

'The German Deep Sea Expedition,' 'The Polar Oceans and their Discovery,' 'Astronomy and Navigation,' 'The History and Use of Warships,' 'Oceanology and Navigation,' 'The Influence of Sea Power in History,' etc.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

By the provisions of the will of the late Benjamin D. Silliman, \$110,000 will ultimately revert to Yale University and \$10,000 to Columbia University. Yale University has also received from an anonymous donor \$100,000 for a new building for the medical school and \$6,000 from the family of the late Robert Callender, class of 1898, to found a scholarship.

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER has agreed to give \$15,000 each to Mercer College, at Macon, Ga., Carson Newman College, at Mossy Creek, Tenn. and Des Moines College, at Des Moines, Ia., on the condition that each will raise subscriptions of \$60,750, to be paid in four annual payments.

THE Assembly of the State of California on January 29th passed the bill conferring full corporate powers and privileges on the trustees of Stanford University.

A SPECIAL committee of the Alumni of Stanford University, appointed last November, reported on January 26th, to a meeting of the alumni at San Francisco on the case of Professor Ross. The Committee calls attention to Professor Ross's pamphlet entitled 'An Honest Dollar' illustrated by political cartoons, published during the campaign of 1896, and states that Mrs. Stanford regarded this as undignified. The report continues:

The justice of the criticism expressed at the time the pamphlet was published must be deemed to be conceded by Dr. Ross, since it has been admitted by him to your committee that he would not again pursue the same course under similar circumstances.

Your committee has been unable to find any evidence that Mrs. Stanford ever took exception to Dr. Ross's economic teachings.

That her ultimate demand for his resignation was not due to opinions expressed in his speeches on 'Coolie Immigration' and the 'Twentieth Century City,' but was because she deemed that her original estimate had proved correct and that he was re-dis-

playing, after three years of trial, those qualities found objectionable in the instance of her original action.

The admission of Dr. Ross to your committee that he would not regard a university rule against the participation in politics by a university professor of economics during the progress of a political campaign, as impairing the proper right of academic freedom, disposes of his contention that the criticism of his conduct in 1896 is capable of that construction.

From the foregoing facts and upon the testimony as a whole your committee concludes that the action of Mrs. Stanford in asking the dismissal of Dr. Ross involved no infringement of the right of free speech.

The London *Times* devotes to the troubles at Coopers Hill College an editorial which begins as follows: "The Secretary of State for India will be guilty of a grave and lamentable error if he is induced by the promptings of official pedants to refuse the demand for inquiry into the recent dismissals at Coopers Hill College, so vigorously pressed in Lord Kelvin's succinct and forcible letter published in our columns on Saturday last. It is well to remember that one of the causes which contributed to the downfall of Mr. Gladstone's powerful administration in 1874 was Mr. Ayrton's insolent treatment of men of science. His contemptuous reference to his intellectual superiors, Sir Joseph Hooker and staff at Kew, as 'gardeners' placed a black mark against the name of the First Commissioner of Works of that day which was never obliterated and which drove him out of political life. The man in the street may not understand much about science, but he has a feeling of respect for scientific men who work for small rewards in the interests of truth and knowledge. The public is quick to resent injustice inflicted on a class who have little power of defending themselves and whose services are of enormous and increasing value to national progress."

It is reported in the papers that serious riots have occurred at Kieff University. Conflicts have taken place between the students and Cossacks, in which many of the former were killed or wounded.

DR. RICHARD EWALD has been promoted to a full professorship of physiology in the University at Strasburg.