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THE *Journal* of the American Medical Association states that the Société de Neurologie de Paris has recently decided to inaugurate an international exchange of views on neurologic questions by inviting neurologists and psychiatrists from other countries to attend a special meeting to be held annually at Paris in July. It is planned to have two days of work with two sessions each day, and some subject is to be appointed for discussion. The first meeting it is announced will be organized in July, 1921, and the subject appointed for discussion at that time is the clinical forms and the treatment of syphilis of the nervous system. Professor J. A. Sicard has been appointed to open the discussion.

WE learn from the *Journal* of the American Medical Association that a notable gathering of members of the medical profession and other friends of the late Sir William Osler attended services in his honor on January 1, in Old St. Paul's Church, Baltimore. The time was set on receipt by Dr. Henry Barton Jacobs, of a cablegram from Lady Osler, stating that the funeral services in England would be held at that hour. The ceremony at St. Paul's was most impressive. The trustees, faculty and student body of the Johns Hopkins University were represented, as well as the nurses of the training school and officials of Johns Hopkins Hospital. The medical and surgical faculty of Maryland and the Baltimore City Medical Society were represented by leading members of the medical profession. A memorial meeting of the staff of Mayo Clinic, Rochester, was held on December 31.

VALUABLE data and records, covering two years' research in the cause and effect of influenza, made by Dr. Thomas M. Rivers, and the laboratories of Dr. Bayne Jones and Dr. Lloyd D. Felton, containing apparatus and data of value, were destroyed in the fire which recently broke out on the top floor of the pathologic building in the Johns Hopkins group.

## UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

THE General Education Board, founded by Mr. John D. Rockefeller, announces an appropriation of \$1,000,000 as a contribution toward a building fund of \$3,000,000 for the construction and endowment of a new library and class room building for Teachers College, Columbia University.

AN emergency grant has been made to the University of Cambridge, by the government, of £30,000, payable in two installments, the first of which has been received. The council of the senate has assigned £5,000 to the university library, £4,100 to increase the stipends of various professorships, £1,400 to increase the stipends of eight readers, and £2,575 for various university lecturers.

MR. S. B. JOEL and his brother, Mr. J. B. Joel, have promised the sum of £20,000 for the endowment of a chair of physics in the Middlesex Hospital Medical School, London.

AFTER thirty years of service in the department of chemistry at the University of Iowa, during the last fifteen of which he has been head of the department, Professor E. W. Rockwood has resigned his administrative duties. He will continue his teaching and research.

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR C. N. MILLS, of South Dakota State College, has been appointed professor of mathematics at Heidelberg University, Tiffin, Ohio.

DR. ROGER C. SMITH, of the Virginia Station, has succeeded Dr. M. C. Tanquary in the Kansas State Agricultural College, entomological department. Dr. Tanquary resigned to accept the post of Texas state entomologist.

HOWARD M. TURNER, a consulting engineer of Boston, who recently has been connected with the Turners Falls Construction Company, has been appointed lecturer on water-power engineering at the Harvard Engineering School.

It is stated in *Nature* that Dr. Samuel Smiles has been appointed to the Daniell

chair of chemistry at King's College, London, in succession to Professor A. W. Crossley. Last year Dr. Smiles was appointed professor of organic chemistry at Armstrong College, Newcastle, and since 1913 he has been senior honorary secretary to the Chemical Society.

DR. T. F. SIBLY, at present professor of geology at Armstrong College, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, has been appointed principal of the University College of Swansea.

## DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE

### MATHEMATICS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF STRASBOURG

TO THE EDITOR OF SCIENCE: I take pleasure in transmitting to you a note recently received from my friend and old schoolmate at the Ecole Normale Supérieure, Maurice Fréchet, concerning the opening under French auspices of the University of Strasbourg. From the extent of the mathematical curriculum thereto appended it is clear that the whole university will be on a very substantial basis.

Many readers of SCIENCE may recall that in 1914 just prior to the outbreak of the war Professor Fréchet was planning to come to America as lecturer at one of our large universities with a strong department of mathematics. Students who now wish to study with Fréchet that branch of mathematics in which he is eminent by researches internationally known will have to cross the Atlantic. I may add that Dr. Fréchet speaks English fluently and will doubtless make every endeavor to render profitable to any young American mathematician a sojourn at Strasbourg.

EDWIN BIDWELL WILSON

THE UNIVERSITY OF STRASBOURG

It will be perhaps of interest for readers of SCIENCE to hear that notwithstanding many difficulties, the University of Strasbourg was reopened informally last January. It is in course of reorganization and will be in full working order for the formal reopening which will take place next November, 1919.

As "the end of the University of Strasbourg" has been announced in some neutral papers, we

give below the full program of its mathematical department for the next academic year, such as it has been decided upon, in the original French, names being only given in full for men already in Strasbourg.

Lectures are, of course, delivered in French. The library has been considerably increased as far as concerns books written in English, as well as French books.

For further particulars, apply to Professor Fréchet, 2 Rue du Canal, Robertsan, Strasbourg.

MAURICE FRÉCHET

The courses in mathematics offered during 1919-20 are: (1) Preparatory and general mathematics, by Dr. Pérès and an instructor. (2) Differential and Integral Calculus (unassigned). (3) Theoretical and applied mechanics, by Professor Villat and Mr. Veronnet. (4) Astronomy by Professor Escalgon and Danjon. (5) Higher Analysis (spaces of  $\infty$  dimensions, approximative functions, functional calculus), by Professor Fréchet. (6) Differential geometry (2d semester), by Dr. Pérès. (7) Theory of functions (integral functions, elliptic functions with applications), by Professor Villat and ——— (2d semester). Furthermore as preparation for the Agrégation a series of courses (Math. spéciales, Math. élémentaires, Calcul diff. et int., mécanique rationnelle) are given. Dr. Pérès, director of the mathematical laboratory, and an assistant will offer work in that line, and Professor Fréchet will conduct a colloquium to encourage original research.

### PROFESSOR PAWLOW

TO THE EDITOR OF SCIENCE: Knowing the keen interest of all American men of science and particularly physiologists in news from Professor Pawlow, I hasten to send herewith a paragraph from a letter recently received from a well-known physiologist in the south of Russia. For obvious reasons the place and name had at this time best not be made public.

In August of 1919 Professor J. P. Pawlow was still alive in Petrograd. He begged his friends [in Kieff] to send him some provisions, as he was starving. At the end of his letter he writes: "Instead