

ON or about September 11, 1907, an examination will be held by the Civil Service Commission to secure eligibles from which to make certification to fill three vacancies in the Naval Observatory, Washington, D. C., in the position of miscellaneous computer, and one vacancy in the position of assistant at \$1,000 per annum. Miscellaneous computers are paid by the hour, and earn from \$900 to \$1,100 per annum. Promotions are made from this grade without further examination to the grades of assistant at \$1,200 per annum, as vacancies occur. As an insufficient number of eligibles were secured as the result of the last four examinations to meet the needs of the service, qualified persons are urged to enter this examination. Applicants should at once apply to the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., for full information concerning the examination. Applicants can be examined at various places throughout the United States.

THE first meeting of the Italian Association for the Advancement of Science will take place at Parma from September 23 to 29.

*Nature* states that an institute entitled the Istituto Therapeutico Italiano has been established at Milan under the directorship of Dr. Zanoni, the work of which will be the investigation of the action of new drugs, especially in regard to serumtherapy and hypodermic medication.

WE learn from the journal of the American Medical Association that the Sixth International Dermatologic Congress will be held at the Academy of Medicine, New York City, from September 9 to 14. An address of welcome on behalf of the United States will be delivered by Surgeon General Rixey of the United States Navy; an address for the American universities will be delivered by Professor Ira Remsen, of the Johns Hopkins University; and an address for the medical profession of the United States by Dr. Joseph D. Bryant, president of the American Medical Association. Papers will be read by some of the most famous European dermatologists, including Professor R. Campana, Rome, Italy; Dr. Z. Falcao, Lisbon, Portugal; Dr. Vinetta-

Bellaserra, Barcelona, Spain; Dr. L. Brocq, Paris; Dr. Unna, Hamburg, Germany; Dr. M. Oppenheimer, Vienna; Professor E. Kromayer, Berlin; Professor E. Hoffmann, Berlin; Dr. A. Buschke, Berlin; Drs. Hallopeau and Gastou, Paris; Professor S. Ehrmann, Vienna, and numerous others. Papers are also on the program by the leading dermatologists of this country. Further details may be obtained from the secretary-general, Dr. John A. Fordyce, 80 West Fortieth Street, New York City.

#### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

AT the University of Illinois, Dr. G. A. Miller, associate professor of mathematics, has been promoted to a professorship. The department of mathematics now contains three professors, one associate professor, three assistant professors, one associate, six instructors and three assistants.

DR. ALFRED E. THAYER has resigned from the chair of pathology in the University of Texas. His future address will be Asheville, N. C.

PROFESSOR F. E. AUSTIN, who has had charge of the department of electrical engineering at the Thayer School of Civil Engineering, Hanover, N. H., will, during the coming year, have charge of the departments of physics and electrical engineering at Norwich University, Northfield, Vermont.

AT the Western College for Women, Oxford, Ohio, the following changes have been made in the faculty for next year: Mary F. Leach, Ph.D., assistant in hygiene at the University of Michigan, will take charge of the advanced work in chemistry, bacteriology and hygiene; Mary D. MacKenzie, M.A. (Syracuse), will take charge of the biological department.

MR. J. L. SIMONSEN, Schunck research fellow, has been appointed a junior demonstrator in chemistry at the University of Manchester.

DR. H. SIMON has been appointed professor of applied physics at the University of Göttingen.

DR. PRENANT, of the University of Nancy, has been appointed professor of histology in the medical faculty of the University of Paris.