

THE Norman W. Harris lectures of Northwestern University will this year be given by Dr. J. S. Ames, professor of physics in Johns Hopkins University. The series, comprising six lectures on the subject "The Constitution of Matter," is as follows:

February 24—"General Properties of Matter; Mass."

February 25—"Corpuscles and Atoms; Electrical Mass."

February 26—"Radioactivity; Gravitation."

February 27—"Radiation; Formation of Molecules; Elasticity."

February 28—"Properties of Metals; Thermionics."

March 1—"Models of Atoms; Conclusion."

WE learn from the *Journal* of the American Medical Association that on January 25 the American Society for Physicians' Study Travels, with national headquarters in Philadelphia and proposed branches throughout the United States, was formally organized at a meeting of prominent medical men at Philadelphia. Dr. James M. Anders was elected president and Dr. Albert Bernheim was chosen as secretary. The society proposes to send travel parties to foreign countries to report on the methods of leading medical men and scientists in Europe and South America. All physicians and scientific men qualified to become affiliated with the American Medical Association will be eligible for membership, and also associate and honorary members will be elected among the prominent medical and non-medical men of this and foreign countries.

ON February 3 the city of Providence passed a resolution accepting as a gift from the Audubon Society of Rhode Island the Manly-Hardy collection of North American birds and also as a gift from Mr. Horace F. Carpenter his collection of shells and minerals with a library descriptive of the same. The conditions of the gifts are that they shall be properly cared for and exhibited at the Park Museum within three years from date of acceptance. This means that the city will erect an addition to the museum almost as large as the present structure, equipped to exhibit the

collections. The Manly-Hardy collection of North American birds, which has just been purchased by the Audubon Society of Rhode Island through subscriptions of its members and friends, is one of the most valuable private collections in existence and represents thirty-three consecutive years of work on the part of Mr. Hardy and his daughter, Mrs. Fannie Hardy Eckstorm. The collection is remarkable for its many specimens in breeding plumage, for some extinct and for numerous rare species. The Carpenter collection of shells and minerals represents about fifty years' work by Mr. Horace F. Carpenter, of Providence, and contains over three thousand species of shells, about five hundred different kinds of minerals and a library valued at over \$2,000.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

OHIO-MIAMI MEDICAL COLLEGE of the University of Cincinnati, has received \$125,000 from a donor whose name is being withheld. An effort is being made to raise an endowment fund of \$1,000,000.

DURING the past year three wills, involving property valued at \$125,000, have been probated in favor of Knox College. About half of this amount becomes available immediately for the endowment of a professorship in one of the departments of science, while the remainder is held in trust during the lifetime of the widow of one of the testators.

MR. EUGENE MEYER and his wife, of New York, have given Cornell University \$10,000 to endow a fellowship in memory of their son, Edgar J. Meyer, who graduated from Sibley College in the class of 1905 and whose life was lost by the sinking of the *Titanic*. The purpose of the fellowship is to encourage research in mechanical and electrical engineering.

THE *Journal* of the American Medical Association states that the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Chicago again passes under the control of the University of Illinois. This time it is a gift to the state institution partly

by the stockholders and partly by the alumni who purchased the stock not donated. The medical school has for several years held a contractual relationship with the University of Illinois, but that relationship was cancelled last spring. By the present transfer of all the stock, however, the medical school becomes an organic department of the university.

AN administrative committee of the faculty of the Johns Hopkins University has been appointed by the trustees to conduct the affairs of the university until a president is appointed. The chairman is Dr. William H. Welch, and the other members are Professors B. L. Gildersleeve, W. W. Willoughby, W. B. Clark, J. S. Ames, W. H. Howell and E. H. Griffin.

DR. J. W. W. STEPHENS has been appointed to the Sir Alfred Jones Chair of Tropical Medicine at Liverpool University, vacant through the resignation of Sir Ronald Ross, who has gone to live in London.

DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE

UNIVERSITY REGISTRATION STATISTICS

TO THE EDITOR OF SCIENCE: Unfortunately I was unable to see the proof of my contribution on "University Registration Statistics" to your issue of December 27, 1912, and, as a result, several errors have crept into the compilation which I desire to correct herewith.

Since the detailed figures for the *University of Nebraska* were not available at the time the article went to press, this institution was omitted from the table, consequently the references in the body of the article should be to twenty-eight instead of to twenty-nine institutions. The missing *Nebraska* figures are as follows: college, men, 464; college, women, 617; agriculture, 328; art, 19; forestry, 64; graduate school (non professional), 164; law, 222; medicine, 159; pedagogy, 148; pharmacy, 32; scientific schools, 376. After deducting the double registration of 110, it leaves a total fall registration on November 1, 1912, of 2,483. Of the 486 summer session students, 158 returned in the fall, giving a grand total of 2,811 students for the year.

The fall total at the *University of California* is 4,585, and not 4,741; and that of *Columbia* is 6,148 and not 6,153. The dagger after "extension and similar courses" under the *University of California* should be a plus sign. The grand totals at *Columbia* should read as follows: 1912: 9,002, 1911: 7,938, 1910: 7,411, 1909: 6,132, 1908: 5,677, 1903: 4,557.

The *Indiana* figures should read as follows: College, men, 709; college, women, 438; art, 45; graduate school, 70; journalism, 67; law, 108; medicine, 140; music, 58; pedagogy, 144; deduct double registration, 354; total, 1,423; summer session, 1,197; deduct 280 students who returned for work in fall; grand total, 2,340. Both *Indiana* and *Nebraska* should be omitted on page 889 among those institutions which have more than 1,400 students registered in the college.

The *Johns Hopkins* grand total for November 1, 1912, should read 944, and that for 1911, 1,120.

At the *University of Minnesota* the item of double registration should read 175, instead of 319, thus making the grand total 3,737. This grand total is exclusive of 1,326 students registered in "extension and similar courses," but this latter category of students was included in the figures for 1903 and for 1908-1911.

The grand total enrollment at the *University of Texas* for November 1, 1909, was 2,512, 1908: 2,410, 1903: 1,309.

	1912	1911	1904
Amherst	429	464	412
Brown (incl. graduate school) ..	934	933	988
Bryn Mawr (incl. graduate school)	444	440	441
College of the City of New York	1,109		
Dartmouth (incl. eng., med., grad. stud., and commerce) ..	1,294	1,385	926
Haverford	167	164	146
Lehigh	617	599	609
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	1,611	1,610	1,561
Mount Holyoke	748	771	674
Purdue	1,749	1,762	1,359
Smith	1,528	1,508	1,067
Vassar	1,044	1,055	979
Wellesley	1,424	1,433	1,050
Wesleyan	410	395	305
Williams	521	533	443