

Alabama, North Carolina, Annapolis, Johns Hopkins, Pennsylvania, International Correspondence School, Columbia, Yale, Brown, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Harvard, Syracuse, Western Reserve, Case, Oberlin, Ohio Wesleyan, Ohio State, etc.; to the Southern Memorial at Stone Mountain and Lincoln Memorial in Washington; to Mount Vernon and Arlington; to Valley Forge, Lexington and Concord; to Independence Hall, Faneuil Hall and Old North Church; and to the homes of O. Henry, Wilson, Longfellow, Hawthorne, Emerson, Alcott, Harding and Riley.

The party consisted of Professor W. C. Morse, Associate Professor F. E. Vestal, one graduate student, now in the University of Chicago, and eight undergraduates. The trip was made in two high-speed, one-ton Ford trucks, one equipped with four seats, the other with the three rear seats removed for baggage and camp outfit. Transportation cost—gasoline, oil and maintenance—was fifty dollars for each person.

W. C. M.

SYMPOSIUM ON ABSORPTION OF THE ITHACA MEETING OF THE AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY

At the Washington meeting the Executive Committee of the Division of Industrial and Engineering Chemistry decided to hold a symposium dealing with "Absorption" when the society meets in Ithaca from September 8 to 13. The following is a very tentative outline of the proposed program of the symposium.

There will be one or more papers dealing with the mechanism of absorption, two or three papers describing experimental work which confirms the theory as to the mechanism of absorption, a paper showing the application of this theory to commercial installation, three or four papers dealing with commercial absorption equipment and one or two papers which will emphasize the industrial chemical side of absorption.

Professor Walter G. Whitman will act as chairman of this symposium. Already he has been able to secure promises from several prominent authorities to present papers before this symposium. The attention of the members of the society is called to the fact that completed papers, not to exceed 3,500 words, must be in the hands of the chairman of the symposium or the secretary of the division on or before the first of August. The papers are then submitted to reviewers and only upon a favorable recommendation are the papers placed upon the final program. An abstract not to exceed 200 words should accompany each paper.

Chemists who are working in any of the many applications of the field of absorption should get in

touch with Professor Whitman at their earliest convenience. His address is Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass.

ERLE M. BILLINGS,
Secretary, Industrial Division

DR. GEORGE E. DE SCHWEINITZ

IN accepting the resignation of Dr. George E. de Schweinitz as professor of ophthalmology in the medical school of the University of Pennsylvania, the following resolution was adopted by the trustees:

"RESOLVED: That the trustees accept with the deepest regret the resignation of Dr. George E. de Schweinitz as Professor of Ophthalmology in the School of Medicine, and instruct the secretary to prepare, in conjunction with Dr. LeConte, a suitable minute expression to Dr. de Schweinitz the gratitude of the trustees for his long and distinguished service to the university and to science."

Minute concerning the resignation of Dr. George E. de Schweinitz:

"Graduate from the Medical Department in 1881; resident physician in the hospital October 1, 1881 to October 1, 1882; surgical registrar, 1883-85; quiz master in therapeutics for five years; prosecutor of anatomy for Dr. Leidy, 1883-88; lecturer on medical ophthalmology, 1891 and 1892; professor of ophthalmology 1902 to date. As a teacher he has no superior; as a writer he has profound influence throughout the medical world. A recipient of the highest national and international honors from his confrères, he has achieved the ranking position in this country in his speciality. The luster of his accomplishments in life have been valued by him only as a means of ever increasing his service to the university, and of the forty-five years of close association with it, he gave constantly and freely of the best that was in him. The Board of Trustees is deeply grateful for such long and honored service."

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

THE birthday honor list of the king of England includes the conferring of the Order of Merit on Sir Charles Sherrington, Weyneflete professor of physiology at the University of Oxford, and a baronetcy on Sir Humphry Davy Rolleston, president of the Royal College of Physicians, London.

PROFESSOR J. C. McLENNAN, of the University of Toronto, has been elected president of the Royal Society of Canada.

At the meeting of the Royal Society on May 15, the name of Mr. Henry Balfour, curator of the Pitt Rivers Museum, Oxford, was added to the list of elections of the society, the list of selected names having been reduced to fourteen by the death of Dr. T. Nelson Annandale.

PROFESSOR RUDOLPH MARTIN, professor of anthro-