

\$5; and associate members, who pay a fee of \$2, and have all the privileges of membership, except the right to vote and to receive the printed volumes.

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#### SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION.—HODGKINS FUND PRIZE.

In October, 1891, Thomas George Hodgkins, Esquire, of Setauket, New York, made a donation to the Smithsonian Institution, the income from a part of which was to be devoted to "the increase and diffusion of more exact knowledge in regard to the nature and properties of atmospheric air in connection with the welfare of man."

In the furtherance of the donor's wishes, the Smithsonian Institution has from time to time offered prizes, awarded medals, made grants for investigations, and issued publications.

In connection with the approaching International Congress on Tuberculosis, which will be held in Washington, September 21 to October 12, 1908, a prize of \$1,500 is offered for the best treatise that may be submitted to that Congress "On the Relation of Atmospheric Air to Tuberculosis."

The treatise may be written in English, French, German, Spanish or Italian. They will be examined and the prize awarded by a committee appointed by the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution in conjunction with the officers of the International Congress on Tuberculosis.

The right is reserved to award no prize if in the judgment of the committee no contribution is offered of sufficient merit to warrant such action.

The Smithsonian Institution reserves the right to publish the treatise to which the prize is awarded.

Further information, if desired by persons intending to become competitors, will be furnished on application.

CHARLES D. WALCOTT,

Washington, Feb. 3, 1908.

*Secretary Smithsonian Institution.*

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#### SUPERINTENDENTS OF NURSES' TRAINING SCHOOLS

During the time of the meeting of the Canadian Medical Association in Montreal, the superintendents of the training schools for nurses held a meeting. Col. Jones, of Ottawa, acting on a suggestion from Princess Christian, sent a communication to the effect that a society of nurses be formed to be in the same relationship to the militia that the Red Cross nurses occupied towards the army. This was heartily agreed to. The