

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.

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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.