

and collections suffered almost no damage. The chemistry building lost small parts of two walls, and the loss to apparatus and supplies amounts to a few hundred dollars. The present geological and metallurgic laboratories are, with their contents, practically unhurt. The large new geological building, nearly completed, suffered serious injury. The building in which the departments of physics and psychology are housed lost a part of one wall, but the equipment is but slightly damaged. The laboratories and shops of the various engineering departments show some injuries, all of which, however, can be easily and quickly remedied. The really wrecked buildings are the famous church, great memorial arch, museum and the large new library and gymnasium buildings in course of erection. University work will begin again (it has been suspended for the rest of the present semester, about four weeks) on August 23, the regular date for the opening of the next college year.

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*THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AND THE CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES.*

THE University of California suffered by the loss of San Francisco investments, but the buildings and their contents at Berkeley suffered very little damage. Academic work, interrupted for the present by relief work, in which nearly all of the members of the faculty are engaged, will shortly be resumed. We understand also that the buildings of the affiliated colleges in San Francisco were not seriously injured. The Anthropological Museum is saved, and the building is undamaged, the loss to the collections is inconsiderable and altogether from earthquake. The most fragile pieces of value were efficiently protected by appliances designed against earthquake shocks. The university's Mark Hopkins Institute of Art in San Francisco was burned, but nearly all canvases were saved. The Bancroft library of books and manuscripts relating to the history of the Pacific coast, which recently came into the possession of the university, has been saved.

Among the direct losses by the fire which

followed the earthquake in San Francisco were the building, library and natural history collections of the California Academy of Sciences. The building was materially injured by the earthquake, its staircase in particular suffering severely, but this did not prevent an effort to rescue some of the more precious material before the fire reached it. A small party of curators and members climbed to the laboratories and library on the upper floor and brought away the type specimens in botany, entomology and herpetology, together with some manuscripts and the archives.

*SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS.*

THE American Chemical Society will meet at Ithaca, N. Y., June 28-30. The following persons have been appointed as chairmen of the various sections:

*Physical Chemistry*, W. Lash Miller.  
*Inorganic Chemistry*, L. M. Dennis.  
*Organic Chemistry*, G. B. Frankforter.  
*Biological Chemistry*, Waldemar Koch.  
*Agricultural Chemistry*, E. B. Voorhees.  
*Industrial Chemistry*, J. D. Pennock.

A MEETING of those interested in the organization of an American association, similar in scope to the Museums Association of Great Britain, will, as we have already reported, take place at the American Museum of Natural History, New York, on May 15, at 10:30 o'clock. A large number of men from various parts of the country have expressed their intention of being present, and at the conclusion of the business of organization, it is proposed to attend to the reading of papers upon various museum subjects. On Tuesday luncheon will be served at the American Museum, and on Wednesday sessions will be held and luncheon will be served at the Botanical Garden. It is suggested that those who are strangers in New York will find convenient quarters at reasonable rates at the Hotel Endicott, corner of Ninth Avenue and Eighty-first Street.

THE Rumford committee of the American Academy has recently made grants to the following persons in aid of the researches specified: