

## NOTES AND NEWS

The Eastern session of the Modern Language Association met after Christmas at the College of the City of New York. Professor Lewis F. Mott, professor of English at this college, was chosen president for next year, and the following gentlemen were elected vice-presidents: Professor Lawrence Fossler, of the University of Nebraska; Professor William A. Nitze, of the University of Chicago; and Professor Carleton F. Brown, of Bryn Mawr. The next meeting will be a joint-meeting, and will be held somewhere in the central west.

Inquiry has reached the editors of this *Review* as to where the article by Professor Paul Shorey: *The Case of the Classics* (mentioned in this *Review*, vol. I, p. 459), can be found. It was published in the *School Review*, 1910, and issued separately by the University of Michigan, under the title: *University Bulletin*, New Series, vol. XI, No. 17: *The Value of Humanistic Studies: The Classics and the New Education, a Symposium*. A complete account of this Symposium will be published by the Macmillan Company in March, 1911 (about 400 pages). The generosity of a friend of the Classics makes it possible for members of the American Philological Association, the Classical Association of the Middle West and South, or the Michigan Schoolmasters' Club to secure this bound volume by payment, before the appearance of the volume, of \$.87 to Mr. Louis P. Jocelyn, Secretary of the Michigan Schoolmasters' Club, Ann Arbor, Michigan. In addition to the stirring article by Professor Shorey, we commend as of interest to teachers of Modern languages the following papers, which were read at the Symposium: *The Classics in European Education*, by Professor E. K. Rand, and *The Classics and the Elective System*, by Professor R. M. Wenley.

The Central Division of the Modern Language Association met as the guests of Washington University, at St. Louis. Professor Frank G. Hubbard, professor of English at the University of Wisconsin, was chosen chairman for the next two years.

The former students and friends of the late Professor A. Marshall Elliott have undertaken to raise a special fund for the benefit of the Romance library of the Johns Hopkins University. The amount already subscribed is more than \$7,500, and the committee hopes to secure at least \$10,000 before the subscription is closed. Professor Elliott's personal library has already been transferred to the university, in accordance with his bequest, and is now being catalogued. With it will be merged the volumes purchased yearly from the proceeds of the new fund.

By will of Mr. Solomon Lincoln, of Boston, \$10,000 has been left to Harvard for the use of the department of Romance languages.

Professor Clarence K. Moore, head of the department of Romance languages at Rochester University, is spending the year abroad. He will pass the winter and spring in Italy.

Charles Verdin, the venerable manufacturer of instruments of precision, has retired, and has been succeeded by M. Bœulitte, a well-known constructor. He will continue Verdin's work in the manufacture of fonetic instruments. His adress is: 7, rue Linné, Paris.

Associate Professor F. C. de Sumichrast of Harvard will retire from activ service next summer. He began teaching at Harvard in 1887.

*Modern Language Notes* appears under its new Board of Editors. Professor C. Carroll Marden is the Managing Editor, and is assisted by Professors Edward C. Armstrong, James W. Bright and Hermann Collitz.

Professor G. L. Kittredge has been elected a Corresponding Fellow of the British Academy.

It is stated that Mr. Charles F. Lummis, of Los Angeles, Cal., has been collecting Spanish and Indian folk songs for twenty years, and that he possesses in his collection fonografic records of over six-hundred such songs. About four-hundred of these are Spanish. The remainder represent thirty-two Indian dialects or languages. The Spanish songs have been transcribed by experts. A similar collection of popular songs in English has been gathered and publishd by Professor John A. Lomax, of the University of Texas. His volume, which offers material of very great permanent interest, is obtaining a wide sale. It was publishd by Sturgis, Walton & Co., New York, 1910, \$1.50 net, under the title: *Cow-Boy Ballads*. Those of our readers who are interested in Indian dialectology or dialectology in general may be pleasd to know that volume 40 of the *Bulletin* of the Bureau of American Ethnology, Washington, will contain considerable material of exceptional value. Inquiries shoud be adrest to Mr. F. W. Hodge, Ethnologist in Charge, or to Charles D. Walcott, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution.

Professor Carlo L. Speranza, professor of Italian at Columbia, will retire at the close of this session, after a long career as teacher. His first service at Columbia began in 1883. He was later instructor in Romance languages in the University of the City of New York, returning to Columbia in 1890. Before coming to teach at Columbia, he had been instructor in Italian at Yale, from 1880-83.

It is stated that Professor W. Foerster, of Bonn, woud like to sell his Romance library to some American university. He has been gathering this library for forty years, and it is one of the richest privat Romance collections in the world. It numbers about 5,500 volumes, without counting the dissertations and reprints, which occupy 130 filing boxes.

The *Revue de la Renaissance* is publishing a translation of the articles on Aneau which have been appearing in the ROMANIC REVIEW. The first instalment of the translation, made by Mlle. E. Ballu, appeared in the Oct.-Dec. number of the above review (pp. 182-197), and bears the title *Barthélemy Aneau: Etude sur l'Humanisme*.