

Mr. Baker will stop at London, Hamburg and Mombasa, to perfect details of shipment.

It is intended to secure for the park from Mr. Henry Tarleton, of one of the farms near Nairobi, two Coke's hartebeests, a female water-buck and several zebras, specimens of which are not now owned by the park.

PROFESSOR NEWCOMB'S LIBRARY

THE executor of the estate of the late Professor Simon Newcomb (Mrs. Anita Newcomb McGee, 1620 P Street, Washington, D. C.) offers for sale his complete library of books and pamphlets on astronomy, mathematics and allied subjects. During the working years of his life it had been his policy to possess for himself, so far as circumstances allowed, the books necessary in his work. As years passed on it seemed to him that the collection would prove to be of permanent scientific value and he therefore enlarged it by the addition of books which he did not need at the time but which he deemed most useful to the future investigator, especially the student of scientific history. It had been his hope that his library would help in the training of some future great scientist, or in his work. This being his motive, he was especially anxious that the library should not be divided, but should belong to some institution in which astronomical and kindred branches of research are carried on.

With this end in view the value of the library is estimated at only \$7,000, which is the estimated cost of the purchased books alone, although the number of transactions of societies and other gift books together with the many thousand pamphlets form a very considerable portion of the value of the library.

There are nearly 4,000 volumes and about 4,000 pamphlets in the library; the pamphlets are all classified and arranged for easy reference and include reprints of memoirs of astronomy, mathematics and physics. In round numbers 1,000 volumes are complete sets of publications of learned societies and observatories.

There is a complete set of Crelle's journal. There are 75-100 catalogues of precision (star-

places). The library is especially rich in all branches of astronomy, including popular works, history of astronomy, ancient astronomy, mathematical astronomy, astrophysics, stellar astronomy and photographic astronomy. The large number of volumes on celestial mechanics, including the works of the most celebrated writers is worthy of special mention. The bulk of the library is of course on astronomy and mathematics, the former predominating, but there are also several hundred volumes on physics, geography and meteorology, and many of the transactions cover general science. It is believed that this is the most complete library of its kind in America except, perhaps, that at Harvard University and including the Harvard Observatory library.

In addition to the above and not as yet catalogued, are several hundred—possibly approaching 1,000—books, reports and volumes of periodicals on economic subjects. This is also for sale with or apart from the above.

A typewritten catalogue of this library has been prepared under Professor Newcomb's personal direction in which the works are classified approximately on the system now current in catalogues of astronomical literature. This will be sent to any one contemplating purchase of the collections as a whole. Until about the middle of September the library will remain in place and may be examined.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

PROFESSOR SAMUEL WILLIAM JOHNSON, emeritus professor of agricultural chemistry in Yale University, where he has held a professorship for fifty-three years, a member of the National Academy of Sciences since 1866, past president of the American Chemical Society, eminent for his contributions to agricultural chemistry, died in New Haven on July 21 in his eightieth year.

PROFESSOR NEWCOMB'S daughter, Mrs. Anita Newcomb McGee, 1620 P street, Washington, is engaged in the preparation of a biography of her father, and will be most appreciative of any assistance which his friends may render,