

Termini, near Rome, the cases having probably originated from the mosquitoes conveyed by the Terracina train, which crosses the most deadly part of the Pontine marshes. There is a special aniline dye which when diluted even to the extent of 0.00031 per mil., is said to kill the larvæ. The well-known pastilles and powder, similar to ordinary insect-powder, which can either be burnt or distributed by means of bellows, are also mentioned. This powder is made of the flowers of the *pyrethrum roseum*, a herb extensively grown on the Dalmatian coast, the cultivation of which is being tried near Ceprano, a town about half-way between Naples and Rome. It is found that valerian root, powdered and mixed with the other, renders it more efficacious. Experiments were made during last summer by Professor Grassi to combat the malady by the use of drugs. In this he has obtained a great measure of success, but the expense of the drugs and the difficulty of getting the large quantity necessary taken at regular times will form an insuperable difficulty in the case of the peasantry. Having selected one of the most malarious places in Italy, Ostia, at the mouth of the Tiber, Professor Grassi and his staff have administered six pills a day to adults, and a proportionate dose to children, the pills being composed of a compound called 'esanofele,' a harmless drug composed of quinine, arsenic, iron and bitter herbs. Dr. Grassi speaks highly of the results, and the tabulated statistics of the Ostia treatment appear very favorable.

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THE litigation over the will of the late Thomas Armstrong, of Plattsburgh, N. Y., in which he bequeathed his entire estate, valued at \$250,000, to Union College, has been terminated by amicable settlement outside of court. The college officials agreed to give the son of the testator one half of the estate.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY has received a bequest of \$50,000 from Mrs. Lena Currier, subject to a life interest. The money is to form a fund for the purchase of books.

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY has let the con-

tracts for building three additional buildings, a library, a dormitory, and a gymnasium, the approximate cost of which will be \$550,000.

At the annual meeting of the board of regents of the University of Nebraska, the Omaha Medical College was affiliated. Two years of the medical work will be given in Lincoln and the clinical years at Omaha. The work will be strengthened at all points, and it is believed that the combination will result in better opportunities for medical education in this region. Dr. Henry B. Ward of the university was elected dean of the school.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, held in Waco, April 7, 1902, David E. Houston, M.A., professor of political science in the University of Texas, was elected president. The newly elected president is thirty-six years of age, a graduate of South Carolina College in 1887, and a M.A. of Harvard University in 1892. In 1894 he was elected adjunct professor of political science in the University of Texas; advanced to associate professor in 1897; promoted to the full title in 1899, and at the same time made dean of the academic faculty. That his reputation is more than local is shown by the fact that he has already given a course of lectures before the officers and students of the Johns Hopkins University and further that his literary productions have been sought by the leading publications of our country.

MR. J. STUART HORNER has been appointed by the corporation of McGill University its honorary representative in England. It is planned to hold an entrance examination in London next June.

At Harvard University, Dr. Charles Palache has been appointed assistant professor of mineralogy, and Dr. R. B. Dixon instructor in anthropology.

MR. GEORGE P. BACON, instructor in mathematics and astronomy in Beloit College has been appointed professor of physics in Wooster University.

DR. ALBERT R. SWEETSER has been appointed professor of biology in the State University of Oregon.