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[Proceedings of the stated meeting, held Wednesday, Feb. 15, 1893.]

HALL OF THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE,
PHILADELPHIA, February 15, 1893.

MR. JOS. M. WILSON, President, in the chair.

Present, 116 members and eighteen visitors.

Additions to membership since last report, seven.

The resignations from the Committee of Science and the Arts of Messrs. Philip H. Fowler, John Hall, Lewis M. Haupt and Theo. C. Search were reported.

The vacancies were filled by the election of Mr. C. P. Schultz, in place of Mr. Fowler; Mr. Walter Balliet, in place of Mr. Hall; Mr. E. G. Willyoung in place of Prof. Haupt, and Mr. A. P. Winand, in place of Mr. Search.

Mr. James M. Price read a paper descriptive of his improvements in rail-joints, illustrating the same by the exhibition of a series of specimen joints and with the aid of lantern slides.

Prof. Angelo Heilprin gave a popular account of experiences of Arctic travel, with special reference to the recent expedition for the relief of Lieut. Peary, of which he was the commander. His remarks were illustrated with a series of interesting views shown with the lantern.

The Secretary, in his monthly report, made reference to the alleged anticipation of Mr. Edison in the invention of the incandescent electric lamp, by Henry Goebel, and offered some comments on the evidence presented to sustain the claim of the latter to be the prior inventor.

Adjourned.

WM. H. WAHL, *Secretary.*