

central office in London, while the members of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature still record their votes without distinction of country. The British government also permits a limited import of scientific books from Germany and Austria.

A CABLEGRAM to the daily papers was quoted in the issue of SCIENCE of December 25, to the effect that the trained horses of Elberfeld had been requisitioned for an artillery battery and that they had been killed on the battlefield in Flanders. Fortunately this report has proved to be untrue. According to the *Frankfurter Zeitung* of January 22, Herr Krall, the owner of the horses, has written to that paper to the effect that they are safe and well in the hands of a competent horseman, although the experiments upon them are in abeyance during the war.

SIR CHARLES A. PARSONS, the distinguished engineer, has given £5,000 to the Royal Institution, London, for the general purposes of the institution.

THE thirty-seventh annual meeting of the American Library Association will be held at Berkeley, Calif., on June 30.

THE eighth annual meeting of the American School Hygiene Association will take place in the city of San Francisco, June 25-26, 1915. Arrangements for this meeting are being made through the organization committee of which Professor Lewis M. Terman, Stanford University, Stanford, Calif., is chairman. Professor Terman is also chairman of the program committee. The influence of the American School Hygiene Association was very largely responsible for the great success of the Fourth International Congress on School Hygiene which was held in the city of Buffalo in the summer of 1913. It is hoped that the general interest stimulated by this International Congress may be productive of a large and an effective meeting in San Francisco.

#### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

WE have received the following telegram signed by five professors of the University of Utah:

"Fourteen members of the University of Utah faculty have resigned—Cummings, dean of art and science; Holman, dean of law school; six department heads—Roylance, history; Ebaugh, chemistry; Vorhies, biology; Mattill, physiology and physiological chemistry; Peterson, psychology, and six others—Butler and Blood, English; Sharp, histology; Hedger, registrar; Stephens, law; Thiel, German. Of the eleven members of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in the University of Utah, but three remain. The immediate cause is the recent dismissal of Knowlton, in physics, Wise, in German, and Bing and Snow, in English, and the demotion of Professor Marshall, for twenty-three years head of the English department and Reynolds, professor of English. For specious and fluctuating reason, without heed to petition from students, faculty, alumni and others, the president refuses an investigation and has been upheld by the board of regents. This is the culmination of a policy of repression that has been growing steadily in the past two or three years, resulting in an entire lack of mutual confidence. We believe this should be known at once for the safeguarding of our successors in the profession. They should come only with their eyes open."

THE dedication of the new Julius Rosenwald Hall in connection with the ninety-fourth convocation of the University of Chicago was held on the morning of March 16. The program included addresses by President Harry Pratt Judson, Professor Rollin D. Salisbury, head of the department of geography and dean of the Ogden Graduate School of Science; Professor Thomas Chrowder Chamberlin, head of the department of geology, and seven alumni of the university who took their degrees in the departments which will use the new building: Eliot Blackwelder, A.B., '01, Ph.D., '14, professor of geology, the University of Wisconsin; Frank Walbridge De Wolf, S.B., '03, director of the State Geological Survey of Illinois; William Harvey Emmons, Ph.D., 1904, professor of mineralogy and geology, the University of Minnesota, director of

the Geological Survey of Minnesota; Wallace Walter Atwood, S.B., '97, Ph.D., 1903, professor of physiography, Harvard University; Edwin Bayer Branson, Ph.D., 1905, professor of geology, the University of Missouri; Ermine Cowles Case, Ph.D., 1896, professor of historical geology and paleontology, the University of Michigan; George Frederick Kay, Ph.D., '14, professor of economic geology and petrology of the State University of Iowa, director of the Geological Survey of Iowa. The exercises were held in the lecture room of the new hall, and the entire building, with its equipment, was then placed on exhibition.

A NEW site for the Fuertes Observatory of Cornell University has been approved by the committee on buildings and grounds, on the recommendation of a subcommittee which had considered the matter in consultation with Dean Haskell of the College of Civil Engineering. The observatory was torn down last fall to make room for the new drill hall. It is to be erected on the summit of a knoll just north of Beebe Lake, near the east end of the lake. The site is on a part of the Kline farm which was purchased by the university a year or two ago. It is just 900 feet above sea level.

AT a meeting of the Yale corporation on March 15, Dr. John Zeleny, professor of physics at the University of Minnesota, was appointed professor in the Sheffield School to succeed Professor Charles S. Hastings. Dr. J. M. Slemmons, professor of obstetrics and gynecology in the University of California, was appointed to the corresponding chair in the medical school. Dr. Hiram Bingham was promoted to be professor of Latin-American history; Dr. T. S. Taylor, now instructor, was made assistant professor of physics in the college; Dr. A. F. Holding, of the Cornell Medical School, was made assistant professor of radiography in the medical school; Dr. A. M. Bateman, of Queen's College, was made instructor in biology, and Mr. H. L. Bruce, of the University of California, instructor in engineering.

DR. HERBERT M. EVANS, associate professor of anatomy in the Johns Hopkins University

and research associate in the department of embryology of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, has accepted a call to the professorship in anatomy and directorship of the department of anatomy of the University of California. Dr. Evans will assume his new duties on July first.

DR. W. V. BINGHAM, assistant professor of psychology and education at Dartmouth College and for the past three years director of the summer session, has accepted appointment as professor of psychology in the Carnegie Institute of Technology at Pittsburgh. Dr. Bingham will not leave Hanover until September, after the summer session.

AMONG new promotions at the University of Chicago are the following: To a professorship: Henry Chandler Cowles, of the department of botany, Charles Joseph Chamberlain, of the department of botany; Otis William Caldwell, of the college of education (botany). To an assistant professorship: J. Harlen Bretz, of the department of geology; George William Bartelmez, of the department of anatomy; Elbert Clark, of the department of anatomy. To an instructorship: Harold S. Adams, of the department of physiology.

DR. CHARLES KENNETH TINKLER has been appointed to the readership in chemistry tenable in the home science department of King's College for Women, London. He has been a research student of the University of Edinburgh, and since 1904 lecturer and demonstrator in chemistry in the University of Birmingham.

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#### DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE

CONRAD RÖNTGEN

THE twenty-seventh of March marks the seventieth birthday of Conrad Röntgen, an event which was to have been jointly commemorated by physicists of all nationalities, especially English, French and German, the three which have contributed most markedly to the development of the new era in physics—an era which may with some reason be dated from the announcement in January, 1896, of the discovery of X-rays.