D'Arcy Wentworth Thompson, C.B., D.Litt., F.R.S., professor of natural history, St. Andrew's University, scientific member of fishery board for Scotland, British delegate on Behring Sea and North Sea conferences.

Henry William Marett Tims, O.B.E., M.D., reader in zoology in Bedford College, London, lecturer on comparative dental anatomy and physiology in the Royal Dental Hospital, London.

D. M. S. Watson, M.Sc., F.R.S., professor of zoology and comparative anatomy, University College, London, will speak on paleontology and Mendelism, and discuss "The origin of vertebrates."

R. Ramsay Wright, LL.D., emeritus professor of biology, Toronto University, previously of Edinburgh University and vice-president of the University of Toronto, 1901–12.

## THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

THE seventy-fifth annual session of the American Medical Association was opened in Chicago, on June 9, when the house of delegates met. The scientific assembly held a general meeting on the evening of June 10, when Dr. William Allen Pusey, of Chicago, was installed as president and delivered an address. The sections, of which there are sixteen, met on the three following days. A series of clinics were held and daily demonstrations given of fresh pathological material, both human and animal, and also a special demonstration of modern methods of studying the heart; the New York association for the prevention and relief of heart disease arranged an exhibition illustrative of its work. Various other associations took the opportunity of showing their methods of work; among them were included the League of Nations, the American Association of Hospital Social Workers, the American Social Hygiene Association, and the Medical Women's National Association. The United States Department of Agriculture arranged a special Pasteur exhibit illustrating his work on chicken-cholera, anthrax and rabies. Various departments of the American Medical Association gave exhibits, including the council on pharmacy and chemistry, the propaganda department of the Journal of the American Medical Association, the council on medical education and hospitals, and the bureau of health and public instruction. All the meetings and demonstrations took place in the buildings on the Municipal Pier, where there is a motion picture theater, which was used to show a number of scientific films. In addition a large number of pathological specimens were shown by various individuals and institutions, the latter including the Mayo Clinic, the department of pathology of the Rush Medical College, Chicago, and the medical schools of the University of Illinois and Kansas. A special feature was a collection of various models and appliances for the teaching of pathology and clinical medicine

and surgery. The commercial exhibition was on a large scale, and among the objects shown were books, foods and beverages for adults and infants, instruments and apparatus, pharmaceutical preparations and apparatus for treatment by X-rays and electricity.

## SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

At Harvard University the doctorate of science has been conferred on Edmund B. Wilson, of Columbia University, and on Dr. W. J. Mayo, of Rochester, Minn.

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY, Ontario, has conferred the degree of doctor of laws on S. A. Mitchell, professor of astronomy at the University of Virginia and director of the Leander McCormick Observatory, on account of his "international eminence as an astronomer."

AT a special congregation on July 5, the University of Birmingham, England, will confer the honorary degree of LL.D. upon Sir Charles Sherrington, president of the Royal Society, Sir John Bland-Sutton, president of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, Sir Arthur Keith, Hunterian professor at the Royal College of Surgeons of England, Dr. F. Gowland Hopkins, Sir William Dunn, professor of biochemistry in the University of Cambridge.

Dr. Thomus Hunt Morgan, professor of zoology at Columbia University, has received the honorary degree of LL.D. from the University of Michigan.

At the sixty-eighth annual commencement of Tufts College, held on June 16, the honorary degree of doctor of science was conferred on Edward Ray Weidlein, director of the Mellon Institute of Industrial Research of the University of Pittsburgh.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND at its commencement exercises conferred the honorary degree of doctor of pharmacy on Dr. David I. Macht, lecturer in pharmacology at the Johns Hopkins University, in recognition of his contributions to pharmacology and experimental therapeutics.

EMIL BOREL, professor of mathematical physics at the University of Paris, will represent the Association Française pour l'Avancement des Sciences at the Toronto meeting of the British Association in August.

DR. WILLIAM M. WHEELER, professor of entomology and dean of the faculty of the Bussey Institution at Harvard University, has been named to represent the university as exchange professor in France during the second half of the next college year.

Dr. THEODORE LYMAN, Hollis professor of mathematics and natural philosophy and director of the