

Professor Lafayette B. Mendel, 18 Trumbull St., New Haven, Conn.

The Association of American Anatomists.—January 1–3. President, Professor Franklin P. Mall; secretary, Professor G. Carl Huber, 1330 Hill St., Ann Arbor, Mich.

The American Society of Zoologists.—Central Branch. Secretary, Professor Thomas G. Lee, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn.

The Botanical Society of America.—December 27–29. President, Professor George F. Atkinson, Cornell University; secretary, Dr. D. S. Johnson, Johns Hopkins University.

The Botanists of the Central States.—Business Meeting. President, Professor T. H. Macbride, University of Iowa; secretary, Professor H. C. Cowles, University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.

The American Psychological Association.—December 27, 28. President, Dr. Henry Rutgers Marshall, New York City; acting secretary, Professor R. S. Woodworth, Columbia University, New York City.

The Western Philosophical Association.—Secretary, Dr. John E. Bowdoin, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kans.

The American Anthropological Association.—December 30, January 4. President, Professor Franz Boas, Columbia University; secretary, Dr. Geo. Grant MacCurdy, Yale University, New Haven, Conn.

The American Folk-lore Society.—December 30–January 4. President, Professor Roland B. Dixon, Harvard University; secretary, Dr. Alfred M. Tozzer, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

Other national societies will meet as follows:

NEW HAVEN

The American Society of Zoologists.—Eastern Branch. December 26, 28. President, Dr. C. B. Davenport, Cold Spring Harbor, N. Y.; secretary, Professor W. L. Coe, Yale University, New Haven, Conn.

The American Society of Vertebrate Paleontologists.—December 26–28. President, Professor Bashford Dean, Columbia University; secretary, Professor Frederick B. Loomis, Amherst College, Amherst, Mass.

NEW YORK

The American Mathematical Society.—December 27, 28. President, Professor H. S. White, Vassar College; secretary, Professor F. N. Cole, Columbia University.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.

The Geological Society of America.—December 30–January 4. President, President Charles R. Van Hise, University of Wisconsin; secretary, Dr. Edmund O. Hovey, American Museum of Natural History, New York City.

ITHACA

The American Philosophical Association.—December 26, 28. President, Professor H. N. Gardiner, Smith College; secretary, Professor Frank Thilly, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

NEXT SUMMER, AT SOME PLACE TO BE DETERMINED

The Astronomical and Astrophysical Society of America.—President, Professor Edward C. Pickering, Harvard College Observatory; secretary, Professor Geo. C. Comstock, Washburn Observatory, Madison, Wisconsin.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

MR. ANDREW CARNEGIE has added two million dollars to the endowment of the Carnegie Institution of Washington. Mr. A. J. Montague of Virginia and Mr. W. B. Parsons of New York have been elected trustees of the institution.

NOBEL prizes have been awarded as follows: In physics to Professor A. A. Michelson of the University of Chicago; in chemistry to Professor Eduard Buchner of the Berlin Agricultural School; in medicine to M. Laveran of Paris; in literature to Mr. Rudyard Kipling, and for the promotion of peace to M. Renault and M. Moneta.

MR. ALEXANDER AGASSIZ and Professor Adolf von Baeyer have been elected honorary members of the Vienna Academy of Sciences.

MISS FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE, now in her eighty-eighth year, has been decorated by King Edward with the Order of Merit.

PROFESSOR E. B. TITCHENER, of Cornell University, has been appointed non-resident lecturer on psychology at Columbia University for the academic year 1907–08.

At the sixtieth anniversary meeting of the New York Academy of Medicine on November 29, Col. W. C. Gorgas, chief sanitary officer of the Isthmian Canal Commission, de-

livered an address on the sanitary problems encountered in the canal zone.

THE regular meeting of the Columbia Chapter of the Society of Sigma Xi was held with the department of chemistry on December 12. Professor C. F. Chandler addressed the society on Recent Progress of Electrochemistry. The lecture was an exposition of the theory and practise of electrochemistry as employed in the great industries built up during the last few years at Niagara Falls, and was illustrated by a collection of specimens of both materials and products.

THE annual meeting of the New York Academy of Sciences will be held on Monday, December 16, at the Hotel Endicott, corner of Columbus Avenue and Eighty-first Street, at 7 P.M. After the annual dinner Professor N. L. Britton will deliver his address as retiring president of the academy, on "The New York Botanical Garden, its organization and construction."

A JOURNAL CLUB IN GENERAL SCIENCE has been organized at the New York City College with membership consisting of the instructors in the science courses. Professor Alfred G. Compton has been elected president and Dr. George G. Scott secretary.

PROFESSOR C. A. EWALD has announced his intention of retiring from the editorship of the *Berliner klinische Wochenschrift* on January 1.

THE recent opening of a new laboratory of botany at Wellesley College was made the occasion of a reception to Professor Emeritus Susan M. Hallowell, at the head of the department of botany from the opening of the college in 1875 to 1902.

LIEUTENANT FRANK H. LAHM, of the United States Army, is in Germany on leave of absence from the War Department to study German aeronautics.

DR. PAUL HAUPT, of Johns Hopkins University, honorary associate in historic archeology in the U. S. National Museum, has been designated by Secretary Walcott as the representative of the National Museum and the Smithsonian Institution at the fifteenth inter-

national congress of orientologists to be held in Copenhagen during the second half of the month of August, 1908.

A STATUE of the late Professor Tillaux is to be erected in the school of practical anatomy of the University of Paris at Clamart. The statue is by M. Chaplain.

BERNARD J. HARRINGTON, Ph.D., professor of chemistry in McGill University, died on November 29 in Montreal. We learn from a notice in the *Yale Alumni Weekly* that he was born on August 5, 1848, at St. Andrews, P. Q., and was graduated from McGill University in 1869, taking first honors in natural science and winning the Logan gold medal. Pursuing a graduate course at Sheffield Scientific School, Yale University, he received the degree of doctor of philosophy in 1871 and the prize in mineralogy. He was appointed in the same year lecturer in chemistry at McGill, and in 1872 succeeded Dr. T. Sterry Hunt as chemist and mineralogist to the Geological Survey of Canada. He filled both posts for seven years, retiring from the Geological Survey in 1879 in order to devote his entire time to teaching, giving lectures in mining and metallurgy in addition to his regular courses. In 1883 Dr. Harrington was appointed Green-shields professor of chemistry, but continued to hold the lectureship of mining and metallurgy until 1891. He was for many years editor of *The Canadian Naturalist*, and was the author of numerous monographs on the mineralogy of Canada. He published in 1883 "The Life of Sir William Logan, First Director of the Geological Survey in Canada."

WE regret to record the deaths of Dr. Georg Sidler, honorary professor of astronomy at Bern, of Dr. Maurits Snellen, director of the Meteorological Institute at Utrecht, and of Dr. Pietro Pavesi, professor of zoology at Pavia.

THE Central Branch of the American Society of Zoologists will unite with Section F of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in a joint program at the meeting to be held at the University of Chicago during convocation week. The Central Branch of the American Society of Natural-

ists, Professor R. A. Harper, University of Wisconsin, president, will hold no separate meeting, but will unite with the society in a program already announced.

THE next meeting of the Department of Superintendence of the National Educational Association will be held in Washington, D. C., on February 25, 26 and 27, 1908.

THE next meeting of the Pathological Society of Great Britain and Ireland will be held at the Pathological Laboratories of the Royal Army Medical College, London, on January 3, at 2 P.M., and will be resumed on the following day at 10 A.M. The members will dine together on the evening of January 3.

THE chief justice, presiding at a meeting of the National Preservation Society, at Cape Town, on November 23, urged the need of stronger measures to preserve rare flora and fauna from extinction. The gnu, or wildebeest, the gemsbok, the mountain zebra, the eland, and the giraffe were all nearly extinct. He said he remembered when a barrister on circuit seeing great herds where now there were railway stations. He also hoped that if the Table Mountain Railway were sanctioned proper safeguards would be taken against desertion.

WE learn from the London *Times* that the meeting of the Second International Conference on the Sleeping Sickness, which was to have assembled at the British foreign office on November 1, has been deferred in deference to the wishes of the German government, which has pointed out the advantage which would be gained if their delegates were in a position to submit to the conference the fruits of the recent labors of Professor Koch. Professor Koch has lately been engaged in an exhaustive inquiry into this question on the spot and has now returned to Berlin, where he is at present engaged in the preparation of his report. As this work must necessarily occupy a considerable time, the conference is unlikely to assemble before the middle of February. Meanwhile, however, meetings of the British delegates to the forthcoming conference are being

held from time to time at the foreign office to consider various points connected with the work of the conference.

FROM the same source we learn that there has been formed in Liverpool, with Sir Alfred Jones as chairman, an independent sleeping sickness committee. It has for its object the collection of information dealing with sleeping sickness, the stimulation of research into the cause, method of transference and cure of the disease, and the publication from time to time of communications with reference to it. The committee comprises, in addition to Sir Alfred Jones, the Lord Mayor of Liverpool; Professor Moore, director of the biochemical department of Liverpool University; Professor Salvin-Moore, director of the cytological department; Professor Annett, director of the comparative pathology department; Professor Sherrington, director of the physiological department; Dr. Stephens, Walter Myers lecturer in tropical medicine; and Dr. Anton Breine, director of the Runcom Research Laboratories. The corresponding secretaries include Professor Sir Robert Boyce, F.R.S., dean of the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

By the death at Boston of Silliman Bladgen (Yale '69), Yale University will obtain \$50,000. Mr. Bladgen was a nephew of Benjamin D. Silliman (Yale '24), of Brooklyn, who died in 1901. By his will he gave his nephew a life interest in \$50,000, which now reverts to the college without restrictions.

UNDER the will of Mrs. James Nichol of North Amherst, Oberlin College receives approximately \$25,000, which will be used for general endowment. For several years the college has had a small fund toward the erection of a men's building to serve as the center of their interests, both religious and secular. Twenty-five thousand dollars more has recently been pledged for this purpose.

THE new building containing the laboratories for zoology, botany, physics and chemistry in Kentucky University, toward the erection of which Mr. Andrew Carnegie con-