

THE third annual meeting of the Botanical Symposium will be held from July 2 to 9, at Mountain Lodge, Little Moose Lake, Old Forge, N. Y. Through the courtesy of the members of the Adirondack League Club, the privilege of occupying the Club House for one week is extended to the members of the conference. Tickets should be bought to Fulton Chain Station on the Adirondack Division of the N. Y. C. & H. R. R. Single fare from New York City \$6.46. Board \$2.50 to \$3.00 a day. Stages will meet the party at Fulton Chain Station. Botanists are requested to notify Mr. Joseph Crawford, secretary, 2824 Frankford Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa., if they intend to attend the symposium.

IN an account of the recent jubilee of the Academy of Science at St. Louis, it was stated that this academy was the oldest body of its kind west of the Alleghenies. A correspondent reminds us that the California Academy of Sciences was organized on May 16, 1853, and celebrated its fiftieth anniversary nearly three years ago.

Nature states that the government of India has decided, with the approval of the secretary of state, to establish an institute in India as a center for practical instruction of medical officers and subordinates in the use and management of Röntgen ray apparatus, and as a depot for the storage and repair of such apparatus. The institute will be located at Dehra Dun, and will be under the superintendence of an officer of the Indian Medical Service.

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WE learn from *The Evening Post* that the report of the royal commission of the University of Toronto recommends that financial support of \$275,000 a year be given by the province, and an endowment of at least one million acres of land.

It is said that the failure of the legislature to appropriate \$50,000 to the Johns Hopkins University will delay indefinitely its removal to the new suburban site.

THE cornerstone of the engineering building for the University of Tennessee will be laid on April 23.

THE Chemical Laboratory of the Johns Hopkins University has been remodeled in part, so as to accommodate the growing number of graduate students in the various branches of chemistry. A part of the second story has been divided into six smaller rooms adapted to advanced students carrying on research. These rooms will be occupied by those who are working in physical chemistry. This new arrangement will relieve the congestion which had gradually come to exist in the laboratories originally designed for organic chemistry, due to the fact that more and more space had to be provided in them for the work in physical chemistry. The three divisions of chemistry—organic, inorganic and physical—will each have its own separate quarters, but they will all be closely related, as in the past.

THE Grand Trunk Railway is offering two free scholarships, covering four years' tuition in the faculty of applied science of McGill University, subject to competitive examinations, to apprentices and other employees of the company under twenty-one years of age, and to minor sons of employees.

THE University of Southern California at Los Angeles, Cal., will elect an assistant in the department of botany for next year at a salary of about \$700. The botanical and zoological laboratories, recently completed, have now been furnished throughout, and the new equipment has been received.

AT a recent meeting of the board of trustees of Indiana University, Dr. E. R. Cumings was promoted to the position of associate professor of geology, and Dr. J. W. Beede to that of assistant professor of geology.

PROFESSOR E. A. Minchin has resigned the Jodrell chair of zoology of University College in view of his appointment to the new chair of protozoology in the University of London. The council of University College will shortly proceed to fill the vacancy in the Jodrell chair of zoology thus created.

DR. C. VON WISSELINGH, of Amsterdam, has been appointed professor of mathematics at Groningen.