

siderable European collections. Facilities for the conserving of types have been hitherto lacking here; hence a fireproof building has been privately constructed and deeded to this institution (incorporated under the Board of Regents of the State of New York on October 12, 1933). The bulletins become the official organ for the institution, and all editions of the same, together with rare paleontological publications and type specimens, are housed in the building now erected. The board of trustees (seven in number) consists largely of local paleontological workers. Suitable equipments are now assembling.

There are three leading ideas underlying the establishment of this institution:

(1) To prevent the labor and valuable acquisitions of each generation from being wasted or lost, as is too frequently the case in educational institutions without proper museum facilities.

(2) To furnish temporary working facilities for paleontological students home from abroad or not connected with regular university or museum organizations.

(3) To serve as a regional center (since our country is large and not unicentric as is France) where local young students may see actual investigation going on and hence, perhaps, become interested in this branch of science.

It may perhaps be added that whenever there is need of consulting outside sources, few places are better surrounded by universities of rank—east, south, west and north—all within a day's auto journey, than Ithaca.

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### THE AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

At the annual meeting of the American Philosophical Society held in Philadelphia on April 19, 20 and 21, the following members were elected:

Dr. Detlev W. Bronk, professor of biophysics at the University of Pennsylvania and director of the Eldridge R. Johnson Foundation for Research in Medical Physics.

Dr. Willa Cather, New York, N. Y., novelist.

Gustavus Wynne Cook, Wynnewood, Pennsylvania, president of the South Chester Tube Company.

Dr. Wilbur L. Cross, New Haven, governor of Connecticut.

Dr. Cass Gilbert, New York, N. Y., architect.

Dr. Edward S. Harkness, New York, N. Y., railroad executive.

Horace Howard Furness Jayne, director of the University of Pennsylvania Museum.

Dr. Alfred Vincent Kidder, Andover, Massachusetts, chairman of the Division of Historical Sciences of the Carnegie Institution of Washington.

Dr. John Livingston Lowes, professor of English, Harvard University.

Dr. Frederick G. Novy, professor of bacteriology and director of the Hygienic Laboratory of the University of Michigan.

Dr. Conyers Read, professor of English history, University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Jesse S. Reeves, William W. Cook professor of American institutions and chairman of the department of political science, University of Michigan.

Owen J. Roberts, Washington, D. C., associate justice of the United States Supreme Court.

Dr. George Sarton, lecturer on the History of Science, Harvard University, and editor of *Isis*.

Dr. Deems Taylor, New York, N. Y., musician.

Roland S. Morris, of Philadelphia, was reelected president, and Dr. Robert A. Millikan, of the California Institute of Technology, was elected a vice-president. Vice-presidents reelected were Dr. Edwin G. Conklin, of Princeton University, and Alba B. Johnson, of Philadelphia. Dr. Albert P. Brubaker is curator and Dr. Arthur W. Goodspeed and Dr. John A. Miller are the secretaries. The Rev. Dr. James A. Montgomery, graduate professor of Hebrew and Aramaic at the University of Pennsylvania, succeeded as councilor Dr. Cyrus Adler, president of Dropsie College. Other councilors, reelected, are Dr. Charles G. Abbot, of the Smithsonian Institution; John Cadwalader, of Philadelphia, and Dr. Hugh S. Taylor, of Princeton University.

### RECENT DEATHS

DR. ISAAC JOACHIM SCHWATT, emeritus professor of mathematics at the University of Pennsylvania, died on April 18, in his sixty-seventh year.

CLEVELAND ABBE, JR., editor of the publications of the department of chemistry at Cornell University, died on April 19 at the age of sixty-two years.

CHARLES WRIGHT DODGE, for forty years and until his retirement as professor emeritus in 1931 professor of biology at the University of Rochester, died on April 17 in his seventy-second year.

DR. HENRY DONALD CAMPBELL, for forty-seven years on the faculty of Washington and Lee University, and dean for twenty-six years, died on April 10 in his seventy-second year.

F. PAUL ANDERSON, heating and ventilating engineer, since 1917 dean of the College of Engineering at the University of Kentucky, died on April 8, at the age of sixty-seven years.

DR. OSKAR VON MILLER, founder of the Deutsches Museum at Munich, died on April 9 at the age of seventy-eight years.