

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

MR. JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER has given an additional million dollars and a contingent contribution of two million dollars to the University of Chicago. His letter to the trustees is as follows:

OCTOBER 30, 1895.

To the Trustees of the University of Chicago, T. W. Goodspeed, D. D., Secretary.

GENTLEMEN: I will contribute to the University of Chicago \$1,000,000 for endowment, payable January 1, 1896, in cash, or at my option, in approved interest-bearing securities at their fair market value.

I will contribute in addition, \$2,000,000 for endowment or otherwise, as I may designate, payable in cash, or, at my option, in approved interest-bearing securities at their fair market value, but only in amounts equal to the contributions of others, in cash or its equivalent not hitherto promised, as the same shall be received by the university. This pledge shall be void as to any portion of the sum herein promised, which shall prove not to be payable on the above terms, on or before January 1, 1900.

Yours very truly,

(Signed)

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER.

These gifts will make the entire amount of Mr. Rockefeller's donations to the University of Chicago about \$7,600,000, probably the largest gift ever made by an individual for educational or public purposes.

PROFESSOR GEORGE W. SMITH was to have been installed as President of Colgate University on November 14th. President Gilman was to deliver the principal address, and other prominent educators signified their intention of being present.

THE University of Minnesota has five new buildings nearly completed. They are (1) Medical Laboratories (\$40,000); (2) Armory (\$100,000); (3) Dairy Laboratories (\$30,000); (4) Dining Hall and Dormitory for School of Agriculture (\$30,000) and (5) Astronomical Observatory (\$10,000). The new die-testing works (\$25,000) are this year opened for experimental work.

THE University of Kansas began its thirtieth year September 5th. Owing to the absence of Chancellor F. H. Snow the

formal opening exercises were postponed until October 4th. On that date James Willis Gleed delivered the opening address. The University year opens with an enrollment of 725 students, divided among the five schools of which the University is composed as follows: Arts, 420; Law, 101; Pharmacy, 58; Engineering, 86, and Fine Arts, 63. This is an increase of a hundred over last year.

THE new Physics and Electrical Engineering building of the University of Kansas, finished during the summer, is now occupied by the physics department. This building has been erected by the State, and is designed for physical work and especially for research in electricity. The head of this department is Dr. Lucien I. Blake, best known by reason of his experiments for the United States government in establishing telephonic communication between the light ships of the Atlantic coast and the adjacent shores. W. N. Whitten, University of Michigan, '95, has been elected assistant in the chemical laboratories during the absence of E. H. S. Bailey, head of the department. Prof. Bailey has been granted leave of absence for study in Europe during the fall term. Owing to the crowded conditions of the chemical laboratories it has been necessary to fit up additional desks in the main building, to which all work in organic chemistry will be transferred.

PROFESSOR EDWARD GRANT CONKLIN, of the Northwestern University, of Evanston, Ill., has been elected professor of comparative embryology in the University of Pennsylvania, in place of the late Dr. John Ryder. Dr. Harrison Allen, who recently resigned the directorship of the Wistar Museum, has been made emeritus professor of comparative anatomy.

THE committee engaged in raising funds for the Women's College, in connection with Brown University, have raised \$20,-

000 of the \$50,000 required for the erection of a building.

MR. ANDREW CARNEGIE has given Williams College \$900 to free the infirmary from debt.

EDWARD PIERCE, PH. D. (Harvard), has been appointed instructor in psychology in the University of Michigan.

V. L. LEIGHTON, last year assistant in the chemical laboratory of the University of Kansas, has been called to a similar position in Tufts College, Mass.

THE annual meeting of the New England colleges was held at Hanover, N. H., (Dartmouth College) on November 7th and 8th. The institutions represented by delegates, including in nearly all cases the presidents, were Harvard, Yale, Brown, Williams, Amherst, Trinity, Wesleyan, Tufts, Boston, Bowdoin, Clark, Vermont and Dartmouth.

AN association of colleges and academies of the Southern States was formed at Atlanta on November 7th, representing fourteen institutions.

THE friends of Mrs. Agassiz have contributed \$6,000 to Radcliffe College to be used for the establishment of an Elizabeth Cary Agassiz Scholarship.

DR. GALLE, professor of astronomy at the University of Breslau and director of the observatory, has resigned.

DR. KLINGER, professor of chemistry at the University at Bonn, has received a call to the University of Königsberg.

THE electrical and anatomical institutes founded by M. Ernest Solvay and presented by him and other donors to the University of Brussels, were officially inaugurated on October 30, under the Presidency of the Burgomaster, assisted by M. Graux, the Chancellor, and the entire body of professors. Delegations from the English and Continental universities responded to the

invitation of the Brussels University to take part in the series of *fêtes* organized in celebration of the event.

DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE.

THE INTERNATIONAL CODE OF NOMENCLATURE.

UPON reading the statement that the *Third International Zoological Congress* has appointed an International Commission of five members to study the different codes of nomenclature proposed and adopted in various countries, some zoölogists may immediately draw the conclusion that it is the intention to overturn (or rather to *attempt* to overturn!) existing and well established practices in nomenclature. One or two persons with whom I have talked upon the subject did, in fact, have this impression. In order to dispel such thoughts from any and all minds in which they may arise, I desire to state definitely that no such plan was contemplated by Geheimrath Schulze (Berlin) when he made his proposition, nor by the Congress when the proposition was adopted. Furthermore, from what I know personally of the men on the Commission, it can be positively stated that such an idea is very far from their thoughts.

Every one will admit that there are points in the International Code upon which differences of opinion exist; that different interpretations of the code have been made in various countries; that the *arrangement* of the code has been criticized in some quarters; that some of the translations of the code have not been all that could be desired in the way of exactness; and that in various countries differences of opinion exist upon some points which are not included in the present international code.

The objects Prof. Schulze had in making his proposition were to submit all of these points to investigation by an international committee; to have an authorized edition of the code in English, French and German; to add points which had been omitted; to better the code where this can be done; and to embody the results of this study in a report to be presented to the next International Congress.

I would further call attention to the fact that the report of this commission is not final, but