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THE annual meeting of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution was held Wednesday, January 22d, at 10 o'clock.

The Vice-President, Hon. Melville W. Fuller, Chief Justice of the United States, Postmaster General Wilson, Senator Justin S. Morrill, Senator Shelby M. Cullom, Senator George Gray, Representative Joseph Wheeler, Representative R. R. Hitt, Representative Robert Adams, Jr., Dr. A. D. White, General J. B. Henderson and Hon. Gardiner G. Hubbard.

The death of Doctor Henry Coppee, President of Lehigh University, long a member of the Board, was announced and appropriate resolutions adopted.

An Executive Committee was appointed as follows: Hon. John B. Henderson, Chairman; Hon. William L. Wilson and Hon. Gardiner G. Hubbard.

Secretary Langley presented his annual report, in which the chief events of importance during the past year were discussed. Allusion was made to the conferring of the Hodgkins Fund prize of \$10,000, and to the transmission of the amount of the award through the American embassy in London to Lord Rayleigh and Professor Ramsay; also to the fact that a similar prize for the same discovery has recently been given to the same persons by the Institute of France. The prize of \$1,000 was given to M. de Va-

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