

DR. P. HAUPTFLEISCH, docent for botany in the Technological Institute at Stuttgart, has died at the age of forty-three years.

DR. E. A. KEHRER, associate professor of chemistry at the Technical Institute at Stuttgart, has died at the age of fifty-seven years.

THE Civil Service Commission announces an examination on September 26-27, 1906, to fill several vacancies in the position of analytical chemist, qualified in methods for the detection of food adulteration, at \$1,200 per annum each, and one or more vacancies in the position of scientific assistant in plant pathology, at \$1,000 per annum each, in the Department of Agriculture, and similar vacancies as they may occur in that department. Competitors in this examination may, if they desire, take the examination to be held on October 17-18, upon filing new applications in due time, this examination being held in view of the urgent need of eligibles with the qualifications indicated.

MR. ALBERT WILLCOX, an insurance broker, of New York City, has bequeathed \$100,000 to the National Association of the Audubon Societies for the protection of wild birds and animals. Half of the residue of the estate is, at the death of his brother, also to go to the Audubon Society and the other half to the Tuskegee Institute.

As we have already announced, the fifteenth International Congress of Americanists meets at Quebec from the tenth to the fifteenth of September. The preliminary program contains the titles of eighty-one papers that will be presented and arrangements have been made for suitable receptions and excursions. The place of meeting, the arrangements for the entertainment of members and the scientific program promise a congress of unusual interest.

At the annual meeting of the fellows of the Royal Botanic Society held on the sixteenth inst., the old members of the council were re-elected in spite of the opposition to the present administration. The debt of the society is now £34,000. The deficit last year was £975 as compared with £1,237 the preceding year. The chairman announced that the

council now proposed certain additions to the by-laws (1) to the effect that at four meetings in the year fellows might propose resolutions; (2) to enable fellows to vote by proxy; and (3) to give the council the power of recommending such persons as they thought proper to be temporarily members, associates, or otherwise affiliated to the society, and of fixing the conditions of admission, privileges and payments in all such cases, provided that due regard was had to the position, rights and privileges of existing fellows and members.

Nature states that a party of French medical men is about to visit Germany for the purpose of inspecting the medical institutions of the country. Three days will be spent in Berlin, and other cities and towns visited will include Cologne, Frankfort, Leipzig, Munich, Bonn, Heidelberg and Marburg. A committee of entertainment has been formed under the presidency of Professor von Bergmann.

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DR. WILLIAM H. HOBBS, recently professor of mineralogy and petrology at the University of Wisconsin, has been appointed to the chair of geology at the University of Michigan, vacant by the death of Professor Israel C. Russell.

DR. O. W. RICHARDSON, of Trinity College, Cambridge, has been appointed professor of physics in Princeton University.

DR. J. E. WALLACE WALLIN, instructor in philosophy at Princeton, has been appointed professor of psychology and pedagogy in the Pennsylvania Normal School at East Stroudsburg.

MR. E. B. HUTCHINS, JR., has been elected professor of chemistry at Carroll College, where a large science hall has just been erected.

MR. EUGENE F. McCAMPBELL has been elected instructor in bacteriology at the Ohio State University.

PROFESSOR THOINOT has been appointed to the chair of legal medicine at Paris, vacant by the death of M. Bruardel.

DR. ALFRED PHILIPPSOHN, professor of geography at Bern, has been called to Halle.