

Wisconsin, died of heart trouble on Saturday, January 24. He was called to the position at Oshkosh about a year and a half ago. He was an able and accomplished scholar and an educator of great promise. His brilliant mind and scholarly achievements three times secured for him recognition in the way of fellowships from three American universities. For two years after graduating as honor man at Toronto he was fellow in psychology in the University of Wisconsin, which institution bestowed upon him the degree of doctor of philosophy in 1897. Clark University, Worcester, Massachusetts, then honored him with a fellowship for a year, and Cornell for the year following. He was born near Toronto, Canada, about thirty-five years ago. In his professional career he had gained a large circle of admiring and steadfast friends. T. L. B.

THE cablegram from Edinburgh which we quoted last week to the effect that Mr. Andrew Carnegie would establish with \$5,000,000 an endowment for scientific research in Scotland is said to be without foundation. Under these circumstances we almost hesitate to quote the item in the daily papers this week to the effect that Mr. John D. Rockefeller will give \$7,000,000 for the erection and endowment of a research hospital in connection with the Medical Department of the University of Chicago.

WE are sometimes compelled to quote from the daily papers announcements of gifts and endowments without assurance of their correctness, but we refrain from quoting medical discoveries, otherwise it would be necessary to announce cures for blood poisoning, hay fever and pneumonia, and the discovery of the bacillus of hydrophobia. The name given to the alleged bacillus of the latter disease reads as though it might be correct 'Coccus babyllus polymorphus lissac.'

*Nature* quotes from a German newspaper an item to the effect that Dr. Dohrn, of Naples, having appealed with little result to the German minister of education for financial aid in the extension of his world-famed biological station, sought an interview with the Kaiser. Remarking sympathetically that he could not

provide all that Dr. Dohrn desired from his private purse, the Kaiser furnished him with a donation form, headed by himself and a contribution of £1000 commanding that it should be circulated among the leaders in Berlin society, for return to the Kaiser in person. The result was that within a few days the magnificent sum of £15,000 was subscribed.

THE new lion house of the New York Zoological Park was opened on February 2. It is said to be the finest building for this purpose in existence. The main corridor is 192 feet long, some of the cages, which are enclosed by netting instead of iron bars, being as large as 18 x 22 feet. The building includes a studio for artists with a special cage.

THE daily papers state that the University of Chicago has received from Sir William Van Horne of Montreal a collection of fossils valued at \$30,000.

A LARGE collection of sea anemones from the coast of Chili has been examined for the Royal Museum of Berlin by Dr. J. Playfair McMurrich, professor of anatomy in the University of Michigan. Dr. McMurrich's report will be published in a future number of the *Zoologische Jahrbucher*.

ENGLISH papers state that Sir Ernest Cassel has offered to give £40,000 towards the study and investigation of ophthalmia in Egypt.

THE board of directors of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers has passed a resolution disapproving of the establishment on the part of N. Y. state of an electrical laboratory and standardization bureau.

TELEPHONIC communication has been established between Paris and Rome, which is the longest line in Europe, though it is surpassed in America. The distance from Paris to Rome is 1,593 km. and from Paris to Berlin 1,115 km.

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#### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY receives \$50,000 by the will of Rebecca C. Ames, the income to be used for the support of poor students.

THE annual report of Provost Harrison shows that the University of Pennsylvania has received gifts during the year to the value of \$936,851, and that the total value of gifts since 1895, when Dr. Harrison became provost, is \$4,750,161.

A BILL has been introduced in the senate of the state of California providing for a special procedure in court to confirm the legality of trusts for eleemosynary and educational institutions. It is understood that the bill has been introduced to enable Mrs. Stanford to divest herself of the control of the property left by her husband for Stanford University.

THE Military Academy appropriation bill, carrying \$644,273, was read and passed in the Senate on January 27, without amendment or debate.

THE Thaw fellowship in astronomy in Princeton University is open for next year to a college graduate of not more than five years' standing. Inquiries may be addressed to the professor of astronomy or to the university registrar. Applications with proper credentials must be filed with the registrar before May 1.

THE board of trustees of the New Mexico School of Mines has established a system of fellowships and scholarships in mining and geology. The first group will include ordinary fellowships, which are expected to yield \$300 a year; and traveling fellowships, which are expected to yield annually \$500 and \$1,000. The scholarships are available this year. There are fifty scholarships, each yielding \$100, open to students living in the United States. There is one scholarship for each state in the Union. The student from each state passing the best examination for entrance to the school, or to advanced standing, or furnishing evidence of best qualifications to carry on the work in this institution, is awarded the scholarship for that state. There are forty scholarships each yielding \$25 a year, and open to students who are actually residents of New Mexico. They are good for

one year; and are bestowed at the beginning of each academic year. These scholarships are awarded annually as honors. The main object sought in the bestowal of these honors is the encouragement of scholarship among those who wish to prosecute studies related to mining in the New Mexico School of Mines.

EARLY on Sunday morning, January 25, the College Chapel at Oberlin was completely destroyed by fire. It was the oldest building in use by the college and was built in 1854. The offices of the president, treasurer, secretary and registrar and the Y. M. C. A. reading room were on the first floor. The records and nearly all valuable papers were saved. The Old First Church will be used for chapel purposes, and the administration offices will be located in the power house until a new chapel and a new administration building can be provided. The insurance was only twenty thousand dollars.

THE fifty-second anniversary of founder's day at Northwestern University was celebrated on January 28, when the new professional school building was dedicated. President Hadley delivered an address on 'The Place of the Professional School in the Modern American University.'

DR. WILLIAM E. HUNTINGTON, professor of ethics and history and dean of the College of Liberal Arts of Boston University, has been appointed acting president of the institution. A committee of the trustees has been appointed to recommend a successor to the Rev. William F. Warren. Dr. Warren has been guaranteed a salary of \$2,500 during life and the chair he occupies in the school of theology has been given his name.

AT Stanford University Edward C. Franklin has been appointed an associate professor in the department of chemistry, to succeed the late Professor George M. Richardson.

DR. OLIVER DIMON KELLOGG has been appointed instructor in mathematics at Princeton University.

DR. TH. DESCOUDRES, associate professor of theoretical physics at Wurzburg, has been called to Leipzig.