

session will be for the election of officers and members, and for the transaction of other routine business. The meetings, open to the public and devoted to the presentation and discussion of scientific papers, will be held at the University Museum, Oxford Street, commencing on Tuesday, November 17, and continuing for three days. Information regarding the meeting can be had by addressing the secretary, Mr. John H. Sage, Portland, Conn.

THE Salters' Company, London, has voted £100 a year for a period of three years to the cancer research laboratories of the Middlesex Hospital as a research scholarship.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL BURLAND, of Montreal, has given \$50,000 to the Montreal League for the Prevention and Treatment of Tuberculosis. In the heart of Montreal, Colonel Burland has presented a building for dispensary purposes and the gift of \$50,000 is on the condition that the league raises an endowment of a similar amount.

A ROYAL COMMISSION has been appointed in Great Britain to make an inventory of the ancient and historical monuments and constructions connected with or illustrative of the contemporary culture, civilization and conditions of life of the people in England from the earliest times to the year 1700, and to specify those which seem most worthy of preservation. The commission is constituted as follows: Lord Burghclere (chairman); Earl of Plymouth, C.B.; Viscount Dillon; Lord Balcarres, M.P.; Sir H. H. Howorth, K.C.I.E., F.R.S.; Sir John F. F. Horner, K.C.V.O.; Mr. E. J. Horniman, M.P.; Dr. F. J. Haverfield, Camden professor of ancient history in the University of Oxford; Mr. L. Stokes, vice-president of the Royal Institute of British Architects; Mr. J. Fitzgerald, assistant secretary to H.M. Office of Works; and Mr. J. G. N. Clift, hon. secretary to the British Archeological Association.

PROFESSOR SENECA EGBERT will give a series of free public lectures at the Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia, on "The Pre-

vention of Disease and the Preservation of Health," at 8 P.M. on the following dates:

November 5—"The Economic Loss due to Preventable Diseases—What they cost and how they Affect the People, Individually and Collectively."

November 12—"What is being done to prevent Disease—Results already Achieved—The Outlook for the Future."

November 19—"Methods of Prophylaxis, and their Efficiency—The Value of Sanitation, Quarantine, Vaccination, etc."

November 27—"The Importance of Personal Health in Preventing Disease—Necessity of Fostering and Increasing One's Vital Resistance—The Influence of Extraneous Factors as Pure Air, Pure Water, Pure Food, etc."

December 3—"The Importance and Need of Popular Education in Public Health—Available and Practical Means for Securing It—Missionary Work Imperative for the Immediate Future."

THE following is a series of lectures which has been arranged by the Museum of the University of Pennsylvania, for the month of November. They are to be given in the Widener Lecture Hall, at three o'clock on the afternoons mentioned.

November 7—C. Leonard Woolley, A.M.: "Results of the Second Eckley B. Coxe Egyptian Expedition" and "Excavations in Nubia."

November 11—Sir Harry Johnston, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., D.Sc.: "The Congo State—Its Fauna and Its Peoples."

November 18—Professor Oscar Gustaf Monetiilius, Royal Antiquary of Sweden: "The Mycenaean Period."

November 25—C. Leonard Woolley, A.M.: "A Roman Town in Britain" and "Roman Britain in the Light of the Present Excavations at Corbridge on Tyne."

#### THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

At a meeting of the senate of the University of Illinois on October 15, called at the request of the committee on educational policy, the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, There is ground for apprehending that recent articles in the press may lead the public to think that academic freedom is suppressed or interfered with at the University of

Illinois by the president, or that tenure of office is insecure because of autocratic administration; therefore, without entering at all into a discussion of the case referred to in said articles, be it

*Resolved*, by the senate of the University of Illinois (a body which includes all heads of departments and full professors in the university), that it is our belief that each member of the faculty has entire freedom of opinion, that he is free to express his opinions on all matters of university administration and educational policy to his colleagues and to the president without interference and without fear that it will endanger his position.

*Resolved*, That we hereby express our confidence in the president of the university and our conviction that he administers his high office as a colleague rather than as a superior.

*Resolved*, That in the opinion of the university senate the course of the administration has been such as to stimulate to a marked degree the higher scientific and educational interests of the university.

*Resolved*, That as members of the faculty we assure the president of our loyal and hearty support in the varied and difficult responsibilities imposed upon him as the executive head of this university.

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#### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

THE Draper's Company will erect for Oxford University an electrical laboratory at a cost of £22,000 and will give an additional sum of £1,000 for its equipment.

THE H. K. Cushing Laboratory of Experimental Medicine at Western Reserve University will be dedicated on Friday, November 20, at 2 o'clock, when Professor William H. Welch, of the Johns Hopkins University, will make the address.

CORNELL UNIVERSITY has bought within the past year for the benefit of the College of Agriculture and the Veterinary College approximately 500 acres of ground lying contiguous to its other holdings.

MRS. MARY FISKE SPENCER, of Oberlin, has presented to the botanical laboratory at Oberlin College a collection of seven thousand European plants, gathered during twenty-five years of residence in Munich.

THE council of the Royal College of Surgeons, of London, has adopted resolutions which will in future admit women to the examinations of the conjoint examining board in England, to the examination for the diploma in public health, to the examinations for the fellowship, and to the examinations for the license in dental surgery.

DR. FLORIAN CAJORI, head professor of mathematics in Colorado College, has again accepted the deanship of the Engineering School.

DR. DANIEL STARCH, instructor in experimental psychology in Wellesley College, has been appointed instructor in psychology in the University of Wisconsin.

DR. T. H. McHALTON has resigned as horticulturist of the Georgia Experiment Station, to take the position of adjunct professor in charge of the Horticultural Department of the Georgia State College of Agriculture at the University of Georgia, Athens.

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#### DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE

##### DR. O. P. HAY ON THE SKULL OF DIPLODOCUS

My attention has been called to-day to an article in *SCIENCE* from the pen of my friend, Dr. O. P. Hay, in which he indulges in certain criticisms of my paper on the "Osteology of *Diplodocus*" published in the *Memoirs* of the Carnegie Museum, Volume II, page 225 *et seq.*

"*Humanum est errare*," and it is quite possible I have made mistakes. I shall be glad to accept corrections when I am convinced they are well founded. Until, however, I have time to reexamine the whole subject I am not inclined to adopt Dr. Hay's opinion as final. His *ipse dixit* does not carry conviction with it, especially as I am aware that he is only beginning his studies in this difficult field of investigation. We all acknowledge him to be a competent student of the Testudinata, but his investigations as to the skulls of the dinosauria are of quite recent origin.

Leaving out of sight difficult questions which relate to the interpretation of the foramina of the skull intended to give exit to