Rostock; Casimir Kostanecki, professor of anatomy, Cracow; Hugo Kronecker, professor of physiology, Bern; Sir Francis H. Laking, Bart., G.C.V.O., physician in ordinary to His Majesty the King and the Prince of Wales; Commandatore Rodolfo Lanciani, professor of ancient topography, University of Rome; Charles Rockwell Lanman, professor of Sanskrit, Harvard University; Gustavus Mittag-Leffler, professor of mathematics, Stockholm; Oscar Liebreich, professor of pharmacology, Berlin: Sir Norman Lockyer, K.C.B., director of Solar Physics Laboratory, South Kensington; Sir Oliver Lodge, Kt., principal of Birmingham University; Friedrich Löffler, professor of hygiene, Greifswald; Donald Macalister, president, General Medical Council; A. B. Macallum, professor of physiology, Toronto; Sir John Macfadyean, principal of the Royal Veterinary College, Camden Town, London, N.W.; Lord M'Laren, vice-president, Royal Society of Edinburgh; Jinzo Matsumura, professor of botany, University of Tokyo, Japan; His Serene Highness Albert Honore Charles, Prince of Monaco; Wilhelm Ostwald, professor of chemistry, Leipzig; Edmund Owen, vice-president, Royal College of Surgeons of London; W. M. Flinders Petrie, professor of Egyptology, University College, London; Rev. George E. Post, professor of surgery in Johanite Hospital, Beirut: Sir Richard Douglas Powell, Bart., K.C.V.O., president of the Royal College of Physicians, London; Salomon Reinach, professor of archeology, Paris; Guglielmo Romiti, professor of anatomy, Pisa; Sir Henry E. Roscoe, late professor of chemistry, Owens College, Victoria University; Major Ronald Ross, C.B., Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine; Vladimir Scheviakoff, professor of zoology, St. Petersburg; Jakob Schipper, professor of English philology, Vienna; Dukinfield Henry Scott, hon. keeper, Jodrell Laboratory, Kew Gardens: William Napier Shaw, director of the Meteorological Office, London; Joseph J. Thomson, Cavendish professor of experimental physics, University of Cambridge; Frederick Trendelenburg, professor of surgery, University of Leipzig; Sir William Turner, K.C.B., principal of University of Edinburgh; Giuseppe Veronese, professor of analytical geometry, Padua; Hugo de Vries, professor of physiological botany, Amsterdam; J. William White, professor of surgery, Pennsylvania University; J. W. van Wijhe, professor of anatomy, Groningen, Holland; Sir John Williams, Bart., K.C.V.O., late professor of midwifery, University College, London.

## THE FRANCO-AMERICAN EXPEDITION TO EXPLORE THE ATMOSPHERE IN THE TROPICS.

THE third cruise of the Otaria, the steamyacht sent by M. Teisserenc de Bort, director of the private meteorological observatory at Trappes, near Paris, and by Mr. Rotch, director of the similar observatory at Blue Hill, near Boston, to explore the atmosphere over the tropical Atlantic has ended, and the yacht has returned to Havre after a very successful voyage of three months and a half.

Atmospheric soundings with balloons and kites were executed over the central part of the North Atlantic, the equatorial regions and the South Atlantic as far as Ascension Island. The soundings southwest and northwest of the Canaries confirm the conclusions reached during the two preceding cruises of the *Otaria*, namely, that the upper anti-trade blows from southeast or southwest, not only within the tropics but generally as far north as latitude 30°, and is found above the open ocean as well as above the Canaries. Farther north it is transformed into a westerly wind.

The observations with ballons-sondes revealed this new and important fact, that in summer over the equator, very low temperatures (reaching — 80° C.) exist in the upper air above 12 kilometers, being analogous to those occurring in winter at the same height in our own latitude.

## SOCIETY FOR THE PROMOTION OF IN-DUSTRIAL EDUCATION.

A PUBLIC meeting will be held at Cooper Union on Friday evening, November 16, at eight o'clock, under the auspices of the national Society for the Promotion of Industrial Education.