

Trotter. Mr. M. J. Collins, of the Board of Trade, will act as secretary to the committee.

THE members of the committee appointed to arrange for Germany's participation in the International Congress on Tuberculosis that is to meet in Washington next September include Victor, Prince of Hohenlohe and Count von Lerchenfeld; Baron von Knesebeck; Dr. Abb, secretary of the civil cabinet of the emperor at Berlin; Dr. Bumm, president of the Imperial Board of Health, and Professor Dr. Schjerring, general chief of the army sanitary corps. Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the president of the committee, is the imperial secretary of the interior. Ernst von Mendelssohn Bartholdy, of the banking house of that name, and a member of the Prussian Diet, is the treasurer. Besides the members of official rank the list contains the names of many eminent men of science, including those of Dr. Robert Koch and Professor von Behring.

THE tablet in honor of Dr. Horace Wells, discoveror of anesthesia, which was sent to this country from Madrid by the Spanish Odontological Society, has reached Hartford by way of the Spanish minister at Washington. The memorial is composed of a silver plate surrounded by a wreath of white metal showing laurel leaves on one side and the oak on the other, with laurel berries in white and acorns in gilt. Above the plate is an ancient lamp with its light burning. The tablet is thirty-three inches by two feet. It bears the following inscription: "The Spanish Odontological Society to Horace Wells. Madrid, January 14, 1907."

WE learn with regret of the death of Dr. Heinrich Maschke, professor of mathematics in the University of Chicago, at the age of fifty-five years.

M. ALBERT DE LAPPARENT, the eminent French geologist, has died at the age of sixty-seven years.

WE regret also to record the death of Dr. K. Möbius, professor of zoology at Berlin, at the age of eighty-three years.

THE U. S. Civil Service Commission announces an examination on June 17 to fill two, and possibly three, vacancies in the position of medical interne (male) and one vacancy in the position of medical interne (female), at \$600 per annum each, with maintenance, in the Government Hospital for the Insane, Washington, D. C., and vacancies requiring similar qualifications as they may occur.

TABLES at the laboratory of the United States Bureau of Fisheries, at Beaufort, North Carolina, will be available for the use of investigators after July 1. Requests for further information should be addressed either to the Commissioner of Fisheries, Washington, D. C., or to the director of the laboratory, Beaufort.

THE public opening of the Museum of the Staten Island Association of Arts and Sciences at the Borough Hall, St. George, Borough of Richmond, took place on Saturday afternoon, May 23.

THE provision of a Pasteur Institute for Burma is said to be now assured, though some little time must elapse before the work can be started.

WE learn from the *Journal* of the American Museum of Natural History that the museum has secured as a loan exhibit the series of eight paintings of Mt. Pelé, Martinique, made by the late Professor Angelo Heilprin of the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences and Yale University. Professor Heilprin visited Martinique during the eruptions of 1902 and 1903, first as the delegate of the National Geographic Society and afterwards on his own account. The paintings now at the museum were made from sketches, photographs and other studies in the field and are valuable not only from an artistic point of view, but also from their giving a record of the impressions of an observer who was a scientist as well as an artist. The paintings have been installed in the lobby of the central hall of the second floor.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

THE public bequests announced under the will of the late Mr. T. Webb include £5,000.

to University College, London, to be used and applied, so far as is practicable, for the purposes of physical research, and £5,000 to University College of South Wales and Monmouthshire, also for physical research.

THE London *Times* states that the new university established by the legislature of Alberta will open its first term next September. The site for its buildings is a fine one of 250 acres at Strathcona, on the Saskatchewan River, opposite Edmonton, the provincial capital. The plans have not yet been prepared; and, meanwhile, the university will have the use of a large school building in Edmonton. The scheme of the university's work and buildings is comprehensive; but in the first term there will only be one combined faculty, of arts and science, giving B.A. and B.Sc. degrees. Dr. H. M. Tory, the president, formerly professor at McGill University, says he expects to begin with 40 or 50 students. The province has set apart for the revenue of the university one fifth of the educational land tax and one fifth also of the tax on joint stock companies; and the legislature will make special grants for building. The convocation consists of the university graduates resident in Alberta, numbering 364, about half of whom are alumni of Toronto University. This body of graduates also elects five of the fifteen members of the senate.

WE learn from the New York *Evening Post* that the construction of the building to be used by the geology department of Williams College is progressing rapidly. The exterior will be of red brick, painted a colonial yellow to match West College, and the trimmings will be of white marble. There will be two stories and a basement. Lecture rooms, laboratory, library and workshop will be in the basement. A museum will occupy the whole of the first floor, and around the walls will be placed fragments of old Clark Hall. The building should be ready for occupancy at the beginning of the next college year.

THE Summer School of The Connecticut Agricultural College, which holds its seventh annual session July 1 to 24 inclusive, has arranged for special courses in nature study,

pedagogy, and elementary agriculture. The Summer School is planned to meet the needs of teachers and others who wish to learn something about outdoor life.

THE trustees of the George Washington University have adopted a recommendation that no student will be hereafter matriculated in the Department of Medicine who can not give his full time to study. The work will begin at nine o'clock in the morning and continue throughout the day, the evening work being discontinued except so far as is necessary to provide for students already in the school. This action puts all the work of the university in the day time.

THE numbers of medical students in German universities during the summer course of 1907 were as follows: Munich, 1,248; Berlin, 876; Freiburg, 645; Leipzig, 498; Würzburg, 449; Heidelberg, 397; Kiel, 340; Marburg, 291; Bonn, 277; Breslau, 277; Jena, 275; Tübingen, 242; Strassburg, 233; Königsberg, 216; Halle, 210; Greifswald, 201; Erlangen, 199; Göttingen, 176; Giessen, 173; Rostock, 122. Total, 7,345.

AT Yale University Dr. Henry Lord Wheeler, '90 S., has been promoted to be professor of organic chemistry in the Sheffield Scientific School, and Dr. Joseph Barrell, '00 Ph.D., to be professor of geology in the college. New appointments and promotions were: Ernest Wilson Sheldon, '07, and Horace T. Burgess, '06, to be instructors in mathematics; Clarence Curtiss Perry, '04 S., from assistant to be instructor in physics and steam engine; Clifford Whitman Bates, '05 S., and Charlton Dows Cooksey, '05 S., from assistants to be instructors in physics.

DR. WM. M. WHEELER, curator of invertebrate zoology in the American Museum of Natural History, has been appointed professor of economic entomology in the Graduate School of Applied Science of Harvard University.

Errata: In the article on "Geological Climates" by Dr. J. M. Schaeberle in the issue of SCIENCE for May 18, on page 784, last line of first paragraph, second column, for "that" read "than," and on page 785, first column, tenth line of first paragraph, for "other" read "ether."