

tary of the same is Dr. H. Hesselman, Valhallavägen 25, Stockholm.

#### THE BROOKLYN BOTANIC GARDEN

A BROOKLYN Botanic Garden is now being established by the City of Greater New York in cooperation with the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences. Between twenty-five and thirty acres of land, south of the museum building of the institute in Brooklyn, and separated from Prospect Park by Flatbush Avenue, have been set apart for the purposes of the garden, and are now being surveyed and graded. A laboratory building for purposes of investigation and instruction, together with a range of experimental and public greenhouses, will be constructed during the coming summer and autumn. For this purpose the City of New York has appropriated \$100,000. In addition to this, friends of the garden in Brooklyn have subscribed \$50,000 as an endowment, the income of which is to be used for the purchase of equipment. It is intended to make the new garden not only a center of research, but also to give instruction to both elementary and advanced classes in botany, and cooperate in every feasible manner with the botanical work of the public and private schools of the Borough of Brooklyn. Dr. C. Stuart Gager, professor of botany in the University of Missouri, has been appointed director of the garden and will enter on his duties the first part of July. A scientific staff will be gradually assembled as soon as the buildings are ready for occupancy.

#### SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

DR. GEORGE W. HILL, of Nyack, N. Y. and Professor E. B. Wilson, of Columbia University, have been elected foreign members of the Brussels Academy of Sciences.

THE Rumford Committee of the American Academy has recently made the following grants in aid of research: To Professor Joel Stebbins, \$350, in aid of his research with the selenium photometer. To Professor W. W. Campbell, \$125, in furtherance of the research on the polariscopic study of the solar corona by means of a Hartmann photometer. To Mr.

Frank W. Very, \$50, for the purchase of photographic glass plates of the spectrum by Higgs. To Professors C. E. Mendenhall and Augustus Trowbridge, \$250, in aid of their research on the effect of ether drift on the intensity of radiation. To Professor C. E. Mendenhall, \$250, in furtherance of a research on the free expansion of gases. The committee has also made a grant of \$250 to Professor Gilbert N. Lewis in aid of preparation of abstracts for publication in light and heat for the forthcoming International Physico-chemical tables.

PROFESSOR E. G. CONKLIN, of Princeton University, has been appointed to represent the National Academy of Sciences at the Zoological Congress at Gratz, Austria, and at the meeting of the International Association of Academies at Rome, Italy.

THE American Philosophical Society has appointed Professor E. G. Conklin, of Princeton University, a delegate to the eighth International Zoological Congress at Gratz, Austria, August, 1910; Professor George L. Goodale, of Harvard University, a delegate to the International Congress of Botanists at Brussels, May, 1910, and Professor Frederick W. Putnam, of Harvard University, a delegate to the Congress of Americanists in the City of Mexico in September, 1910.

PROFESSOR SIR J. J. THOMSON has been nominated to represent Cambridge University at the celebration in October, 1910, of the centenary of the University of Berlin.

THE Biological Society of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology gave a dinner in honor of Professor Wm. T. Sedgwick, on March 17, prior to his departure for Europe. Speeches were made by President Maclaurin, Professor Talbot and Professor Porter, and Professor Sedgwick replied.

DR. HENRY FAIRFIELD OSBORN, president of the American Museum of Natural History, and Dr. Charles W. Dabney, of the University of Cincinnati, are among those who have been chosen as electors for the Hall of Fame of New York University.