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HANOVER MEETING OF THE AMERICAN
ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT
OF SCIENCE

SINCE the preliminary announcement of the special summer meeting to be held at Hanover, New Hampshire, June 29 to July 3, was published and mailed with the number of SCIENCE for May 29, the permanent secretary has learned that Sections I and L will not hold the meetings announced. Section B (Physics), and Section E (Geology and Geography), will therefore be the only sections to hold stated meetings for the reading of papers at Hanover. These sections will meet in conjunction with the American Physical Society and the Geological Society of America.

This fact need not deter members who wish to visit Dartmouth College at this time and take the excursions announced. Hanover is a charming little town and has a delightful summer climate. It is in the center of a most interesting region and members are urged to attend the meeting.

This reduction in the number of sections which will hold sessions makes it all the more important that members of Sections B and E and others who attend should go on the Certificate Plan. Members living only a short distance from Hanover, paying railroad fares of even less than one dollar, should take out a certificate and secure the two thirds of one fare reduction of the original ticket, since, unless at least 100 certificates are vised at Hanover, the reduction in fare will not be operative. This will mean that, owing to the neglect of nearby members to take out certificates, members coming from a distance may possibly be deprived of the advantage of the reduction.

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SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

THE inaugural session of the Dublin meeting of the British Association will be held on Wednesday, September 2, at 8:30 P.M., when Mr. Francis Darwin assumes the presidency, in succession to Sir David Gill, and will de-

liver an address. On Friday, September 4, the first evening discourse will be delivered by Professor H. H. Turner, of Oxford University, on "Halley's Comet." On Monday, September 7, the second evening discourse will be delivered by Professor W. M. Davis, of Harvard University, on "The Lessons of the Colorado Cañon." The concluding meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 9, at 3 P.M.

THE following appointments have been made to the staff of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research: P. A. Lewis, assistant in pathology; A. I. Kendall, assistant in bacteriology; A. R. Dochez, fellow in pathology; A. O. Shaklee, fellow in physiology and pharmacology. The following promotions have been made: John Auer, associate in physiology and pharmacology; Don R. Joseph, assistant in physiology and pharmacology; Alexis Carrel, associate in surgery; J. W. Jobling, associate in pathology; Benjamin T. Terry, assistant in protozoology; Donald D. Van Slyke, assistant in biological chemistry; Walter A. Jacobs, assistant in biological chemistry; Bertha I. Barker, fellow in pathology; R. V. Lamar, fellow in pathology.

PROFESSOR F. SILVESTRI has come to New York for the purpose of studying the collections in The American Museum of Natural History, whose guest he will be during the summer months. Professor Silvestri holds the chair of entomology in the School of Agriculture, Portici, Italy.

THE towns of Breslau and Bremen have given £500 each; those of Halle and Königsberg, £150 each; those of Stettin, Duisburg and Altona, £50 each; and the German Medical Societies' Union, the German Public Health Association and the German Surgical Society, £25 each, towards the establishment of the Robert Koch Institute.

THE University of Pennsylvania has conferred its doctorate of science on Dr. Edwin G. Conklin, who leaves the university to accept the headship of the department of biology of Princeton University.

GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY has conferred its doctorate of laws on Mr. F. J. V.

Skiff, director of the Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago.

SIR FRANK LASCELLES, the British ambassador in Berlin, attended on May 23 the celebration of the eightieth anniversary of the foundation of the Gesellschaft für Erdkunde zu Berlin and received, on behalf of Captain R. F. Scott, R.N., commander of the British National Antarctic Expedition, 1900-4, the gold medal which the society has conferred upon him.

DR. B. H. SCOTT, botanical secretary of the Linnean Society, has been elected president to succeed Professor W. A. Herdman. The gold medal of the society has been conferred on the Rev. T. R. R. Stebbing, F.R.S.

MR. ALFRED MARSHALL, who recently resigned the professorship of political economy at Cambridge, and with it his professorial fellowship at St. John's College, has been elected an honorary fellow at that college.

DR. HERMANN KOBOLD has become editor of the *Astronomische Nachrichten*.

PROFESSOR ROBERT DEC. WARD, of Harvard University, sails for Rio de Janeiro on June 20, as a member of the Shaler Memorial Expedition to South America. Professor Ward will spend about seven weeks in Brazil, where he intends to make certain climatological and geographical studies. He returns to the United States at the end of September.

DR. EDMUND OTIS HOVEY of the American Museum of Natural History, who visited the West Indies immediately after the eruptions of Mt. Pelé and La Soufrière in 1902, is now making an extended tour of the islands with a view to supplementing his studies in vulcanology. It is expected that he will return to New York about July 23.

PROFESSOR COLLIER COBB, of the University of North Carolina, has joined Professor W. M. Davis for geographical work in Italy.

DR. JAMES H. WOODS, who occupies the position of assistant professor of philosophy at Harvard University, is at the present time continuing his studies of the several Hindu systems at Maha-Baleshwara, a hill-station in the Western Ghats, about one hundred miles southeast of Bombay.

At the first annual meeting of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute Chapter Sigma Xi, on June 8, Dr. Arthur Gordon Webster, professor of physics at Clark University, gave the address on "The Object of Scientific Investigation."

THE annual address before the Colorado Chapter of the Sigma Xi, at the University of Colorado, was delivered on May 30, by Dr. Florian Cajori, of Colorado College. Dr. Cajori took as his subject the history of the theory of the conservation of energy.

DR. C. P. STEINMETZ delivered a lecture in the Engineering Societies' Building, New York, on Sunday, May 17, before the students and friends of the New York Electrical Trade Schools, his subject being "The Future of Electricity."

THE address at the ninth annual commencement of the Clarkson Memorial School of Technology on June 12 will be given by Dr. Henry Taylor Bovey, dean of the Faculty of Applied Science of McGill University.

THE British Association of Technical Institutions has decided to make the following awards: Prize for the best essay on "The Bearing of Technical Education on Industrial Progress" to Dr. John Ryan, Grove-house, Milltown, county Dublin, £25; and for the best essay on "The Bearing of Technical Education on Agriculture and Industries of a Rural Character" to Mr. Edgar Chamberlain, Municipal Technical School, Monk's-road, Lincoln, £25.

At the annual meeting of the American Neurological Association, held recently in Philadelphia, the following officers were elected: *President*, Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, Philadelphia; *vice-presidents*, Drs. Pearce Bailey, New York, and Frank W. Langdon, Cincinnati; *secretary and treasurer*, Dr. Graeme M. Hammond, New York City, and *councilors*, Drs. Henry M. Thomas, Baltimore, and Charles W. Burr, Philadelphia.

At the annual meeting of the Department of Microscopy of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: *President*, John

J. Schoonhoven; *vice-president*, Thomas I. Miller; *secretary*, Agnes Vinton Luther, *curator*, James Walker. This is Mr. Schoonhoven's fourth year as president of this society.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

THE Court of Appeals at Albany, N. Y., has handed down a decision in which the efforts of the next of kin of Josephine Louise Newcomb, widow of Warren Newcomb, who died in New York City in 1901, to set aside her will, executed in Louisiana, and to secure a portion of her estate, are nullified and her bequest of her entire estate of about \$2,000,000 to the H. Sophie Newcomb Memorial College of New Orleans, a department of Tulane University, is sustained.

AT the commencement exercises of the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy it was announced that the college had acquired an endowment fund amounting to \$150,000 by the terms of the will of Warren D. Potter. Mr. Potter, who was a wholesale druggist, died a number of years ago, and by the provisions of his will a residue of his estate reverted to the college two years after the death of his wife.

GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY has received a gift of \$5,000 from the alumni association of Colorado.

IN the period from 1893 to 1899 the funds of Stanford University, including the estate of Mrs. Stanford herself, were completely tied up by litigation, leaving the university no income save the sum annually allowed by the Probate Court to Mrs. Stanford for the maintenance of her personal service. During this period Mrs. Stanford devoted all funds accessible to her to the maintenance of the institution. Among other things she possessed a very valuable collection of jewels, the gift of her husband, many of them being of historic interest. These were held by her in reserve for the use of the university, about half of them being sold in London by her at the time of the queen's jubilee, and the proceeds were made available to the university at a time when they were sorely needed. By the

terms of her will the rest of these jewels were to be sold and a "Jewel Fund" constituted, the proceeds of which were to be devoted in perpetuity to the purchase of books for the University Library. By the act of the trustees of the university this fund has now been segregated as a library endowment. The fund as at present constituted amounts to \$500,000, the interest annually being \$25,000.

THE report of the syndicate appointed to superintend the provision of buildings for the Department of Agriculture, at Cambridge, states that the university has provided a suitable site adjoining the Botany School, and that a sum of nearly £13,000 has been subscribed or promised by the Drapers' Company and by a number of prominent landowners towards the cost of the building. Plans have been prepared which meet with general approval, but the building can not be begun until a further sum of at least £2,000 has been subscribed.

DICKINSON COLLEGE, Carlisle, Pa., is this week celebrating the hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of its foundation. Oberlin College celebrates its seventy-fifth anniversary.

DR. JOSEPH BARRELL has been promoted to a professorship of geology at Yale University.

DR. S. R. WILLIAMS, tutor in physics in Barnard College, Columbia University, has been appointed associate professor and head of the department of physics at Oberlin College.

AT Harvard University Mrs. Wilfred MacDonald has been appointed instructor in mathematics, and Mr. D. C. Rogers, assistant in applied psychology at Harvard University.

WARNER BROWN, Ph.D. (Columbia), assistant in psychology in Columbia University, has been appointed instructor in psychology in the University of California.

AT the Northwestern University Medical School, Dr. Prentiss, of Harvard University, has been appointed assistant professor of anatomy, and Dr. S. Walter Ransom, associate in anatomy.

DR. WOLFGANG OSTWALD has qualified as docent in physiology in the University of Leipzig.