

crease of the disease in the city can be expected to follow such measures, and it is not surprising that the usual annual increase is greater this year.

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THE total amount of the bi-centennial fund of Yale University is now \$1,090,000. This sum includes \$490,000 subscribed or pledged unconditionally to the general building fund; \$250,000 pledged conditionally in case three additional subscribers can be found to give \$100,000 each, thus making possible the carrying out of the building plan and \$350,000 given or pledged for special purposes other than those of the general building fund. During the year the university has received also the Vanderbilt bequest of \$100,000 free of tax; \$50,000 from the estate of Charles J. Stillé; \$30,000 from the estate of Professor O. C. Marsh, and \$15,000 from the estate of Catherine W. Jarman, making, with minor legacies, about \$200,000. The University has further just received from Mr. W. E. Dodge of New York City the sum of \$30,000 "for the purpose of promoting among its students and graduates and among the educated men of the United States an understanding of the duties of Christian citizenship and a sense of personal responsibility for the performance of those duties." The income of the fund will be paid each year for a series of lectures.

THE sum of \$109,000 covering the debt of Wellesley College has been raised making available a gift of \$100,000 from Mr. John D. Rockefeller.

THE daily papers contain a dispatch from Havana regarding an alleged scandal in the University, where some of the best known men in Cuba are said to have received \$24,000 a year each as professors. There were 72 of these professors and 24 assistants, some of them having no classes at all and others only one or two students. Many of the professors drew other government salaries. When this was called to General Wood's attention he immediately inaugurated reforms, which resulted in cutting down the list to 46 professors and assistants. So at least runs a cablegram from Havana on which perhaps not very much reliance should be placed.

THE United States transport *McPherson*, having on board 231 of the Cuban teachers who will attend the summer school at Harvard University, arrived in Boston harbor on June 30th.

PROFESSOR CHARLES L. EDWARDS, recently of the University of Cincinnati, was elected on June 26th to the professorship of natural history, in Trinity College, Hartford. The new Hall of Natural History, just completed at a cost of \$60,000, is a building of three stories above a high basement, and is designed for the various needs of biology and geology. There are suites of laboratories for anatomy, physiology, experimental morphology, zoology, botany and geology, together with a vivarium. The southern half of the building, provided with a large central light well extending from the first floor to the arched roof, is the museum. The already valuable collections of Trinity College, including the Ward series of invertebrates, vertebrate skeletons and Blascke models will be largely augmented in the near future. Professor Edwards will supervise the equipment of the laboratories during the summer.

THE following appointments are also announced: H. T. Cory, a graduate of Purdue University, now in charge of the engineering courses in the University of Missouri, professor of civil engineering in the University of Cincinnati; Dr. Franz Pfaff, assistant professor of pharmacology and therapeutics of the Harvard Medical School; Dr. L. E. Dickson has resigned his position as associate professor of mathematics in the University of Texas, to accept a call to the University of Chicago; Dr. Grace N. Dolson, a graduate of Cornell University, has been made professor of philosophy at Wellesley College; at Princeton University, Professor E. O. Lovett has been promoted to a full professorship of mathematics, and Mr. A. A. H. Lyba has been called to a professorship of mathematics at Roberts College, Constantinople; Dr. George V. N. Dearborn has been appointed assistant professor of physiology in the Tufts College Medical School. He succeeds Dr. Albert P. Mathews, who has been called to an instructorship in physiology in the Harvard Medical School.