

Astronomical Society, London. Dr. Hill's many papers on mathematical astronomy have been purchased by the Carnegie Institute. The papers are designated as Hill's collected mathematical works.—*Boston Transcript*.

REORGANIZATION OF THE JOURNAL OF MORPHOLOGY

Plans have just been completed for the re-establishment of the *Journal of Morphology* on a secure financial basis, and the publication of the journal will be resumed immediately. This announcement, which Professor Hubrecht recently characterized as the best piece of news which he had heard since coming to America, has been made possible by the generosity of Dr. Horace Jayne, a friend and former director of the Wistar Institute of Anatomy and Biology. The journal will be published hereafter under the auspices of the institute, which assumes all financial responsibility; it will be edited by a board representing different institutions. The board of editors consists of the following:

- E. G. Conklin, University of Pennsylvania.
- H. H. Donaldson, Wistar Institute.
- M. J. Greenman, Wistar Institute.
- G. C. Huber, University of Michigan.
- Horace Jayne, Wistar Institute.
- F. R. Lillie, University of Chicago.
- F. P. Mall, Johns Hopkins University.
- C. S. Minot, Harvard Medical School.
- T. H. Morgan, Columbia University.
- G. H. Parker, Harvard University.
- E. B. Wilson, Columbia University.
- C. O. Whitman, University of Chicago.

The *Journal of Morphology* was founded in 1887 by C. O. Whitman and E. P. Allis, and it established a reputation for scientific merit and excellence of printing and illustration which was unsurpassed by any similar journal in the world. After the appearance of seventeen volumes the journal was compelled in 1902 to temporarily suspend publication, owing to insufficient financial support.

In the meantime the *American Journal of Anatomy* and the *Journal of Experimental Zoology* have been established and have taken high rank in their respective fields, but the general field of animal morphology has had

no organ of publication in this country. During the past five years it has been necessary to send to European journals many contributions within this field, and it has been a source of much anxiety and humiliation to American morphologists that in this great country, where so much research work is being done and where such great sums have been given for the advancement of science, no means existed for the adequate publication of morphological contributions and monographs. This great need will be met in large part by the reorganized *Journal of Morphology*, which will be conducted on the same broad and high plane which has always distinguished it.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

A. N. SKINNER, professor of mathematics, U. S. N., of the U. S. Naval Observatory, was retired according to law upon reaching the age of sixty-two years on August 12, 1907. Professor Skinner will remain upon active duty, however, until the completion of some unfinished work on the *Astronomische Gesellschaft* zone -14° to -18° , which was observed under his direction from 1892 to 1894. H. L. Rice, formerly assistant astronomer at the observatory, has been appointed to the professorship vacated by this retirement, and H. R. Morgan succeeds Mr. Rice in the position of assistant astronomer. The organization of the work of the observatory has been changed in the direction of the consolidation of the work, and Professor W. S. Eichelberger, U. S. N., has been placed in charge of all the astronomical work of the observatory.

PROFESSORS J. J. STEVENSON and W. M. Davis are the official delegates of the Geological Society of America to the centenary of the Geological Society, of London, to be held this month.

PROFESSOR S. ZABROWSKI, professor of ethnology in the School of Anthropology at Paris, has been elected president of the Paris Anthropological Society.

DR. A. VERNER, professor of chemistry at Zurich, has been elected a corresponding member of the Göttingen Academy of Sciences.