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THE NON-RESIDENT LECTURER IN CHEMISTRY AT CORNELL UNIVERSITY

THE non-resident lecturer in chemistry at Cornell University for the second term of the present academic year, February 15–June 1, will be Professor Alfred E. Stock, director of the Chemical Institute of the Technische Hochschule of Karlsruhe, Germany.

Professor Stock was born in Danzig in 1876, and received the degree of doctor of philosophy, *Magna cum Laude* from the University of Berlin in 1899. In 1898 he held the position of lecture assistant under Professor Emil Fischer at the University of Berlin, and from 1899 to 1900 he carried on investigations in the laboratory of Henri Moissan in Paris. Re-

turning to Berlin he qualified for the position of privat-docent in 1904 and was promoted to a professorship in 1906. In 1909 he went to Breslau as professor of inorganic chemistry in the newly founded Technische Hochschule there, and was appointed director of the Institute of Inorganic Chemistry. In 1925 he was called to the University of Münster, but before entering upon the duties of that position he accepted appointment in the Kaiser Wilhelm Institute for Chemistry in Berlin-Dahlem, and became director of this institute and professor in the philosophical faculty of the University of Berlin in 1921. He resigned this position in 1926 to accept appointment as director of the Chemical Institute of the Technische Hochschule of Karlsruhe.

Professor Stock, according to our correspondent, "is one of the most versatile and gifted investigators in the field of inorganic chemistry, and his many investigations, numbering over 160, are characterized by brilliant experimental technique and convincing thoroughness." While at Cornell he will lecture upon the high-vacuum method for studying volatile substances, the chemistry of boron, the preparation and properties of beryllium, and chronic mercurial poisoning, discussing in detail the detection and determination of traces of mercury. His introductory public lecture, to be delivered on February 17 will be on "The Present State of the Natural Sciences." His regular lectures will begin on Thursday, February 18.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

THE gold medal of the Royal Astronomical Society has been awarded to Dr. Robert Grant Aitken, director of the Lick Observatory, for his work on double stars.

At a testimonial dinner given recently by the Medical Society of the City and County of Denver, a portrait of Dr. Henry Sewall, emeritus professor of medicine at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, was unveiled and formally presented to the society by Dr. Harry J. Corper. Dr. Frank W. Kenney, secretary of the board of trustees of the society, made the speech of acceptance. Dr. James R. Arneill was toastmaster.

DR. CHARLES V. CHAPIN, superintendent of health of Providence since 1884, retired from active service on January 4. The Providence Medical Association has adopted a resolution in which tribute is paid to Dr. Chapin's long and distinguished service.

THE annual meeting of the New York Academy of Medicine on January 7 was preceded by a testimonial dinner given in honor of Dr. Linsly R. Williams, di-

rector of the academy. Among those elected to fellowships in the academy were Drs. Karl Landsteiner, Phoebus A. Levene and Peter K. Olitsky, of the Rockefeller Institute, and to associate fellowships, Dr. Stanley R. Benedict, of the Cornell Medical School, and Drs. John H. Northrop, W. J. V. Osterhout and Donald D. Van Slyke, of the Rockefeller Institute.

DR. LIGHTNER WITMER, professor of psychology at the University of Pennsylvania and director of the Psychological Clinic, was the recipient of a volume entitled "Clinical Psychology—Studies in Honor of Lightner Witmer—Commemorating the Thirty-Fifth Anniversary of the Founding of First Psychological Clinic," at a special meeting on December 11 of the faculty of the college. Dr. Paul H. Musser, dean of the faculty, called upon Dr. Robert A. Brotemarkle, editor of the volume, who read the dedication page. Dr. Edwin B. Twitmyer, professor of psychology, assistant director of the clinic and chairman of the department, extended congratulations to Dr. Witmer. Dr. Josiah H. Penniman, provost in charge of re-