

with Yale University. At a recent meeting it was voted that the academy was willing to enter into an agreement with Yale. The gist of the proposed agreement is that the university will pay to the academy the sum of \$1,500 annually toward defraying the expenses of publishing the 'Transactions,' which will hereafter be issued under the title of 'Publications of Yale University.' The academy, on its part, will endeavor to increase its membership, and agrees to give adequate representation on its board of officers to the various departments of study in the university that may wish to avail themselves of the opportunity to publish scientific and literary papers.

THE American Public Health Association at its thirty-fourth annual meeting held this month in Mexico City, passed the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, A correct registration of births, marriages and deaths is necessary to indicate not only the natural increase of population, but also the measure of the health conditions and the effectiveness of sanitary operations in any country.

WHEREAS, With the increase in numbers, wealth and age of the populations of the several states and provinces, the necessity for evidence of births, marriages and deaths in cases of wills, pensions, insurance, crimes, etc., becomes daily of increasing urgency.

WHEREAS, Comparisons of the health conditions of different countries and districts and climates is only possible through the existence and study of such records.

WHEREAS, International comity and treaty stipulations not infrequently involve agreements touching the transmission of records relating to the births, marriages or deaths of individuals traveling or residing in foreign countries; and

WHEREAS, Such registration is imperfect or wholly wanting in some of the states of the countries registered in this Association, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the secretary of this association be instructed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the governors and boards of health of such states and provinces urging the desirability of effective legislation on this subject.

WHEREAS, The American Public Health Association is of the opinion, and has heretofore so expressed itself, that public health matters confronting the four countries embraced in this association can only be adequately administered by extending the powers and duties of their several chief executive and administrative health officers, and

WHEREAS, This association believes that such questions can only be satisfactorily dealt with by

the establishment of a national department of health with a cabinet minister at its head in each country.

Therefore, this association, with a view to prosecute so desirable an end creates a committee consisting of three members from each of the four countries represented in the association and to be nominated by the president, the first-named member for each country to be chairman of that subcommittee and the chairman of the subcommittee of the United States to be its general chairman. This committee shall formulate what in the opinion of the Association should be the extent of the work, powers and duties of a national department of health and the subcommittee of any of the four countries shall take any steps deemed practicable by it to carry out the purpose of this resolution, and to this end be empowered to enlarge its committee as it may deem proper.

#### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY and Barnard College will receive \$10,000 each under the will of Mrs. Annie P. Burgess. Dr. Daniel M. Burgess, her husband, will receive a life interest in the residuary estate, which will ultimately be divided into three equal parts, one of which will go to Columbia University, one to Barnard College, and the third to Hamilton College.

PLANS have been drawn for the new biological and geological building of Amherst College, made possible by a \$75,000 gift from Mr. Andrew Carnegie, and an equivalent amount raised by alumni and friends.

A CLASS in general chemistry has been opened for women at Evening High School No. 73, on East Forty-sixth Street, between Second and Third Avenues, New York City. The class, which is conducted by Miss Rose Levy, is open every week-day evening except Friday and Saturday, from 7:30 to 9:30 o'clock, and is free to all who have had a public school education.

MR. A. G. TANSLEY, M.A., of Trinity College, Cambridge, assistant professor of botany at University College, London, and editor of the *New Phytologist*, has been appointed lecturer in botany in succession to Mr. A. C. Seward, who has succeeded the late Professor Marshall Ward in the chair of botany.