

THE London *Times* states that the Swedish Antarctic exploration ship *Antarctic* left Tierra del Fuego at the beginning of November on its second summer expedition. It was expected that the expedition, after some cartographic work and natural history research in the northern and western portions of the Dirck Gerritz Archipelago, would arrive about December 10 at the winter quarters in Snow Hill Land, where Dr. Nordenskjöld would resume the leadership of the entire expedition. The *Antarctic* will probably return to Port Stanley (Falkland Islands) at the end of February or the beginning of March.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

DR. D. K. PEARSONS, of Chicago, has made a gift of \$50,000 to the endowment fund of Pomona College at Claremont, Cal.

GENERAL O. O. HOWARD, president of the board of directors of the Lincoln Memorial University at Cumberland Gap, Tenn., announces that the \$200,000 which they desired for the endowment of the school has been raised.

DR. GUSTAV A. ANDREEN, president of Augustana College, at Rock Island, Ill., has sailed for Sweden, where he goes to accept a \$29,000 gift from Swedish educators and business men to Augustana College.

A FELLOWSHIP of the value of four hundred and fifty dollars has been established by the trustees of Smith College for the encouragement of advanced work in philosophy and psychology. It is open to women graduates of not less than one year's standing of Smith and of other colleges, and is awarded annually, subject to renewal at discretion, to the candidate judged best fitted to profit by it. The holder of the fellowship is required to render a certain amount of assistance (not instruction) in the philosophical department, but is free, and is expected, to devote most of her time to some specified line of work under the direction of the instructors and to present a thesis, embodying the results of her studies, at the end of the year. The work so done may be taken to qualify her for an advanced academic degree. Application for this fel-

lowship should be sent, with testimonials and other vouchers, to Mr. H. N. Gardiner, Smith College, Northampton, Mass., by May 1.

AT the Ohio State University a veterinary building, costing \$35,000 and an addition to the chemical building costing \$22,000 are now being constructed. Besides these, a building costing \$80,000 for the department of civil engineering and drawing will be commenced as soon as the weather will permit, and plans have been ordered for a physics building costing from \$80,000 to \$90,000. The funds for these structures have all been provided. Each of the buildings will be planned with reference to future additions. The enrolment of the institution during the past term was 1607, a gain of nearly 200 over the corresponding time one year ago.

A NEW four-story building, 186 x 70 feet, for the departments of mechanical engineering, mining engineering and geology at Lehigh University is in process of construction.

THE trustees of Columbia University have voted to designate the physical laboratories for research the Phoenix Physical Laboratories, in memory of Stephen Whitney Phoenix, of the class of '59, who left a large bequest to Columbia.

DR. J. J. THOMSON, F.R.S., for the past eighteen years Cavendish professor of experimental physics at Cambridge University, has been offered by the trustees of Columbia University the chair of physics, vacant by the death of Ogden N. Rood. Professor Thomson was born at Manchester in 1856, and attended Owens College and Trinity College, Cambridge. At Cambridge he was second wrangler and second Smith's prizeman in 1880 and was elected fellow of Trinity College in 1881. In 1884 he succeeded Lord Rayleigh as professor of experimental physics.

DR. CHARLES L. POOR, formerly associate professor of astronomy at the Johns Hopkins University, has been appointed lecturer in astronomy in Columbia University.

THE general board of studies of Cambridge University has appointed Mr. F. G. Hopkins, M.A., of Emmanuel College, to the office of reader in chemical physiology.