

and not wait for our millennial anniversary before establishing a great American Museum of Agriculture.

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SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

THE WILLIAM BARTON ROGERS SCIENCE HALL OF THE COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY

AN advisory committee of prominent men, most of whom are trustees or alumni of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has been formed in the interests of a movement to provide for the erection at the College of William and Mary, in Virginia, of the William Barton Rogers Memorial Science Hall, in honor of the William and Mary graduate who founded the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The members of the committee are T. Coleman DuPont, Wilmington, Del.; Charles W. Eliot, Cambridge, Mass.; Samuel Morse Felton, Chicago, Ill.; Francis Russell Hart, Boston, Mass.; Charles Hayden, New York, N. Y.; Otto H. Kahn, New York, N. Y.; Hugh MacRae, Wilmington, N. C.; Eliakim Hastings Moore, Chicago, Ill.; James P. Munroe, Boston, Mass.; Henry Smith Pritchett, New York, N. Y.; Charles Augustus Stone, New York, N. Y.; Gerard Swope, New York, N. Y.; Elihu Thomson, Swampscott, Mass.; Charles Doolittle Walcott, Washington, D. C.; Edwin Sibley Webster, Boston, Mass.

The College of William and Mary is the second oldest college in the United States, yielding only to Harvard University in this respect. President Harding, on a visit to the college on October 19 last, in company with Secretaries Hughes, Hoover, Mellon and Weeks, of his cabinet, was greatly impressed with the traditions and present progress of the venerable institution. He referred to the college as "the Spartan of American universities," having in mind, no doubt, the successful effort of William and Mary to endure after its burning in the Civil War, in 1862, shortly after Dr. Rogers had established in Boston the great technical school.

William Barton Rogers was one of four brothers, who were educated at William and

Mary, each in later life achieving great distinction in a chosen field of science. He, himself, as a geologist, was noted in Virginia long before he went to Boston. He was the introducer of the laboratory method of teaching science in this country, according to Dr. Charles W. Eliot, who was one of his original faculty at the Institute of Technology. The three other brothers were Henry D. Rogers, who became regius professor of natural history in the University of Glasgow, Scotland; James Blythe Rogers, professor of chemistry in the University of Pennsylvania; and Robert Empie Rogers, professor of toxicology in the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia.

The sum of \$200,000 has been set as the amount needed for building the Science Hall, which is designed to commemorate the bond of friendship between the South's oldest college and the North's foremost institution of technology. Contributions may be sent to E. B. Thomas, alumni director, 331 Madison Avenue, New York City.

RETIREMENT OF PROFESSOR ALBERT W. SMITH OF CORNELL UNIVERSITY

THE following minute has been adopted by the University Faculty of Cornell University on the occasion of the retirement of Professor Albert W. Smith:

In the retirement from his academic functions of Albert William Smith, dean of Sibley College and acting president of the university, this faculty suffers a heavy loss. Few have been so universally, so deeply, so deservedly loved. An alumnus of Cornell in the first decade of her career, he was from early in his undergraduate days a leader both in study and in manly sports, and one whom his fellows delighted to honor. Returning to Cornell in 1886 for graduate study, he was not again suffered to depart from academic life. From 1887 to 1891 he taught engineering at Cornell, in 1891-1892 at the University of Wisconsin, from 1892 to 1904 was head of the work in mechanical engineering at Stanford. Since 1904, when he was called back to Cornell to succeed Dr. Thurston in the headship of Sibley College, he has remained with his alma mater, adding to his directorship the chair of power engineering; and in 1920, at the retirement of Dr. Schurman, he became acting president of the university.

With what loyalty and efficiency he has dis-