

society of New York on February 28th, his subject being 'The Naturalist on the Coast of Alaska.'

MR. N. C. MACNAMARA delivered the Hunterian Oration before the Royal College of Surgeons of England on February 14th, taking as his subject the form of the human skull in relation to the origin of pre-historic man in western Europe.

It is reported that there is a serious outbreak of the bubonic plague in the Khirgiz steppes of western Siberia. Many thousands are said to have already died. The spread of the plague at Cape Town gives apprehension lest the army may be affected, and rumors to this effect are already current.

THE last biennial report of the Illinois State Laboratory of Natural History indicates that some valuable investigations have been made in regard to the abundance, distribution and migration of Illinois fishes, their times and places of breeding, their feeding habits and their food preferences. Five stations have been established in the Illinois river for investigation, one in the Spoon river and three in the bottom-land lakes connected with the larger streams. Eighty species of fish were found near Havana, on the Illinois river, the families most characteristic of the region being catfish, suckers and sunfish. There are also a few very abundant species of other families, as the gar, dog-fish, gizzard-chad, yellow bass, sheepshead and carp. A considerable number of collections have been made by high school principals and science teachers and sent to the laboratory in aid of this survey. The laboratory collections of fishes for the last thirty years have been examined and catalogued and rearranged. The collections assorted to the present time are contained in 63 large copper tanks and in 2,827 jars and bottles. A beginning was made last summer in the preparation of colored plates for the report on the fishes of the State. Sixteen plates were finished during the summer, and the color drawings are accurate in detail, true to life in color, form and attitude. It is the purpose of Dean S. A. Forbes to have illustrated by such plates every species of fish found, and the result will be a more finished series of plates of

American fresh-water fishes than has ever yet been published.

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THE Chicago Institute of Pedagogy, endowed by Mrs. Emmons Blaine with, it is said, nearly \$2,000,000, has been united with the University of Chicago.

THROUGH Mr. Jonathan Bulkley, of New York, Yale University has received \$10,000 for the establishment of a fellowship in American history.

PRESIDENT MORLEY, of Fargo College, North Dakota, is making progress towards collecting the \$150,000 necessary to secure the pledge of Dr. Pearson, of Chicago, for \$50,000 before the end of the present year.

MR. ANDREW CARNEGIE has presented \$32,500 to the Iron and Steel Institute, London, for the foundation of a research scholarship.

THE troubles in the Russian universities appear to be serious, having spread from Kieff to St. Petersburg and Moscow. About 200 Kieff students have been compelled to serve in the army as a punishment for their objecting to one of the professors. It is reported that six of them have been shot for refusing to renew their oath of allegiance to the Czar, but this may be incorrect.

HOMER CHARLES PRICE, M.S., has been elected to the chair of horticulture and forestry at the Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts. At Wellesley College, Miss Margaret C. Ferguson, B.S., has been appointed instructor in botany and Roxanna H. Vivian, B.A., instructor in mathematics.

PROFESSOR FRANK THILLY, of the University of Missouri, asks us to state that there is no truth in the report that he had been called to the chair of ethics in Leland Stanford Junior University.

DR. F. PASCHEN, of the Technical Institute at Hanover, has been appointed full professor of physics in the University of Tübingen.

DR. FRANZ NISSEL, known for his work on the histology of the nervous system, has been promoted to an associate professorship of psychiatry at the University of Heidelberg.