

of institutions to be visited by him has been doubled in order that more universities could hear his lectures on the development of scientific education in this country.

#### OFFICERS OF ENGLISH SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES

ELECTIONS to office in English societies devoted to physical sciences are reported in *Nature* as follows:

The annual general meeting of the Physical Society of London was held on February 10, and the following officers and members of council were elected: *President*: Dr. A. Russell. *Vice-presidents*: Lord Rayleigh, Professor T. Mather, Mr. T. Smith, and Professor G. W. O. Howe. *Secretaries*: Mr. F. E. Smith, "Redcot," St. James's Avenue, Hampton Hill, and Dr. D. Owen, 62 Wellington Road, Enfield. *Foreign Secretary*: Sir Arthur Schuster. *Treasurer*: Mr. W. R. Cooper. *Librarian*: Dr. A. O. Rankine. *Other Members of Council*: Mr. C. R. Darling, Professor C. L. Fortescue, Dr. E. Griffiths, Dr. E. H. Rayner, Mr. J. H. Brinkworth, Mr. J. Guild, Dr. F. L. Hopwood, Dr. E. A. Owen, Dr. J. H. Vincent, and Dr. G. B. Bryan.

The following officers and members of council of the Royal Astronomical Society were elected at the anniversary meeting on February 10: *President*: Professor A. S. Eddington. *Vice-presidents*: Dr. J. L. E. Dreyer, Sir F. W. Dyson, Professor A. Fowler and Professor H. F. Newall. *Treasurer*: Col. E. H. Grove-Hills. *Secretaries*: Dr. A. C. D. Crommelin and the Rev. T. E. R. Phillips. *Foreign Secretary*: Professor H. H. Turner. *Council*: Professor A. E. Conrady, Dr. J. W. L. Glaisher, Mr. P. H. Hepburn, Mr. J. Jackson, Dr. H. Jeffreys, Professor F. A. Lindemann, Dr. W. H. Maw, Professor T. R. Merton, Professor J. W. Nicholson.

At the annual general meeting of the Royal Meteorological Society on January 18 the following officers were elected: *President*: Dr. C. Chree. *Vice-presidents*: Mr. C. L. Brook, Mr. W. W. Bryant, Mr. R. H. Hooker and Dr. E. M. Wedderburn. *Treasurer*: Mr. W. Vaux Graham. *Secretaries*: Mr. J. S. Dines, Mr. L. F. Richardson and Mr. Gilbert Thomson. *Foreign Secretary*: Mr. R. G. K. Lempfert. *Council*: Dr. J. Brownlee, Mr. D. Brunt, Mr. C. J. P. Cave, Mr. J. E. Clark, Mr. R. Corless, Mr. Francis Druce, Mr. J. Fairgrieve, Col. H. G. Lyons, Mr. Henry Mellish, Sir Napier Shaw, Dr. G. C. Simpson and

Mr. F. J. W. Whipple. Communications should be addressed to the secretaries at 49 Cromwell Road, South Kensington, S.W.7.

#### THE GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF CHINA

On January 27, 1922, there was organized in the Geological Survey quarters in Peking, the Geological Society of China with 22 charter members (fellows). The aim of the society is to unite all working geologists in China into a scientific body for the advancement of the science of geology and its kindred subjects in general, and the geology of China in particular. The society will hold an annual meeting for the presentation and discussion of papers, for election of officers and transaction of business. Other meetings will be held during the year when deemed desirable. The membership consists of fellows and associates, the former comprising active workers in geology and kindred sciences, including paleontology, mineralogy, petrology, mining geology, etc., the latter including advanced students in these sciences. The society will issue a publication under the name "Bulletin of the Geological Society of China." The following officers have been elected:

*President*: Dr. H. T. Chang. *Vice-presidents*: Dr. W. H. Wong and Professor J. S. Lee. *Secretary*: Mr. C. Y. Hsieh. *Treasurer*: Mr. H. T. Li. *Councilors*: Dr. V. K. Ting, Dr. J. G. Andersson, Dr. A. W. Grabau, Professor Leigh Wang, Dr. C. Y. Wang (Hupeh), Mr. C. Tuan.

#### THE SCHOOL OF HYGIENE AND PUBLIC HEALTH OF THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY

AS was noted in last week's *SCIENCE* the Rockefeller Foundation has made a gift of \$6,000,000 to the Johns Hopkins University for endowment and buildings for the school of hygiene and public health.

Since this school was opened in 1918 the Foundation had furnished the funds required for its maintenance from year to year. With the acceptance of the present gift the trustees of the university assume full responsibility for the future needs of the school as they develop.

This new type of institution places emphasis upon the development of preventive medicine and upon the training of health officers. Under