Rothenberg, the Reverend Z. H. Masliansky and Herman Bernstein, chairman of the Einstein jubilee committee.

Messages of tribute were read from Lord Balfour, President John Grier Hibben, of Princeton University; Dr. Julian Morgenstern, president of the Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati; Chancellor E. L. Lindley, of the University of Kansas; Chancellor E. A. Burnett, of the University of Nebraska; Judge Benjamin N. Cardozo, President David Kinley, of the University of Illinois; Professor A. A. Michelson; President James Rowland Angell, of Yale University; President C. C. Little, of the University of Michigan; President Wallace W. Atwood, of Clark University, and others.

It was announced at the celebration by Mr. Bernstein that the greetings received from the various men of science and other leaders of thought will be bound into a special album which will be presented to Professor Einstein.

Each of the Jewish signatories of the album contributed \$100 toward the acquisition of land in Palestine by the Jewish National Fund, a project in which Dr. Einstein is interested.

Mr. Hoover wrote:

Professor Einstein ranks high among the foremost scientists of all time, who have enriched mankind by their invaluable contributions to thought and human progress. Every important scientific achievement is a step forward in the direction of better universal understanding and good-will. It is very fitting that distinguished educators and other public-spirited Americans are paying this tribute to Professor Einstein.

Lord Balfour, formerly Prime Minister of England, sent the following cable message:

I congratulate the organizers of the Einstein celebration upon the honor they are conferring on a great investigator. He profoundly modified scientific conceptions of the material universe. His name will be remembered through the ages as among the greatest of those who have sought pure knowledge for its own sake and have found it.

# THE AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

At the annual meeting of the American Philosophical Society, held in Philadelphia from April 18 to 20 officers were elected as follows:

### President

Francis X. Dercum, Philadelphia

## Vice-presidents

William W. Campbell, University of California James H. Breasted, University of Chicago Elihu Thomson, General Electric Company

#### Secretaries

Arthur W. Goodspeed, University of Pennsylvania John A. Miller, Philadelphia

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(To serve for three years)

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(Residents of the United States)

William F. Albright, Jerusalem, Palestine Harley H. Bartlett, University of Michigan George Henry Chase, Harvard University James Pyle Wickersham Crawford, Philadelphia, Pa. William Darrach, College of Physicians and Surgeons,

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Edwin P. Hubble, Mount Wilson Observatory
William Jackson Humphreys, U. S. Weather Bureau
Solomon Lefschetz, Princeton University
James Howard McGregor, Columbia University
Michael I. Rostovtzeff, Yale University
Frank W. Taussig, Harvard University
Owen D. Young, New York, N. Y.

# SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

THE gold medal of the Linnean Society of London has been awarded to Professor Hugo de Vries, of Lunteren, Holland.

In connection with the meeting of the American Chemical Society at Columbus, Ohio, a dinner will be given on the evening of May 2 in appreciation of the work of Dr. William McPherson, professor of chemistry in the Ohio State University.

THE sixty-fifth birthday of Dr. Harvey Cushing, professor of surgery at the Harvard Medical School and surgeon-in-chief of the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, Boston, was celebrated on April 8. For this occasion a birthday book was compiled by his students. It differs from previous "Festschrifts" in that only those who could legitimately call themselves pupils have been included. Eighty-two articles are contributed by them to the volume, which contains 1,110 pages, forming the April issue of the Archives