

on December 20, the following officers were elected for 1921:

President, R. C. Bryant, 360 Prospect St., New Haven, Conn.

Vice-president, Paul G. Redington, Ferry Bldg., San Francisco, Calif.

Secretary, Paul D. Kelleter, Atlantic Bldg., Washington, D. C.

Treasurer, E. H. Frothingham, Atlantic Bldg., Washington, D. C.

At the recent meeting of the Indiana Academy of Sciences the officers were elected for 1921 were as follows:

President, Howard E. Enders, West Lafayette.

Vice-president, Frank M. Andrews, Bloomington.

Secretary, Walter N. Hess, Greencastle.

Assistant Secretary, H. G. Dietz, Indianapolis.

Treasurer, Wm. M. Blanchard, Greencastle.

Editor of Proceedings, F. J. Breeze, Muncie.

Secretary, F. B. Wade, Indianapolis.

THE American Pharmaceutical Association has elected the following officers:

President, Samuel L. Hilton, Washington, D. C.

First Vice-president, Charles E. Caspari, St. Louis, Mo.

Second Vice-president, David F. Jones, Watertown, S. D.

Third Vice-president, Hugo H. Schaefer, New York.

Members of the Council, Henry M. Whelpley, St. Louis, Mo.; George M. Beringer, Camden, N. J.; John G. Godding, Boston, Mass.

THE U. S. Civil Service Commission has announced examinations for the positions of junior engineer and deck officer in the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey to be held February 9-10 and April 13-14, 1921. These positions are the entering ones in the field force of the Coast and Geodetic Survey and the initial salary will be \$2,000 per annum, with a promise of increase to \$2,400 after one month of satisfactory service. From these entering positions engineers will be promoted after six months of satisfactory service to the commissioned grades of the Survey which have relative rank with the grades from ensign to captain in the navy. The salaries of the commissioned personnel, including compensation for quarters, etc., and longevity pay, vary from a minimum of \$2,500 to ap-

proximately \$7,000 per annum. There are now about fifty vacancies in the commissioned grades which will be filled by promotion from the eligibles secured from the examinations to be held in February and April. Applicants for this examination should communicate with the Civil Service Commission or with the Director of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, Washington, D. C. A civil engineer degree or B.S. in civil engineering is required of an applicant before appointment, but the examination may be taken in February or April and the appointment made effective on graduation.

THE Laws Observatory of the University of Missouri, erected in 1853, has been torn down, and a new building is being erected to replace it about half a mile south of the former site.

INCLUDED among the bequests of the late Dr. Lloyd Roberts of Manchester, England, are the following gifts to medical organization: to the Royal Society of Medicine, £5,000; to St. Mary's Hospital, Manchester, £5,000; to Manchester Royal Infirmary and to the Royal College of Physicians, London, £3,000 each; and £2,000 to the Medical Society of London.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

THE University of Montpellier, which was founded in the thirteenth century, is preparing for the celebration of its approaching seven hundredth anniversary.

THROUGH the death of Mrs. Lucy H. Bowdoin, of Salem, a bequest of \$50,000 becomes available for Harvard Medical School, and \$5,000 each will be given to the Essex Institute and Peabody Academy of Salem.

It is planned to establish a technical school at Oberlin College with accommodations for about 700 students.

FIRE, supposed to have originated from the furnace in a basement room, completely destroyed the office and private laboratory of Dr. Waddell, professor of pharmacology, and a large amount of physiological apparatus in the physiological laboratory of the University of

Virginia on the morning of December 24. The loss is largely, if not entirely, covered by insurance and there will be little interruption to the regular laboratory work.

THE inauguration of President Wallace D. Atwood, of Clark College, will take place on February 1. Presidents and representatives from more than two hundred colleges have signified their intention of being present at the exercises.

DR. HENRY RAND HATFIELD, professor of accounting on the Flood Foundation in the University of California, has been appointed dean of the faculties of the State University of California to succeed Professor John C. Merriam, who resigned to accept the presidency of the Carnegie Institution in Washington.

At the College of the City of New York, Professor Herbert R. Moody has been appointed professor of chemical engineering within the department of chemistry; Assistant Professor W. L. Prager has been promoted to an associate professorship, and Mr. Joseph A. Babor has been promoted to an instructorship.

DR. ARDREY W. DOWNS, formerly assistant professor of physiology at McGill University, has been appointed to the chair of physiology in the University of Alberta.

DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE ANTHROPOMETRIC MEASUREMENTS

DURING the sessions of two International Congresses of Anthropology, in 1906 at Monaco, and in 1912 at Geneva, rules were drawn up for the standardizing of the more usual anthropometric measurements. The work was undertaken in each case by a committee, and the official reports were published by certain members to whom this duty was assigned.

The prescription of 1906 included measurements of the skull and of the head and facial features of the living. It was published in the French language by Dr. Papillault and appeared in the pages of *L'Anthropologie* (Vol. 17, 1906, pp. 559-572). The prescription of 1912 was the work of a larger and more representative committee, which aside

from French, German and Italian members, included representatives of Great Britain, the United States, Russia, and Switzerland, countries not included in the former report. The official reporters of this prescription, which included measurements of the living body, exclusive of those of the head and face, were Drs. Rivêt, Schlaginhaufen and Duckworth, who published their reports in French, German and English, respectively.

Having these data in mind I was led to state, in the preface to my recent "Manual of Anthropometry," that the official reports of the prescription of 1912 were published only on the other side of the Atlantic, and appeared in an American journal for the first time in 1919, when Dr. Duckworth's official report was reprinted by Dr. Hrdlička in his new *American Journal of Physical Anthropology*.

While this statement, concerning the three official reports only, is strictly true, I should have mentioned that equally accurate and trustworthy reports were published in other countries, and especially should I have cited that of Dr. MacCurdy, also a member of the committee. His report in full of the prescription of 1912 was translated at the time of the Congress for Dr. Rivêt's official copy, and appeared, later in the same year, in both *SCIENCE* and the *American Anthropologist*. Had I noticed this earlier, I should certainly have brought it to the attention of the readers of my book, and wish to take this opportunity to rectify my unintentional neglect.

The citations referred to are the following:

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A NEW DIKE NEAR ITHACA, N. Y.

CONSIDERABLE attention has been given by geologists to the dikes of central New York.