

DR. SANTIAGO ROTH, of the La Plata Museum, Argentina, has accepted membership on the International Correlation Committee of the National Academy of Sciences. The object of this committee is to obtain data for a better correlation of the geological succession in different parts of the world, a matter in which there is at present wide diversity of opinion. Dr. Roth will contribute especially upon the Mesozoic and Cenozoic formations of the Argentine Republic.

At the commencement exercises of the medical department of the University of North Carolina, Dr. William H. Welch, of the Johns Hopkins Medical School, delivered the address. Dr. Welch has now sailed for Europe.

A STATUE in honor of Theodor Swann, the physiologist, has been erected at Neusz where he was born.

PROFESSOR CARL N. I. BÖRGEN, for thirty-four years director of the Imperial Observatory at Wilhelmshaven, has died at the age of sixty-six.

DR. MARIA ARISTIDES BREZINA, formerly director of the mineralogical department of the Imperial Vienna Museum, died in Vienna on May 25, after a long illness, in the sixty-second year of his age. Dr. Brezina was one of the most brilliant and thorough of the European mineralogists. He devoted the latter part of his life to the study of meteorites and he created a vast amount of important literature on the subject, incidentally making the meteoric collection in the Imperial Museum in Vienna the most complete in existence. The mineralogical collections prospered under his direction; indeed, the Viennese collections were for many years the leading ones in Europe. Dr. Brezina leaves a wife, two daughters and a sister.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

THE mechanical and electrical engineering laboratories of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, erected at a cost of about \$400,000 from the fund given by Mrs. Russell Sage, were dedicated on June 15, at the eighty-fifth commencement of the institution. Addresses were made by Jesse M. Smith, president of

the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and by Louis B. Stillwell, president-elect of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers.

For the purpose of maintaining at Cornell University a number of students who are to pursue research work in engineering, Mr. L. L. Nunn, of Telluride, Colorado, is building on the campus and will endow a clubhouse in which the investigators that he sends there are to live.

A FELLOWSHIP in chemistry of the annual value of \$500 has been endowed by Dr. Milton L. Hershey, of Montreal, in the School of Mining, Kingston, Ontario. It is open to graduates of all universities and technical colleges.

MR. CHARLES MARTEN POWELL, formerly scholar of Corpus Christi College, Oxford, has given £250 a year to the college in order to enable it to augment the stipend of White's professor of moral philosophy, in accordance with the statutes of the last commission.

KING EDWARD will lay the foundation stone of the first new building of the Imperial College of Science and Technology for the departments of mining, metallurgy and geology (Royal School of Mines), and in extension of the engineering department (City and Guilds College), on July 8. The buildings are to be erected on the land in Prince Consort-road, South Kensington, lying to the east of the Royal College of Music and to the north of the City and Guilds College.

At Harvard University Edward Murray East, of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, has been appointed assistant professor of experimental plant morphology, O. K. O. Folin becomes Hamilton Kuhn professor of biological chemistry, E. E. Southard, Bullard professor of neuropathology and Myles Standish, Williams professor of ophthalmology.

AMONG the promotions to full professorships at the University of Wisconsin are Dr. Richard Fischer, analytical chemistry, and Dr. H. C. Taylor, agricultural economics. The following were promoted from assistant profes-

sorships to associate professorships: Eliot Blackwelder, geology; C. M. Jansky, electrical engineering, and E. G. Hastings, bacteriology. Those who were raised from instructors to assistant professors include George Wagner, zoology; E. R. Jones, soils; C. P. Norgord, agronomy; M. O. Withey, mechanics; W. S. Kinney, structural engineering, and A. G. Christie, steam engineering.

At Princeton University Dr. E. P. Adams, assistant professor of physics, has been elected professor of physics and Dr. L. P. Eisenhart, preceptor in mathematics, professor of mathematics. Among the preceptors elected were: P. H. Fogel in philosophy; J. G. Hun, C. R. Maclunes and Elijah Swift, in mathematics. The following instructors were appointed: E. B. Baxter, in philosophy; B. J. Spence, in physics, and C. M. Dennis, in civil engineering.

In the Johns Hopkins Medical School Dr. Charles D. Snyder, has been appointed associate in physiology. Among the instructors appointed are: Dr. Leonard G. Rowntree, in experimental therapeutics; Dr. Arthur H. Koelker, in physiologic chemistry; Dr. Herbert M. Evans, in anatomy, and Dr. Milton C. Winternitz, in pathology.

DR. JOHN C. SHEDD, of Westminster College, Denver, has been elected professor of physics and head of the department at the University of Pittsburgh. The department will move into the new laboratories now nearing completion. Mr. Will Grant Chambers, for the past five years professor of psychology in the Colorado State Normal School, has been elected to the newly established chair of education in the same institution.

DR. C. H. SHATTUCK, associate professor of botany and forestry at Clemson College, S. C., has recently resigned to accept a professorship in the University of Idaho.

MR. H. P. KEAN, assistant in the University of Illinois, has been elected professor of mathematics in Ripon College.

At the University of Cambridge Mr. H. F. Newall, F.R.S., fellow of Trinity College, has been elected to the recently founded professorship of astrophysics.

DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE

JOINT MEETINGS OF ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETIES

TO THE EDITOR OF SCIENCE: There has been brought to my attention much severe criticism of the fact that at the recent Baltimore meeting Section F held meetings parallel with those of the American Society of Zoologists; and many of these criticisms are in such a form as to suggest that the officers of Section F deliberately planned that conflicting arrangement. Such is not the case. The officers then responsible for Section F were also members of the American Society of Zoologists and therefore were especially anxious to avoid conflicting meetings. For some weeks preceding the meeting, the secretaries of the American Society of Zoologists and Section F carried on correspondence looking towards a joint program, with the exception of the vice-presidential address before Section F. In the last days before publication of programs, it suddenly became evident that the large number of papers submitted made a joint two-day program as planned impossible, and there was no time for considering possible rearrangements of plan.

The problems of conflicting meetings have now been more carefully considered by the sectional committee of Section F; and with the hope of leading to better organized zoological meetings, with grouping of papers into natural subdivisions and perhaps sectional meetings when necessary in order to complete the program of papers in two or three days, the committee has voted that if the American Society of Zoologists goes to Boston next December Section F will propose limiting its meetings to the vice-presidential address and business, and leave to the American Society of Zoologists entire charge of the meetings for the reading of zoological papers. Such a proposition has been transmitted to the secretary of the American Society of Zoologists for reference to the executive committee of that society.

The writer has heard only one line of objection to the general plan of this proposition, namely, that Section F has among its members several hundred who are not eligible to