations, Washington, D. C. About one fourth of the instruction will be given by investigators connected with the Illinois Experiment Station, and about three fourths will be given by those connected with agricultural education and research in other American institutions. It is the purpose of this school to bring to the attention of the students the recent developments in agricultural science. Accordingly the attendance is limited to graduates of agricultural colleges or graduates of other colleges

with special experience in agriculture. Communications regarding courses of study should be addressed to Dr. A. C. True, Office of Experiment Stations, Washington, D. C.; those relating to attendance or registration should be addressed to E. Davenport, registrar, Urbana, Illinois.

The Spectator says: "The final report of the departmental committee on the Royal College of Science has been issued. It will be remembered that this committee, under the chairmanship first of Sir Francis Mowatt and then of Mr. Haldane, has been considering for the past two years some comprehensive scheme to provide advanced scientific instruction and research, especially in its application to industry. We have not space to do more than summarize the main results. It is proposed to establish at South Kensington an institution, or group of associated Colleges of Science and Technology. The Royal College of Science, the School of Mines and the Central Technical College will come into the scheme. The government will contribute the existing buildings and an annual grant of £20,000, the London County Council is prepared to contribute a similar amount, and a capital sum of £100,000 has been offered by the firm of Messrs. Wernher, Beit and Co. for initial equipment. The report provides for a governing body of forty members to begin with, of whom ten shall be government nominees, and five each appointed by the University of London, the London County Council, and the Council of the City and Guilds Institute. These will act as the first management authority, and discuss the further details of organization. It is an admirable and most needful scheme, and we trust that no time will be lost in putting it into operation."

DR. CLARENCE A. SKINNER, assistant professor of physics at the University of Nebraska, has been made head of the department in succession to the late D. B. Brace.

At Wellesley College, Miss Margaret Ferguson has been promoted to a professorship of botany, and Miss Elizabeth F. Fisher to be associate professor of geology and mineralogy.