

country. In case the dues are thus sent to Washington for transmission to Geneva, a check for \$20 for donating members, \$4 for nominal members, and \$2.50 for associate members should be sent, to cover dues, exchange and postage. To those preferring to send directly, Dr. Wiley will send the blank furnished by the congress, on application. It is particularly desired that as many as are able submit definitions for food and drug products, as it is profitable to accumulate as much material as possible, to establish a broad basis for decisions.

Papers on food and drug products are also solicited, and may be sent directly to the appropriate sections or forwarded to Dr. Wiley for transmittal. It is hoped that a large membership in the congress may be secured from the United States.

RECENT REFERENCES TO LAMARCK

THE increased interest in the work of Lamarck is nowhere better evinced than in the number of Lamarckian items which one finds in current journals. In the *Revue Scientifique* (December, 1907) there appears an article on his early career, in *La Nature* (December 21, 1907) a careful study of his paternal family, in the *Journal des Savants* on some of his unpublished writings. And Dr. C. R. Eastman, of Harvard, has now brought to light a manuscript of Lamarck which has in part at least remained unpublished. This document was obtained (probably purchased in Paris) by Professor Alexander Agassiz and was by him presented (1896) to the Museum of Comparative Zoology. It consists of a series of essays, two psychological ("Système de Gall," 40 pp., "Idée et Imagination," 33 pp.), one purely philosophical ("Appercu analytique des connaissances humaines, avec des divisions et des réflexions tendant à montrer leur degré de certitude, leur source, leur branches principales," 12 pp.) and three zoological ("Questions zoologiques dont la solution est de première importance," 4 pp., "Discussion sur les caractères essentiels des animaux et sur la définition qui peut les embrasser généralement," 12 pp., "Histoire naturelle" (scope of), 4 pp.). Following these are numerous

drawings, doubtless from the hand of Lamarck, some in crude outline, as his "monads," some in color, of which one is a beautifully executed figure of a holothurian. At the instance of Dr. Eastman the manuscript has recently been placed in the hands of Professor Bashford Dean, of Columbia University, for detailed examination and publication.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

PRESIDENT ELIOT, of Harvard University, will deliver six lectures at Northwestern University on the Norman W. Harris Foundation. His general subject will be University Administration, and the dates and titles of the separate lectures as follows: Lecture I., "The Trustees." Thursday evening, April 9, at 8 o'clock. Lecture II., "An Inspecting and Concurring body—Alumni Influence." Friday evening, April 10, at 8 o'clock. Lecture III., "The University Faculty." Saturday morning, April 11, at 10 o'clock. Lecture IV., "The Elective System—Academic Distinctions." Saturday evening, April 11, at 8 o'clock. Lecture V., "Methods of Instruction—Social Organization." Monday evening, April 13, at 8 o'clock. Lecture VI., "Administration—The University President." Tuesday evening, April 14, at 8 o'clock.

PROFESSOR W. M. DAVIS, of Harvard University, and Professor A. P. Brigham, of Colgate University, will give several lectures on "The Geography of North America" in the School of Geography to be held at Oxford University from August 10 to 28.

SIR OLIVER LODGE'S presidential address to the Faraday Society, to be given on March 24, will have as its subject "Some Aspects of the Work of Lord Kelvin."

A BANQUET has been tendered to Dr. Robert Koch by the profession in Berlin. A portrait medallion was presented him, the first of a series of medallions of prominent living German physicians.

THE following fifteen candidates have been selected by the council of the Royal Society to be recommended for election as fellows: Mr. W. Barlow, the Earl of Berkeley, Mr. Dugald