

His intelligence was feebly developed, and was in any case quite below that of the other anthropoid apes, or



even of the gibbons. Since the above note was presented by Alph. Milne-Edwards to the Paris Academy of Sciences the young gorilla died at the Jardin des Plantes.

NOTES

THE portrait of the late Sir William Siemens, which we give this week as one in our series of Scientific Worthies, belongs to the previous volume of NATURE, and is intended to accompany the memoir at p. 97.

THE Secretary of State for India has determined that India shall be represented at the forthcoming International Prime Meridian Conference at Washington, and has nominated as the India Office delegate Lieut.-General R. Strachey, C.S.I. Capt. Sir Fred. J. O. Evans, R.N., K.C.B., F.R.S., and Prof. J. C. Adams, F.R.S., on the recommendation of the Science and Art Department, have been appointed delegates to represent the United Kingdom at the Conference.

ON May 28, at an extraordinary meeting of the Vienna Academy of Sciences, Count Hans Wilczek was elected Honorary Member. In the Mathematical and Natural Science Section, Dr. Albrecht Schrauf, Professor of Mineralogy at the Vienna University, and Dr. Leopold Gegenbauer, Professor of Mathematics at the Innsbruck University, were elected Corresponding Members. As Foreign Honorary Members were elected Sir William Thomson, and Charles Hermite (Paris); as Foreign Corresponding Members, Prof. L. Leuckart (Leipzig), Prof. Edward Frankland, and Prof. Carl Nägeli (Munich).

THE "Rede" Lecture was delivered on Wednesday, last week, in the Cambridge University Senate House, by Mr. Francis Galton, M.A., F.R.S. Mr. Galton, who had selected as the subject for the lecture "The Measurement of Human Faculty," stated that, although it had been a matter of controversy whether a more complete measurement of man's capacity could be attained than was already discovered by means of examinations which measured intellectual capacity, yet he would endeavour to demonstrate that as the capacity of man, taken in its widest sense, including character and physique, was finite, therefore it was measurable. He pointed out that an important adjunct to the attempt to measure human faculty would be records containing particulars regarding eyesight, colour-sense, hearing, breathing capability, height, span of arms, &c. At the Johns Hopkins University in America physical education and hygiene were compulsory on all students, and although the physical measurements taken were not compulsory yet few objected, and the result was that the most valuable statistics were collected, and in many instances good advice given to the students in what way to counteract the effects of any abnormal condition observed, such as irregularity of muscular development. Mr. Galton concluded by suggesting that a laboratory should be opened at Cambridge to investigate this new science. The cost would be small; the result, he ventured to predict, would be large and beneficial, for, by the compiling of continuous records of health, growth, and disease, much useful knowledge would be acquired, and by a long series of observations on the lines he had indicated it would be possible to measure the human faculty as accurately as, if not more so than, our system of examinations measures the intellectual faculty.

WE understand that the Fishery Board for Scotland is anxious to have powers enabling it to remove obstructions which interfere with the ascent of salmon up several Scottish rivers. It is specially desirous to introduce as soon as possible a fishway at the falls, and this, when done, would open up some 500 miles of excellent fishing and spawning ground. Last week there were several interesting arrivals from fishery officers:—(1) A fine specimen of the "Opah fish" (*Lampris guttata*) was taken off Unst Island, Shetland, on May 22, and forwarded by the fishery officer to Prof. Ewart, University of Edinburgh. The fish, which measured 4 feet in length and over 2 feet in depth, has been handed over to Prof. Turner. This Opah will enable Prof. Turner to complete an account of the fish begun some years ago, when he received a somewhat smaller specimen from the Moray Firth. (2) A turbot with peculiar frontal process, an eye on each side of the head, both sides of the body equally dark, and provided with spines. (3) Mature sprats. It seems proved that sprats leave the estuaries in spring to spawn at sea. (4) Developing herring eggs. Taken along with similar specimens which have been arriving since October last, these show that herring spawn on the east coast from August until May, and not, as is usually supposed, only during August and September and during February and March.

IN response to the appeal of the Prince of Wales, as President of the City and Guilds of London Institute, the following contributions have been already promised to the General Fund and to the Equipment Fund of the Central Institution, Exhibition Road, by the undermentioned Companies:—Fishmongers, 4000*l.*; Mercers, 2000*l.*; Clothworkers, 2000*l.*; Corporation of London, 1000*l.*; Skinners, 1000*l.*, and an increased subscription of 500*l.* annually; Leather-sellers, 500*l.*; Carpenters, 500*l.*; Armourers and Braziers, 300*l.*; Tallow Chandlers, 105*l.*; Scriveners, 105*l.*; Stationers, 52*l.* 10*s.* annually; Clock-makers, 26*l.* 5*s.* The letter of the President is still under the consideration of the Courts of several Companies, and it is confidently expected that the sum required will be obtained.