

ernment to respect the customs of the native peoples, and we certainly should not fail to do this in a case where their customs are better than our own.

AN appropriation of \$170,000 has been passed by the Massachusetts House for the extermination of the Gypsy moth.

THE German Reichstag has made a grant of 60,000 Marks for Professor Robert Koch's approaching expedition to the tropics to investigate the nature and origin of malaria.

It is said that Mr. Andrew Carnegie is prepared to give the Pittsburg Carnegie Library \$1,000,000 endowment and \$500,000 additional for improvements when the city authorities have appropriated \$3,500,000 for Shenly Park.

By the death of Mrs. A. H. Colson a bequest of \$25,000 for the library of Stafford, Conn., becomes available.

THE Ohio State University announces for the summer of 1899 the maintenance of a lake laboratory at Sandusky, the purpose of which is to provide laboratory facilities to any who may wish to engage in the study of the numerous forms of life there accessible. No courses of instruction are designed and no laboratory fees are charged, the special purpose being to provide opportunities for investigation. Still, the opportunities for mutual improvement among a circle of earnest workers, by comparison of methods, discussion of results and exchange of ideas, are too evident to need mention. The variety of life accessible is unsurpassed, as the lake, river, extensive bays and marshes afford a basis for life conditions of great richness. The laboratory is provided with tables, aquaria, boat and other essentials, and necessary seines, dredges, nets, etc., will be available when needed. Rooms and board may be had convenient to the laboratory at very moderate prices, and as, aside from the attractive locations along shore, the beauties of Kelley's, and Put-in Bay Islands are readily accessible by boat the opportunities are most favorable to combine a few weeks of earnest study with the recreations of a summer outing. Each investigator will be expected to provide his own microscope, microtome and such special appliances as he may need in his particular investi-

gation, unless otherwise arranged, but will be supplied with the usual reagents, glassware, etc., and will be given entire freedom in the matter and method of his investigation, except for such necessary arrangements concerning use of boat, assignment of table aquaria, etc., as may be necessary to secure equal advantages to all. The laboratory will be open from June 15th to August 15th, or, possibly, till September 1st, if desired by a number of workers. Advanced students, instructors or any persons qualified to use the facilities offered are cordially invited to avail themselves of the opportunity here provided. Further particulars may be had by addressing Professor Herbert Osborn, Department Zoology and Entomology, Ohio State University, Columbus.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

WE recently announced that Mr. Robert S. Brookings had offered to give \$100,000 to Washington University, St. Louis, on condition that \$400,000 be subscribed by others. This sum has now been given and the \$500,000 has been added to the endowment fund of the undergraduate department. This is in addition to the \$450,000 given for buildings within the past six weeks as described recently in this JOURNAL.

THE Woman's College, of Baltimore, will receive between \$25,000 and \$50,000 as the residuary legatee of the late George R. Berry, of that city.

THE Teachers' College, Columbia University, will erect, at a cost of \$350,000, a building for its model school, the Horace Mann School. This will give, in its present buildings, more ample accommodations for the regular courses.

SIX new scholarships of \$100 each have been established in the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale University. They will be awarded to members of the graduating class who stand highest in scholarship.

MR. W. J. BLANKINSHIP has been appointed professor of botany in the Agricultural College of Montana.

MR. R. C. MACLAURIN, Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge, has been called to the chair of mathematics in Victoria College, New Zealand.