

DR. MAURICE H. GIVENS has resigned as chief of the department of biochemistry in the research laboratories of the Western Pennsylvania Hospital, Pittsburgh, Pa.

MONSIEUR BÉHAL, professor in the Paris School of Pharmacy, has been elected a vice-president and president for 1922 of the Paris Academy of Medicine to fill the vacancy caused by the death of M. Bourquelot. Professor Béal has been a member of the Academy of Medicine since 1907, and was lately elected a member of the Academy of Sciences.

THE Council of the Institution of Civil Engineers has made the following awards for papers read and discussed during the session 1920-21: A Telford gold medal and a Telford premium to Mr. George Ellson (London); Telford gold medals to Sir Murdoch MacDonald (Cairo) and Dr. T. E. Stanton (Teddington); a George Stephenson gold medal to Mr. R. G. C. Batson (Teddington); a Watt gold medal to Mr. S. A. Main (Sheffield); and Telford premiums to Mr. Algernon Peake (Sydney, N. S. W.), Mr. L. H. Larmuth (London), Mr. H. E. Hurst (Cairo), Professor T. B. Abell (Liverpool), and Mr. Percy Allan (Sydney, N. S. W.).

THE observatory founded in 1913 by Sir Norman Lockyer and Lieutenant-Colonel F. K. McClean on Salcombe Hill, above Sidmouth, is henceforth to be called "The Norman Lockyer Observatory." It is proposed to place in the observatory a portrait of Sir Norman Lockyer, in the shape of a medallion, to be executed by Sir Hamo Thornycroft.

It is announced in *Nature* that the annual meeting of the British Medical Association will be held at Newcastle-upon-Tyne on July 15-23, under the presidency of Professor David Drummond. On the occasion of the president's address on July 19 the gold medal of the association will be presented to Sir Dawson Williams, editor of the *British Medical Journal* since 1898, in recognition of his distinguished services to the association and the medical profession. In connection with the annual meeting in 1922, to be held at Glasgow, Sir William Macewen, Regius professor of sur-

gery in the University of Glasgow, is announced as president-elect. The council of the association has recommended that the annual meeting in 1923 be held at Portsmouth.

#### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

THE Connecticut legislature is being asked for \$625,000 for the State College, of which \$400,000 is for a new science building for the chemical, botanical, physics, and bacteriological departments. The remainder is for maintenance during the ensuing biennium, and would be an increase from \$150,000.

THE University of Virginia has received the promise of a gift of \$100,000 from the Carnegie Corporation of New York on condition that the money shall be used for the purposes of permanent endowment, and that it shall be payable after there has been raised not less than \$500,000 for permanent endowment from other sources.

PROFESSOR PAUL H. M.-P. BRINTON, head of the department of chemistry at the University of Arizona, has accepted appointment as professor of analytical chemistry in the school of chemistry at the University of Minnesota.

DR. CHARLES F. BROOKS, of the U. S. Weather Bureau, has been appointed associate professor of meteorology and climatology at Clark University.

DR. MEYER SOLIS-COHEN has been appointed assistant professor of internal medicine in the Graduate School of Medicine of the University of Pennsylvania.

DR. KLOTZ, of the chair of pathologic anatomy at the University of Pittsburgh, has accepted a call to the similar chair at São Paulo.

#### DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE

##### PRIMITIVE NOTIONS OF LIGHT

RELATIVE to Mr. Barton's "astonishment" (*SCIENCE*, April 15, page 364) that certain South American Indians do not recognize the sun as the source of daylight and his previous opinion that the Hibernicism,