

rial to Mr. G. G. Chisholm, for the services he has rendered during twenty-five years to geographical education by text-books of various kinds, atlases, and lectures, all of a high standard of value, as well as for his geographical investigations, among other subjects into cataracts and waterfalls, and on the sites of towns; the Back grant to Lieutenant Amdrup, of the Danish navy, for his two voyages of exploration to the east coast of Greenland, during which he surveyed and mapped in detail much of the coast hitherto unknown or imperfectly mapped; the Peek award to Mr. J. P. Thomson, the founder of the Queensland branch of the Australian Geographical Society, who, by his writings and in other ways, has done much to promote the interests of geography in Queensland.

#### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY has received three large bequests: \$450,000 from the late George Smith, of the class of '53, to be used in erecting three dormitories; \$100,000 without restriction from the late Robert C. Billings, of Jamaica Plain, and \$100,000 from the late Jacob Wheelock, of Worcester, Mass. Mr. Wheelock also bequeathed \$100,000 to Clark University, and Mr. Billings bequeathed \$100,000 each to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the Boston Museum of Fine Arts.

BARNARD COLLEGE, Columbia University, has added \$500,000 to its endowment, one half having been given by Mr. John D. Rockefeller and the other half having been collected as a condition of this gift.

By the will of George L. Littlefield, of Providence, Brown University receives \$100,000 for the establishment of a chair of American history and the residue of the estate, which, it is said, may amount to \$500,000.

By the will of Mrs. S. P. Lees, of New York, Washington and Lee University receives a bequest of \$30,000.

SIR WILLIAM McDONALD has given McGill University \$20,000 for the purchase of books needed for the research work of students in arts, and has also presented to the physics

building a liquid-air plant, and to the zoological department equipment for the teaching of embryology.

THE class of '76 at Yale University has established with \$5,000 a scholarship, named in honor of President Hadley, who was a member of the class.

OTHER gifts to educational institutions include \$20,000 to Carroll College, in Wisconsin, from Mr. Ralph Vorhees, and \$5,000 to the Stevens Institute of Technology from Mr. Alexander C. Humphreys.

WE are informed that the Science Hall at the University of Montana was only partially burned on March 14, the loss falling almost entirely upon the engineering department. The foundry, forge room, machine shop and the assay laboratory in chemistry were gutted. The loss is about \$6,000, fully insured. The other laboratories were not injured. The burned portion will be immediately rebuilt. The origin of the fire is unknown.

THE troubles in the Russian universities and other institutions of learning seem to be very serious. It is said that the University of St. Petersburg will not be open until the autumn, and perhaps not then. In a technical school at Plock the students set fire to the building and attempted to lynch the professors. About one hundred students of Moscow University have been banished to Siberia and about 500 have been imprisoned.

THE Carnegie Trust of the Universities of Scotland has prepared its first report. No appropriations have as yet been made for research or the improvement of the facilities of the universities. But in accordance with Mr. Carnegie's wishes, the fees of a large number of students have been paid, the number at each of the four universities and the amount of the fees being as follows: St. Andrew's, 268 students, class fees, £2,452 16s.; Glasgow, 828 students, class fees, £7,672 13s. 6d.; Aberdeen, 473 students, class fees, £3,806 1s. 6d.; Edinburgh, 872 students, class fees, £9,010 5s. 6d.

MISS ELEANOR MARIE NAST has been awarded by the Woman's College of Baltimore a foreign fellowship in biology.