

THE death is also announced at the age of sixty-two years of Professor Eugen Hahn, director of the surgical department of the Berlin Municipal Hospital.

SIR ANDREW NOBLE has given £150 and Dr. Ludwig Mond £200 to the Royal Institution for the fund for the promotion of experimental research at low temperatures.

A REUTER'S telegram from Kingstown states that the *Scotia*, which is taking out the Scottish Antarctic Expedition, under the command of Lieutenant Bruce, arrived there on November 3, after a favorable passage. The ship is satisfactory in every way. The yachts *Gleniffer* and *Triton* were still in company with the *Scotia*.

THE Engineers' Club of Philadelphia will celebrate its twenty-fifth anniversary by a banquet on December 6.

WE learn from the *National Geographic Magazine* that on October 17 a number of scientific men and of those interested in geographic science met in Baltimore at the home of Dr. D. C. Gilman and organized the 'Geographical Society of Baltimore.' The aim of the society is the promotion and diffusion of geographical knowledge, more particularly of that which is of commercial importance to Baltimore. Vice-president W J McGee, LL.D., represented the National Geographic Society and extended its congratulations and well wishes to the new organization. Dr. Gilman, who is also one of the board of managers of the National Geographic Society, was chosen first president and the following officers and trustees were elected: First vice-president, Mr. Bernard N. Baker; second vice-president, Rev. Dr. John F. Goucher; third vice-president, Gen. Lawrason Riggs.

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THE University of Pennsylvania has received \$100,000 from Dr. E. W. and Clarence H. Clark for a chair in Assyriology, to which Dr. Hilprecht has been appointed.

Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Herter, of New York City, have given \$25,000 to Johns Hopkins

University for the foundation of a memorial lectureship in the medical department 'designed to promote a more intimate knowledge of the researches of foreign investigators in the realm of medical science.' This end is to be secured by inviting each year some eminent worker in physiology or pathology to deliver one or more lectures at the university on some subject with which he is especially identified. The lecturer will receive an honorarium, the annual income of the endowment fund. The committee to select the lecturer will consist of Drs. William H. Welch, William Osler and John J. Abel, and it is intended to continue this committee so as to represent pathology, physiological chemistry and clinical medicine. There is no bar to extending the proposed lectureship to leaders in medical research in America if deemed advisable. Dr. Herter was a graduate student at the university in 1887-88, pursuing a special course in Dr. Welch's laboratory.

THE University of Tennessee will inaugurate at the beginning of January a department of education modeled on the Teachers College, Columbia University. The newly appointed professors include in the science and art of teaching, Professor P. P. Claxton, head professor of the department, formerly professor of pedagogy in the North Carolina Normal and Industrial Institute at Greensboro, now chief of the bureau of the Southern Education Board, and superintendent of the Summer School of the South; in philosophy and history of education, Professor Wycliffe Rose, formerly professor in the Peabody Normal School, University of Nashville; in educational psychology and ethics, Professor B. B. Breese, a graduate of Harvard University and doctor of philosophy of Columbia University.

DR. H. KOBALD, first observer in the astronomical observatory at Kiel, has been appointed to an associate professorship in the university.

MR. W. H. R. RIVERS, university lecturer in physiological and experimental psychology at Cambridge University, has been elected a fellow of St. John's College.