

Lwów, Wilno and Poznan respectively. Professor Ladislas Natanson, of the Jagellonian University of Cracow, was the first president of the society for the period 1920-23, and in the general assembly held in Warsaw in April last, Professor St. Pienkowski was elected president and Professor Natanson vice-president.

A NEW observatory is being built on the new west campus of the University of Iowa. It will contain a five-inch equatorial instrument, the dome for which is being built in the university's engineering shops. One of the best transit instruments is being secured for the transit room.

### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NOTES

CORNELL UNIVERSITY reopens with two new buildings ready for occupancy. The Baker Laboratory of Chemistry and the new dairy building of the State College of Agriculture are completed. The laboratory, built and equipped at a cost of about \$2,000,000, will not be formally dedicated this fall. The American Chemical Society has arranged to hold its annual fall meeting in Ithaca in October, 1924, and at that time the dedication will take place. The dedication of the dairy building, erected at a cost of \$300,000, will be on October 21. The World's Dairy Congress, meeting in Syracuse that week, will move to Ithaca on Saturday and hold its final session there. Governor Alfred E. Smith, of New York, will be one of the principal speakers.

DR. H. J. WEBBER, professor of subtropical horticulture and director of the Citrus Experiment Station, has been appointed acting dean of the College of Agriculture of the University of California.

RICHARD MONTGOMERY FIELD, of Brown University, has been appointed assistant professor of geology at Princeton.

DR. NORMAN MACDOWELL GRIER, of Washington and Jefferson College, has been appointed assistant professor of evolution at Dartmouth College.

DR. F. R. GRIFFITH, Jr., instructor in physiology at Harvard University, has been appointed assistant professor of physiology at the University of Buffalo. Mr. J. J. MacDonald, formerly assistant in biology at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has been appointed instructor in physiology at the same institution.

WILBUR HOFF, of the Iowa State College, has become head of the chemistry department at Upper Iowa University at Fayette, Iowa.

DR. PAUL KIRKPATRICK, formerly Whiting fellow

in physics at the University of California, has taken up a professorship in the department of physics of the University of Hawaii, at Honolulu, T. H. Dr. Kirkpatrick fills the place left vacant by the removal of Dr. Arnold Romberg to the University of Texas.

### DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE

#### RELIEF FOR RUSSIAN SCIENTISTS: FINAL REPORT

THE two measures of relief for Russian scientists undertaken at my suggestion by American scientific men were finished during the summer, and a brief statement of what has been done in connection with each is due those who responded so promptly and generously to the call for help.

The first measure was that of the collection of a small sum of money to be distributed to Russian university professors and other intellectuals in Berlin exiled from Russia by the Soviet Government. In response to my call for small subscriptions to make up \$1,000, the sum of \$1,273 was quickly collected and was sent through the American Relief Administration to one of its most capable men in Europe, Mr. Gardner Richardson, who, in connection with a representative in Berlin of the American Y. M. C. A., organized a committee among the Russian exiles by which the investigations into the comparative need of the different members of the exiled group, and the allotment of particular sums, were made under the general supervision of Mr. Richardson and his American colleague.

I have now received a detailed account of the giving out of all of the money, and have been asked by the Russian committee to express to the American contributors to the fund the heartfelt gratitude of the beneficiaries. Among those aided were fourteen professors from various Russian universities and twenty-one other intellectuals. Although the sums allotted to each were necessarily small they have meant, I am assured, the actual saving of some lives as well as the amelioration of the sad lot of others.

The other measure of relief for Russians was on a much larger scale than the one just referred to and very different in kind. It was the measure organized and carried out with the assistance of the National Research Council and the American Relief Administration, by an unofficial committee composed of L. O. Howard, David White, Raphael Zon and myself. This committee, being aware of the fact that all through the war and for a considerable period after it Russian scientific men and organizations were unable to receive foreign scientific publications, undertook to collect American scientific books, journals and papers published since January 1, 1915, by appealing for gifts of such material from publishing houses,