

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.

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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-

tributed \$25,000 some time ago, is nearing completion, and will be ready for occupancy in a short time.

THE National Educational Association has appointed a committee to investigate the entrance requirements to the technical schools of the country, and to consider the question of establishing uniform entrance requirements. The members are: President Atkinson, Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute; Dean Cooley, University of Michigan; Professor Tyler, secretary of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Dean Marston, University of Iowa; Professor Kimbel, Cornell; Professor Baker, University of Illinois, and Dean Goetze, School of Applied Science, Columbia University.

THE faculty of the Cornell University Medical College announces that in and after 1908 candidates for admission to the college must be (1) graduates of approved colleges or scientific schools; or (2) seniors in good standing in Cornell University or in any other approved college or scientific school whose faculty will permit them to substitute the first year of a professional course for the fourth year in arts and science, and which will confer upon them the bachelor's degree upon the satisfactory completion of the first year of the course in the Cornell University Medical College; or (3) persons who, while not possessing a bachelor's degree, give evidence by examination that they have acquired an equivalent education and a training sufficient to enable them to profit by the instruction offered in the Medical College. In and after 1909 all candidates for admission to the Medical College must have at least such knowledge of physics and inorganic chemistry as may be obtained in college by a year's course in these subjects when accompanied by laboratory work. In and after 1910 all candidates for admission must possess a similar knowledge of biology.

THE total number of doctorates of philosophy conferred by the University of Chicago has now reached four hundred and seventy.

By a decree of the Oxford convocation any student who has obtained the degree of Ph.D. at a university of the German empire, the Austro-Hungarian empire, or Switzerland, may be admitted to the status and privileges of a junior foreign student; and if he has obtained it with distinction (*cum laude*) to those of a senior foreign student.

IT is said that the number of American students at the University of Berlin has fallen to the smallest figure on record. Only sixty-eight men and twenty-seven women from America are enrolled, as compared with a total of more than two hundred three years ago and more than four hundred ten years ago. A similar state of affairs is said to exist at Heidelberg, Göttingen, Jena, Leipsic, Halle and other prominent universities.

REV. GEORGE ALEXANDER, D.D., Union, '66, pastor of the University Place Presbyterian Church of New York City, will be the next president of the Union College, succeeding Rev. Dr. Andrew V. Raymond, who resigned last June to accept a Buffalo pastorate. Dr. Alexander was offered the presidency of the college at that time, but consented only to become acting president.

PROFESSOR JOHN C. SHEDD, who has held the chair of physics in Colorado College, has resigned to accept the office of dean in Westminster University, Denver, Col.

B. M. WALKER, Ph.D. (Chicago), who has for some years been connected with the Mississippi Agricultural and Mechanical College, is now director of the school of engineering and professor of mathematics in that institution.

JOHN C. HESSLER, Ph.D. (Chicago), has been appointed professor of chemistry in James Millikan University, Decatur, Ill.

WILLIAM J. MOORE, assistant professor of electrical engineering at the Stevens Institute of Technology, has resigned to accept a professorship in the North Carolina State College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts.

PROFESSOR WALDEN, of Riga, has declined a call to succeed Mendelejef at St. Petersburg.