

nounce that the chancellor of the exchequer had recently intimated his intention of making the building grant for the year £10,000, instead of £5,000 as originally contemplated. It was also stated that the Goldsmiths' Company had made a donation of £1,000 with the request that it should be devoted to some specific object.

MINISTER WILSON, of Brussels, transmits a Belgian invitation for American scientific men and geographical societies to participate in the proposed formation of an international association for the exploration of the polar regions. Among the inclosures from the minister is a circular letter from Mr. G. Lecointe, scientific director of the Royal Observatory of Belgium, who furnishes a report of a special committee of the Congress of Mons relative to the study of the polar regions. This committee was appointed during a session of the congress in September, 1905, under the auspices of His Majesty King Leopold II., and the presidency of Mr. Beernaert, minister of state, to formulate plans for the formation of an international polar-region association. The Belgian government is not as yet officially identified with the proposed association. The present purpose of the committee having the matter in charge, is simply to invite an exchange of views between scientific organizations, official or otherwise. The minister also incloses a pamphlet entitled 'Projet d'une exploration systématique des régions polaires,' by Henryk Arctowski, a member of the recent Belgian expedition to antarctic regions.

At the annual meeting of the Audubon Society of the state of New York, which was held at the American Museum of Natural History, New York City, on Friday, March 16, 1906, Mr. Frank M. Chapman presiding, the following resolutions were unanimously carried by the members present:

WHEREAS, The legislature of the state has by wise enactments provided that no game of any kind shall be sold during the closed season, and

WHEREAS, The court of appeals has unanimously pronounced such legislation necessary in order to protect the native game of the state, and

WHEREAS, The said court of appeals has also unanimously pronounced such legislation constitutional, therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the Audubon Society of the state of New York protests most emphatically against the passage of any bill to modify or change the present law or that will permit any corporation or persons to sell foreign game in this state during the closed season, and

*Resolved*, That the Audubon Society is opposed to any special legislation for the benefit of a few persons at the expense of and against the interest of the majority of the citizens of the state, and

*Resolved*, That copies of these resolutions be sent by the secretary to the Forest, Fish and Game Commission, the members of the legislature and to the press of the state.

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#### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

ADELBERT COLLEGE, Western Reserve University, has received \$150,000 from the grandchildren of Joseph Perkins, formerly a trustee of the college. The money is to be used for a department of sociology and a chemical laboratory.

PLANS have been completed for the construction of the new buildings for the mining department of the University of Idaho at Moscow. It is estimated that the two buildings will cost \$40,000, exclusive of apparatus. The appropriation was made by the last Idaho legislature for this purpose. The metallurgical building, 96 x 68 feet, will contain ten ore bins, giving a total capacity of fifty tons. The ore will be conveyed by automatic apparatus to the crushing and sampling departments.

IN August, 1908, the University of Jena will celebrate the three hundred and fiftieth anniversary of its foundation.

DR. EDW. ANTHONY SPITZKA, fellow and demonstrator of anatomy, College of Physicians and Surgeons (Columbia), has been elected professor of general anatomy at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia.

DR. HUGH M'LEAN, senior assistant in physiology, has been appointed lecturer in chemical physiology, in Aberdeen University.