

Behrend and Co., 1907, pp. 81), in which the resolutions passed at the successive meetings of the International Meteorological Congress and of the International Meteorological Committee are systematically classified by subjects, with references to the meetings at which they were adopted, and to the publications in which the discussions on these resolutions may be found. Hitherto it has been difficult, without a considerable expenditure of time, to ascertain exactly what the official action has been in reference to the numerous subjects which have been considered at these meetings. Dr. Hellmann proposed the preparation of this *Kodex* at the Southport meeting of the International Meteorological Committee in 1903, and the volume has now been published in accordance with the authorization given to Drs. Hellmann and Hildebrandsson by the committee. Resolutions covering matters which have been disposed of (*e. g.*, the international cloud year) are omitted, as are those which have been superseded by later votes. A very full index (subject and author) to the reports of the international meteorological meetings is appended to the *Kodex*, and adds greatly to the value of the work done at these important gatherings. The *Kodex* is not a book for general reading, but it would be well for writers of future text-books on meteorology and climatology to study it carefully, in order to give their readers the official opinion on such matters as the exposure and corrections of instruments; the hours and methods of observation, etc.

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ACADEMIC SALARIES

MR. EDWARD M. SHEPARD, the eminent lawyer and statesman, has addressed the following letter to the editor of the *New York Times*:

The 'Taxpayer' who has made by letter to you an attack upon the purchase of a house to be occupied by the president of the College of the City of New York, would have done better to have ascertained the facts before making anonymous criticism. There is no intention whatever to donate a house to President Finley. The college,

for the purposes of the more efficient performance of its work, already great, with its 4,000 students, and fast becoming greater, is to acquire a house close to its buildings to be used by President Finley so long as the college and the city are fortunate enough to enjoy the enormous advantage of his very able and high-minded administration, and, when that good fortune of the college and the city shall end (may the Greek Kalends come first) President Finley's successor will occupy the house.

The city itself acquires the house, without suggestion or hint from President Finley, as an economical method of making some part of a suitable increase to the compensation of the President (now \$8,250) and as a means to facilitate the performance of his many and varied duties. Even with the rent of a house, his salary will be less than that of any one of the police magistrates of the city or any one of the civil magistrates of the city; it will be less than three fifths the salary of any one of the supreme court justices. Yet every well-informed citizen knows that, in difficulty of his work and in its supreme importance to the general welfare of the city, President Finley's place is not surpassed by that of any judge, or, indeed, by any in the city, unless, perhaps, the places of the mayor, the controller and one or two others.

The plain fact is, and your correspondent 'Taxpayer' may take notice of it, that, even with the increase in salary which this house will provide President Finley, his salary and the salaries of the professors of the college are inadequate and not in fit proportion to the salaries at Columbia University or the High Schools and public schools. The Normal College recently extended an invitation to a distinguished educator to become its president at a salary \$2,000 greater than the salary of President Finley will be when enlarged by the rent of his house. The president and professors receive the same salaries which they had very many years ago. The professors' salaries (\$4,750) are to-day what they were thirty or thirty-five years ago; while the salaries of all other teachers and professors and of all others in the service of the city have been largely increased, and living expenses at New York have enormously increased.

I do not know the view of my associate trustees, but I shall ask them to submit to the Board of Estimate next fall a proposal to increase the salaries of the professors of the college, and, per-

haps, to still further increase the salary of the president. Nor shall I object to the attendance of 'Taxpayer' before the Board of Estimate to oppose, if he see fit, but there in the open that we may know what interest he represents.

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*Chairman Board of Trustees, College of
the City of New York*

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SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY has conferred its doctorate of laws on President Alexander Humphreys, of the Stevens Institute of Technology, and Dr. Edward G. Janeway, professor of medicine and dean of the University and Bellevue Hospital Medical College.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY has conferred the doctorate of laws on Dr. Elmer E. Brown, U. S. commissioner of education, and on Dr. Henry F. Osborn, Da Costa professor of zoology in the university and curator of vertebrate paleontology in the American Museum of Natural History.

At the recent meeting of the American Medical Association at Atlantic City officers were elected as follows: *President*, Dr. Herbert L. Burrell, Boston; *first vice-president*, Dr. Edwin Walker, Evansville, Ind.; *second vice-president*, Dr. Hiram R. Burton, Lewes, Del.; *third vice-president*, Dr. George W. Crile, Cleveland; *fourth vice-president*, Dr. J. Blair Stewart, Atlantic City; *secretary*, Dr. George H. Simmons, Chicago; *treasurer*, Dr. Frank Billings, Chicago. Drs. T. J. Happel, Trenton, Tennessee, W. W. Grant, Denver, and Philip Marvel were reelected to the board of trustees.

DR. THOMAS E. DAVIS, of Pittsburg, has been elected president of the American Academy of Medicine.

AIDED by another grant from the Hodgkins Fund, held by the Smithsonian Institution, Professor A. Lawrence Rotch, director of the Blue Hill Observatory, will execute at St. Louis a sixth series of experiments with *ballons-sondes* next October, a season when observations at great heights in the free air are lacking in America.

DR. FRANK M. ANDREWS, who has been promoted to an associate professorship of botany at the University of Indiana, has been given leave of absence, and will spend the coming year at the German universities and the Naples Zoological Station.

DR. N. A. COBB, formerly pathologist to the government of New South Wales, Australia, more recently director of the division of pathology and physiology, Sugar Planters' Experiment Station, Honolulu, Hawaii, is now connected with the Bureau of Plant Industry, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

MR. H. A. BUEHLER, assistant state geologist of Missouri, has resigned to engage in professional work. His resignation will take effect on July 1, 1907. Mr. Buehler's successor has not been selected.

PROFESSOR CHARLES N. GOULD, of Norman, Oklahoma, reports the discovery, in the Arbuckle Mountains, of immense deposits of glass sand. Analyses made in the laboratories of the State University of Oklahoma indicate that the sand is more than 99 per cent. pure silica with no trace of iron. The discovery of this sand so near the extensive gas fields now being developed in that region is a matter of economic as well as of scientific interest.

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR GEORGE A. REISNER, now on leave of absence from Harvard University during archeological investigations in Palestine and Egypt, has been appointed by the Egyptian government archeologist-in-charge of the government excavations which are being commenced in the Nile Valley to the south of Aswan. The work will consist essentially in carrying out the excavations necessary to insure the thorough subterranean examination of that portion of the territory which will be submerged by the Aswan Reservoir when at its full height of 113 meters above sea level.

At a meeting of the Jackson County Medical Society, held in Jefferson, Ga., on April 10, a monument to the memory of Dr. Crawford W. Long was presented by the society to the city of Jefferson and Jackson County.