

part of the ceremony came a speech by M. Bérard (minister of public instruction), followed by remarks by the president of the republic. Professor C. Fabry then lectured on the domain of radiations.

Lectures by Professor Störmer on the aurora borealis, on December 14, and by Professor Knudsen on the mechanism of evaporation and condensation, on Saturday, brought the celebration to a close.

### REPRINTS FROM ANNUAL TABLES

THE Secretary-General of Annual Tables announces that the following list of reprints from Volume "IV" is available:

Spectroscopy, by M. L. Brünighaus. Preface by A. Fowler, F.R.S.

Electricity, magnetism, conductivity of electrolytes, electromotive forces, by MM. Malapert, v. Weisse, R. E. Slade and G. L. Higgen. Preface by F. B. Jewett.

Radioactivity, electronics, ionization of gases, etc., by MM. J. Saphores and F. Bourion. Preface by Sir E. Rutherford, F.R.S.

Crystallography and mineralogy, by L. J. Spencer. Preface by Sir Henry A. Miers, F.R.S.

Biology, by E. Terroine and H. Colin. Preface by Jacques Loeb.

Engineering and metallurgy, by L. Descroix. Preface by G. K. Burgess.

Colloids, by E. Rebière. Preface by Jacques Duclaux.

These reprints contain all the data for the subjects indicated which are found in Volume IV of the Annual Tables, which volume covers the literature of the world for the years 1913 to 1916 inclusive. Specialists having occasion to refer frequently to data in the fields covered by any of these reprints will find them invaluable for ready reference. Members of any of the organizations listed below are entitled to a 50 per cent. discount on the regular prices:

National Academy of Sciences.  
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American Philosophical Society.  
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American Society of Civil Engineers.  
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American Society for Testing Materials.  
American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers.

### PUBLIC LECTURES OF THE HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL

A SERIES of lectures under the auspices of the Harvard Medical School opened on Sunday afternoon,

January 6, at four o'clock, and will be continued until May. The lectures are as follows:

January 6—*Present-day conceptions of mental disorder*: DR. MACFIE CAMPBELL.

January 13—*Some of the causes of bladder trouble*: DR. J. DELLINGER BARNEY. (To men only.)

January 20—*Smallpox and vaccination*: DR. BENJAMIN WHITE.

January 27—*Conservation of eyesight*: DR. GEORGE S. DERBY.

February 3—*What can we do to prevent heart failure?* DR. WILLIAM H. ROBEY.

February 10—*On the various types of thyroid disease and their significance to the individual and to the community*: DR. JAMES H. MEANS.

February 17—*The relations of exercise to health*: DR. WILLIAM H. GEER.

February 24—*The contagious diseases of the skin and possible measures to avoid them*: DR. CHARLES J. WHITE.

March 2—*Pain and anesthetics*: DR. CHARLES A. BRACKETT.

March 9—*Diabetes and insulin*: DR. ELLIOTT P. JOSLIN.

March 16—*Blood*: DR. LAWRENCE J. HENDERSON.

March 23—*Some surgical conditions common among children*: DR. JAMES S. STONE.

March 30—*Successes and failures of surgery*: DR. DAVID CHEEVER.

April 6—*Modern obstetrics*: DR. FRANKLIN S. NEWELL. (To women only.)

April 13—*The question of the specific treatment in tuberculosis*: DR. HANS ZINSSER.

April 27—*Catarrh*: DR. HARRIS P. MOSHER.

May 4—*Syphilis*: DR. GEORGE A. DIX.

### THE AMERICAN PALEONTOLOGICAL SOCIETY

THE fifteenth annual meeting of the Paleontological Society held at Washington, D. C., December 27–29, 1923, was attended by 60 members and a number of visitors. Eleven new members and three foreign correspondents were elected, making a total membership list of 239.

The address of the retiring president, Dr. T. Wayland Vaughan, on "Criteria and status of correlation and classification of Tertiary deposits" was delivered in joint session with the Geological Society of America as were also thirteen papers on stratigraphic geology. Thirteen papers on the various branches of paleontology were presented before the society, but the main feature of the meeting was a "Symposium on the correlation of the Tertiary formations of southeastern North America, Central America and the West Indies with the Tertiary formations of Europe," in which eleven members of the society took part.

The officers elected for 1924 were as follows:

*President*, E. W. Berry, Baltimore, Maryland; *Vice-presidents*, E. H. Barbour, Lincoln, Nebraska, Frank