

seriously object to members of the faculty engaging in the public and indiscriminate dance and card parties;

Therefore, be it resolved by the board of Regents, in regular session in the city of Norman, April 2 and 3, 1909, that we request the members of the faculty of this university to refrain from these amusements during their connection with this university.

Resolved further, that the president of the university be requested to furnish each member of the faculty with a copy of this resolution.

**BUILDING FOR SCIENTIFIC, EDUCATIONAL,
PATRIOTIC AND OTHER ORGANIZA-
TIONS IN WASHINGTON**

At the meeting of the National Academy of Sciences on April 21, 1909, the question of the lack of proper accommodations in the Smithsonian building for the National Academy, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and other national and local scientific organizations was brought up by the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution.

Secretary Walcott explained that the headquarters of the National Academy, the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the American Historical Association are in the Smithsonian Institution building; that three other bodies have applied for space, but there is no more room available and there is no place in Washington available for large scientific gatherings, such as would come together at meetings of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and scientific congresses on various subjects. There will be better facilities in the new National Museum building, but there will be inadequate facilities for large meetings and congresses. He then called attention to the memorial building proposed by the George Washington Memorial Association. The general scheme as outlined by the association is to erect a great memorial building to George Washington in recognition of his strong desire expressed in his farewell address: "Promote then, as an object of primary importance, institutions for the general diffusion of knowledge"; also, "the promotion of science and literature."

The memorial association circular states that the building

will be dedicated to the increase and diffusion of knowledge in all lines of human activity that will conduce to the advancement of the welfare of mankind.

The building is to be well located, attractive in appearance, practical in plan and construction, and of the most durable character. It is to be planned so as to furnish a home and gathering place for *National, Patriotic, Scientific, Educational, Literary and Art Organizations* that may need such accommodations, including the Washington Academy of Sciences and its sixteen affiliated societies. It will furnish a place where all the Patriotic Societies both north and south may testify to their love for the Father of this Country. The building will contain a great hall or auditorium and rooms for large congresses, such as the recent Tuberculosis Congress; rooms for small and large meetings; office rooms and students' research rooms.

Primarily the basis of this movement is a patriotic one. The nation needs a headquarters for its great national organizations engaged in bringing the people in closer touch with each other, in all that pertains to patriotism and increase of knowledge that will make better and stronger men and women, physically, mentally and morally.

All the national and local organizations mentioned may have their offices in the proposed building and be liable only for their personal expenses, as it is planned that an endowment fund for the maintenance of the building shall also be collected.

The George Washington Memorial Association has \$25,000 in its permanent fund and \$5,000 for expenses. It is planning to organize in every state through state chairmen and to obtain funds by contributions of one dollar or more.

The memorial association recently elected Mrs. Susan Whitney Dimock, of New York, president, and the following advisory council has been appointed: Hon. Elihu Root, President Ira Remsen, Professor H. Fairfield Osborn, General Horace Porter, President Chas. J. Dabney, Dr. Charles D. Walcott, Mr. Charles J. Bell.

Mr. Charles J. Bell is the trustee of the permanent fund.

It was further explained that the memorial association is not working under an agreement with any educational or other institution but that it desired the cooperation of all organizations and individuals interested in its purpose.

After full consideration the National Academy of Sciences unanimously adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the National Academy of Sciences give its approval to the general plan of the George Washington Memorial Association to collect funds for the purpose of erecting and maintaining in the city of Washington a building adapted for a meeting place of scientific organizations.

The Washington Academy of Sciences has had the matter under consideration for some time through its building committee. On April 20 its board of managers recommended active cooperation with the memorial association and at a meeting of the academy, April 24, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, that, in the opinion of the Washington Academy of Sciences, the efforts of the George Washington Memorial Association to provide suitable facilities in the city of Washington for bringing together the national patriotic, scientific, educational, literary and art organizations that may need such accommodations, including the Washington Academy of Sciences and its affiliated societies, deserves commendation and support.

Resolved, that the academy considers it eminently desirable that we should commemorate the interest felt by our first president in science and the higher education, and that no better method can be found than to provide, in the city which bears his name, the capital of the nation, a suitable meeting place for all engaged in the advancement of the welfare of the human race.

Resolved, that the academy appoint a special committee to cooperate in this important movement by all practicable methods.

Resolved, that the academy recommends to each of the affiliated societies that it appoint a similar committee to cooperate with the committee of the academy.

The Washington Academy has appointed its building committee, Dr. George M. Kober, chairman, as its effective agency to take the matter up with the members of the academy

and affiliated societies and the citizens of Washington.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

PROFESSOR GEORGE E. HALE, Mount Wilson; Professor Santiago Ramón y Cajal, Madrid; Professor Émile Picard, Paris, and Professor Hugo Kronecker, Berne, have been elected foreign members of the Royal Society.

THE following new members have been elected to the American Philosophical Society: Louis A. Bauer, William Howard Taft, Washington, D. C.; Marston Taylor Bogert, Hermon Carey Bumpus, Dr. Alexis Carrel, A. V. Williams Jackson, New York; Edwin Brant Frost, Williams Bay, Wis.; Robert Almer Harper, Charles Richard Van Hise, Madison, Wis.; William Herbert Hobbs, Victor Clarence Vaughan, Ann Arbor, Mich.; Abbott Lawrence Lowell, Boston; William Romaine Newbold, John Frederick Lewis, Charles Bingham Penrose, Philadelphia; Francis Darwin, Cambridge, England; Hermann Diels, Emil Fischer, Berlin; Friedrich Kohlrausch, Marburg; Wilhelm F. Ph. Pfeffer, Leipzig.

M. PIERRE TERMIER, professor of mineralogy in the Paris School of Mines, has been elected a member of the Paris Academy of Sciences in the place of the late M. Gaudry.

PROFESSOR WILHELM OSTWALD, the eminent chemist, has been awarded by the University of Christiania its first Cato M. Guldberg medal.

SUBSCRIPTIONS to the Charles W. Eliot fund have been received from about 2,050 graduates of Harvard University and others, and amount at this time to about \$130,000. The subscribers have sent subscriptions as follows: 858, \$5 and under; 500, \$10 to \$20; 418, \$25 to \$50; 189, \$100 to \$250; 58, \$250 to \$500; 31, \$1,000 to \$10,000. The committee hopes that the fund will amount to more than \$150,000 by May 10, when President Eliot retires. The subscriptions have been placed in the hands of trustees, to invest and hold for the benefit of President and Mrs. Eliot. The fund will eventually pass to Harvard University.

DR. EUGEN WOLF has been promoted to the directorship of the Senckenberg Museum of