

logical Museum in San Diego, was elected president of the Southwestern Division; Elliott C. Prentiss, M.D., of El Paso, Texas, was elected vice-president and chairman of the executive committee; and Dr. A. E. Douglass, of the University of Arizona, was elected secretary and treasurer.

The executive committee in its membership besides the three officers just mentioned consists of Dr. John D. Clark, Albuquerque; A. L. Flagg, Phoenix; Fabian Garcia, Mesilla Park; Arthur Notman, Bisbee; Richard S. Trumbull, El Paso; Milton Updegraff, Prescott; and Charles T. Vorhies, Tucson.

A constitution was adopted. The area included in this Division will be Arizona, New Mexico and West Texas.

Dr. Edgar L. Hewett, the newly elected president of the Southwestern Division, gave a lecture entitled "Our Place in Civilization," at the University of Arizona, Tucson, on April 28 and at El Paso, Texas, on April 30. In connection with the formation of this division also Dr. A. E. Douglass, of the University of Arizona, gave a lecture entitled "The Big Tree and its Story," in Phoenix, Arizona on April 1.

THE RESIGNATION OF PRESIDENT DRINKER OF LEHIGH UNIVERSITY

DR. HENRY S. DRINKER has addressed to his fellow-alumni of Lehigh University, the following letter:

I have felt for some time and have so stated, informally, to the members of our board of trustees, that as I reach the age of seventy this year, it would be the part of wisdom for me to retire from the presidency of the university. I have therefore tendered my resignation to take effect at the close of the commencement exercises on June 15th next. So far as I know, I am in perfect health and in good strength, but I wish to retire while my friends still feel they desire my services to continue. I am not willing to hold on for some time, as I might do, and then feel that increasing years and failing powers compel my retirement.

From the time of my graduation in June, 1871, I have been devoted to the service of the university's interests, and have served as secretary of the alumni, president of the alumni, alumnus trustee, trustee and president, and now in proposing to

drop out of active presidential duties, I have no thought of lessening my interests in the alma mater, nor is my retirement from the presidency prompted by any thought except that I have accomplished the things for which I came here, and I now wish to see the leadership of the university pass into the hands of a younger man, one qualified by educational training and actual large experience in educational work, and possessing marked executive ability. I am satisfied that the university has reached a stage in its existence requiring for its leadership and guidance, a man possessing these characteristics.

It has been my privilege to bring to the service of the university energy, devotion and business experience. It was thought at the time of my election, when the university was in financial strain, and in need of greater facilities in plant and equipment and a larger teaching force, that the energies of its friends should be directed to these ends, and I was asked to undertake the task. To-day, with our plant in greatly improved shape, with our faculty increased from 15 in 1905, to 33 in 1920, the entire teaching force raised from 57 to 89, with our financial situation greatly improved and comparing favorably with that of our competitors, our present need is, as above stated, for a man experienced and trained in educational methods, and with good executive ability; I feel content in the knowledge that our board of trustees will well consider the situation, and fittingly serve our university's needs.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

At the recent meeting of the National Academy of Sciences the following foreign associates were elected: Frank Dawson Adams, McGill University; Marie Ennemond Camille Jordan, Collège of France; François Antoine Alfred Lacroix, Musée d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris; Heike Kamerlingh Onnes, University of Leyden; Sir David Prain, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Surrey; Santiago Ramon y Cajal, University of Madrid.

THE National Academy of Sciences has recommended to Columbia University that the Barnard medal be conferred on Albert Einstein "for highly original and fruitful development of the fundamental concepts of physics through the application of mathematics." The Agassiz medal has been awarded to Admiral C.

D. Sigsbee, U. S. N., retired, "for his important contributions to oceanography, both by actual research, by publication of his results and invention of new methods."

IN recognition of successful scientific research in the prevention of disease and the conservation of health, Dr. Theobald Smith, head of the Laboratory of Comparative Pathology of the Rockefeller Institute and formerly of Harvard University, has been voted the M. Douglas Flattery Medal and \$500 in gold by the Harvard Corporation. The medal is awarded to the man of science whose efforts have proved of the greatest value to mankind in fighting disease.

A PORTRAIT of Dr. William H. Welch, of the Johns Hopkins University, president of the University Club of Baltimore, was presented to the club recently at its monthly meeting.

DR. W. W. KEEN has been elected an honorary fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine, London, and of the American Surgical Association.

DR. RAYMOND F. BACON, director of the Mellon Institute of Industrial Research of the University of Pittsburgh, who during 1918, was a colonel serving as chief of the Technical Division of the Chemical Warfare Service, A. E. F., has been awarded a citation by General Pershing for exceptionally meritorious and conspicuous services in France.

PROFESSOR SADA O YOSHIDA, of Osaka Medical College (Japan), has been awarded the Katsurada prize and medal of honor established by the Japanese government to be given periodically to some distinguished worker on tropical diseases. Professor Yoshida is spending his sabbatical year in research at the Parasitological Laboratory of the University of Illinois.

MR. VILHJALMUR STEFANSSON has been awarded the La Roquette Medal of the Geographical Society of Paris. He had previously been awarded the following medals: In December, 1918, the Daly Medal of the American Geographical Society, New York; in December, 1918, the medal of the Explorers

Club of New York; in January, 1919, the Hubbard Medal of the National Geographical Society, Washington; in January, 1919, the Kane Medal of the Geographical Society of Philadelphia; in March, 1919, the Cullum Medal of the Chicago Geographical Society. All these medals are known as gold medals but at Mr. Stefansson's request they have been struck in bronze and the difference in cost has been given to Madame Beuchat, the mother of the distinguished scientific man, Henri Beuchat, who died on the expedition.

PROFESSOR KONRAD ROENTGEN retired from his chair of experimental physics at the University of Munich and resigned the charge of the Physikalisches Institut at the end of the winter semester.

THE board of trustees of the University of Pennsylvania has accepted the resignation of Provost Edgar Smith to take effect June 30. Dr. Smith presented his resignation last February. In accepting it now the board made him emeritus professor of chemistry and placed at his disposal the Harrison laboratory, where Dr. Smith expects to devote the greater part of his time to research work.

DR. EDWARD T. REICHERT, professor of physiology in the Medical School of the University of Pennsylvania, has retired from active service.

At the annual meeting of the Kentucky Academy of Science held in Lexington on May 8, the following officers were elected: *President*, Professor W. H. Coolidge, Centre College, Danville, Ky.; *Vice-President*, Professor George D. Smith, Eastern Kentucky State Normal School, Richmond, Ky.; *Secretary*, Dr. A. M. Peter, Experiment Station, Lexington, Ky.; *Treasurer*, Mr. J. S. McHargue, Experiment Station, Lexington, Ky.

DR. A. HRDLIČKA, of the U. S. National Museum, has returned from a trip to the Far East. He visited Japan, Korea, Manchuria, northern China and Hawaii.

MR. IRVING PERRINE, vice-president of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, is moving his office from Hutchinson, Kansas, to 1415 West 31st Street, Oklahoma City,

Okla., and will there continue his work as a consulting petroleum geologist.

DR. IRA REMSEN, of the Johns Hopkins University, will deliver the commencement address at West Virginia University on June 15.

DEAN W. M. WHEELER, of Bussey Institution, Harvard University, delivered an address under the auspices of the Society of Sigma Xi of Syracuse University, on May 6. The address, which was on "Worm-lions, ant-lions and some eighteenth-century entomologists," covered the observations made by Réaumur and other early naturalists upon the habits of the worm-lion and ant-lion; and included the studies of the lecturer upon the structure and behavior of the worm-lions of California.

DR. G. M. STRATTON, professor of psychology at the University of California, has given the Nathaniel W. Taylor lectures at the Yale School of Religion.

DR. GEORGE F. KAY, head of the department of geology, State University of Iowa, and state geologist of Iowa, lectured on April 21 before the chapter of Sigma Xi of the University of Minnesota, on "The History of Glaciation in the Mississippi Valley."

DR. C. E. KENNETH MEES, director of the research laboratories of Eastman Kodak Co., landed in England April 27. While there he will deliver the following lectures before various scientific bodies: "Some Photographic Phenomena in Relation to Astronomy," "Some Results of Recent Investigations on the Theory of Development," "Photography of the Air," "Reaction of the Eye to Light," "A Photographic Research Laboratory," "The Production and Supply of Synthetic Organic Chemicals in the United States," "Rochester and the Kodak Works," "Scientific Research and Industrial Production," "The Theory of Tone Reproduction with a Graphic Method for the Solution of Problems."

DR. HARRY N. HOLMES, head of the chemistry department of Oberlin College and chairman of the National Research Council's Committee on Colloids is on a five weeks lecture tour to the Pacific coast. The series of from one to four lectures on "Colloid Chemistry"

will be given at Northwestern University, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Seattle Sections of the American Chemical Society, University of Washington, State College of Washington, Montana School of Mines, Montana State College, State College of North Dakota, University of Wisconsin, Iowa State College (Ames), Leland Stanford University and the University of California.

DR. JOSEPH SIMMS, a well-known lecturer and traveler, who died of cerebral hemorrhage in New York City on April 11, in his eighty-seventh year, bequeathed his body to Dr. Edward A. Spitzka for scientific study. The brain of Dr. Simms, removed eighteen hours after death, weighed 1,520 grams (53.58 ounces avoirdupois) and has been preserved by Dr. Spitzka for the detailed study of its morphologic features in comparison with the brains of other notable men.

It is stated in *Nature* that botanists in Great Britain have been considering the practicability of holding an Imperial Botanical Congress in London at which botanists from the overseas Dominions might meet their colleagues at home for the discussion of matters of common interest. Many subjects are ripe for discussion, such as the methods of training botanists for service abroad, the relation between the pure science and its applications and between the botanist and the commercial men interested in industries in which botanical knowledge should play an important part, more helpful cooperation between the home and the overseas botanist, botanical surveys of overseas Dominions, and others. After careful consideration it has been decided that it would be inadvisable to hold such a congress during the present year.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

THE medical departments of Columbia, Harvard and the Johns Hopkins Universities receive \$5,541,401 each, in the distribution of the estate of Captain Joseph R. De Lamar. The will, disposing of a sum of thirty-two million dollars, provides these funds for the study and