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Scientific Books:— Ostwald's Die Schule der Chemie: DB. WILL- IAM A. NOYES	THE seventh annual meeting was held December 28 to 30, 1905, at Columbia University, New York. Some sixty members
Societies and Academies:— The Biological Society of Washington: M. C. Marsh. The New York Academy of Sciences, Section of Geology and Min- eralogy: Professor A. W. Grabau. The Torrey Botanical Club: C. STUART GAGER. 465	were in attendance and forty papers were on the program.  As usual, a number of pleasant social gatherings occurred during the meeting. On December 29 all lunched together in the department of astronomy, and in the
Discussion and Correspondence:—  A New Type of Electric Organ in An American Teleost Fish: Dr. Ulric Dahlgren.  A New Method of Collecting Earthworms for Laboratory Use: Professor Charles W. Hargitt	evening were received by Mrs. Henry Draper at her house on Madison Avenue; many members also attended a dinner of the Mathematical Society and the Physical Society on the same evening.
Special Articles:— Effect of Drying upon Legume Bacteria: KARL F. KELLERMAN and T. D. BECKWITH. 471	The election resulted as follows:  President—E. C. Pickering.  First Vice-president—George E. Hale.
Current Notes on Meteorology:—  Helm Clouds in North Carolina; Daily March of Temperature in the Tropics; Rainfall of Mexico; Notes: Professor R. DEC. WARD	Second Vice-president—W. W. Campbell. Secretary—George C. Comstock. Treasurer—C. L. Doolittle. Councilors for 1906-8—E. B. Frost and Harold Jacoby.
Botanical Notes:— Botanical Articles in Recent Periodicals; Cryptogamae Formationum Coloradensium; Recent Botanical Bulletins; The Kew Publications; Montana Botany: Professor CHARLES E. BESSEY	The council designated Harold Jacoby to act as editor for 1906.  We give below a list of papers presented at the society's sessions, together with brief abstracts furnished by the authors. Some of these have been slightly condensed by
The Magnetic Survey of the Pacific Ocean: DR. L. A. BAUER	the editor.