

for the position of scientific assistant has been postponed to April 28.

THE Tenth Congress of Polish Physicians and Men of Science, which was to meet in Lemberg, Austria, July, 1903, has been postponed until July, 1904.

THE French Association of Anatomists is this week holding at Liège its fifth meeting, under the presidency of Professor Swaen.

THE American Institute of Electrical Engineers has arranged to extend certain privileges to those who are regularly pursuing studies in electrical engineering. Under proper recommendations they may be elected as students of the institute. There is a fee of \$3 and the students receive the transactions and may attend the meetings.

THE New York Botanical Garden announces a series of lectures to be delivered in the lecture hall of the museum building of the Garden, Bronx Park, on Saturday afternoons, at 4:30 o'clock, as follows:

April 18. 'A Tour of American Deserts,' by Dr. D. T. MacDougal.

April 25. 'The Vegetation of the Florida Keys,' by Dr. M. A. Howe.

May 2. 'The Framework of Plants,' by Dr. H. M. Richards.

May 9. 'Illustrations of Some Features of the West Indian Flora,' by Dr. N. L. Britton.

May 16. 'The Food Supply of Young Plants,' by Professor F. E. Lloyd.

May 30. 'The Color-Variations of Flowers,' C. C. Curtis.

June 6. 'The Streams, Lakes and Flowers of the Upper Delaware, and the Story of the Sundew,' by Mr. Cornelius Van Brunt.

June 13. 'Vegetable Foods,' by Dr. H. H. Rusby.

REUTER'S Agency has received a letter dated from the Scottish Antarctic ship *Scotia*, at the Falkland Islands, on January 22, written by Mr. W. S. Bruce, the leader of the expedition. He says: In a few hours we take our departure for the South. Contrary to my previous intention, I am going to winter the ship if we find a suitable winter harbor, for, on account of the lateness of the season, there will not be time to set up a separate house and set the ship free. We had a most successful passage south, having accomplished the voyage in 59

days, in contrast to 92 days that we took in the *Balaena* in '92. We could have made a faster journey, but ran at slow speed in order to save coal and also stopped several times for coaling and for testing gear. After some preliminary accidents in handling gear, we are starting with a fairly clear field to commence good observations. We are very fully loaded down, however, with 200 tons of coal and 20 months' provisions, so we shall make as quick a passage across the Cape Horn seas as possible till we get into the smooth ice water. There we are all right and need not fear for the safety of our deck cargo. Systematic hydrometer observations and temperature observations of the surface of the sea from 30 N. have been taken, and those of the River Plate should prove of exceptional interest, since there are most remarkable and rapid changes both in density and temperature associated with strong currents. We have inspected and set up the meteorological station at Cape Pembroke, which should be as good as any in the Southern Hemisphere. This should form a very important sub-Antarctic station. We have sufficient funds to enable us to do this one year's work in the South. Now that we are on a solid basis it would be a great pity to come home before our work is really complete. A second winter, during which the ship could be kept going free, as well as the station, would be most valuable.

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Two further anonymous gifts, respectively \$10,000 and \$50,000, have been made to Harvard University for Emerson Hall, to be erected for the department of philosophy. The sum of \$125,000 has now been subscribed toward the \$150,000 required.

THE Missouri state legislature in the session just closed appropriated for the State University at Columbia \$75,000 for a physics laboratory and \$25,000 for an addition to the chemical laboratory.

ACCORDING to the financial statement of the University of Minnesota for the fiscal year ending July 31, 1902, the 23/100 mill revenue tax of the state levied annually on account of the university is producing about \$150,000

per annum, which is the state's annual contribution to the funds of the Land Grant College of Minnesota. The land grant itself provides an income of about \$95,000 and the income of the university itself is over \$125,000. The state also makes a deficiency appropriation of \$35,000. Of the total income of something less than a half million dollars, the state provides \$184,000.

A FUND of \$10,500 has been subscribed for Harvard University to establish a lectureship in memory of Edwin L. Godkin, Harvard '71, long editor of *The Nation* and the New York *Evening Post*, who died in March, 1902. The lectures are to be on 'The Essentials of Free Government and the Duties of Citizens.'

THE exercises connected with the opening of the new building of the Department of American Archeology of Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass., were held on Saturday, March 28. The address of the day was given by Frederick Ward Putnam, LL.D., of Harvard University, and about five hundred guests interested in the subject and the institution were in attendance. The foundation of a department of archeology in a preparatory school is unusual if not unique, but it is believed by the trustees that the educational value of the courses and the desirability of early training of future workers in the field both warrant the experiment.

THE New Haven correspondent of the New York *Evening Post* writes: The plan of the academic faculty to exclude Greek, Latin, and mathematics from freshman year as required studies contemplates the increase of the present five required freshman studies to eight, of which five must be chosen. Modern languages are divided into French and German electives, and chemistry and history are added. It is ascertained that the corporation at its last meeting sent back the plan—after the faculty had adopted it—with a suggestion which, if accepted, would have prescribed seven freshman studies with choice of five. This modified plan would have compelled a choice of Greek, Latin, or mathematics, but the faculty has refused to accept it. At the next meeting of the corporation the matter will be

voted on, and a number of that body are understood to be opposed to a change which they regard as too radical. Among its opponents are also said to be most of the classical professors. The new question is also raised, somewhat acutely, of the jurisdiction of faculty or corporation in the case.

ANNOUNCEMENT has been made of a pre-technical course at Rochester University, graduates from which will be able to enter the junior year at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology or the College of Mechanical and Electrical Engineering at Cornell.

FURTHER steps are being taken toward the establishment of the University of Hamburg.

THERE are two vacant biological fellowships in Princeton University to be conferred by appointment on graduates of not more than five years' standing in approved American colleges. Candidates may send application, with evidence of fitness, to the Registrar, Princeton University, Princeton, N. J.

DR. EDWIN H. HUGHES, a Boston clergyman, has been elected president of De Pauw University.

THE Boston *Transcript* announces the following new appointments at Harvard University: As instructors, H. C. Boynton in metallurgy, W. E. McClintock in highway engineering and M. A. Read in physiography. Assistants appointed for the same year are: P. R. Curtis in ore-dressing and assaying; R. C. Wells in physical chemistry, W. B. Updegraph and D. W. Howes in mechanical drawing, W. M. Gregory in paleontology and A. P. Larrabee in zoology. The following are appointed to Austin teaching fellowships: L. J. Cole, zoology; J. M. Fox in mining and metallurgy, and F. W. Russe in organic chemistry.

PROFESSOR R. E. SMITH, assistant in botany at the Massachusetts Agricultural College and Experiment Station, has accepted the position of pathologist and assistant professor in botany in the University of California.

DR. OSCAR EMMERLING has been promoted to an associate professorship of botany in the University of Berlin.