

large central hall available for scientific demonstrations, lectures and the like. The proposal found warm support at the meeting alluded to, and a resolution in furtherance of the above-mentioned aims was unanimously adopted.

THE *British Medical Journal* states that a health resort is to be established in Lapland. It is proposed to erect a sanatorium on the shores of Lake Torne, a long and beautiful sheet of water at Wassijauve, near the end of the Ofote Railroad. That railroad, it may be mentioned, has only one station in a distance of 121 miles. There is no human dwelling near that station, which is on the line between Sweden and Norway, and was erected solely for the requirements of the Customs Office. Except for a small settlement at Wassijauve, the only sign of human existence in the district is the occasional passage of a few Laplanders with their herds of reindeer. Apart from the scenery, the inmates of the Arctic sanatorium will have no external object of interest but a scientific station which has been erected with the help of private subscriptions by men of science. The work pursued at the station includes biological, geological, botanical and entomological, and other investigations conducted during the summer, and meteorological, magnetic and other observations made at all seasons. The station is a solidly built block-house containing seven rooms, and it is proposed to build the sanatorium in the same way.

THE *Scottish Geographical Magazine* reports that the 'Société Belge d'Astronomie,' has announced a scheme for the publication of a monograph on volcanoes. This will consist of an atlas containing a general map on the scale of 1:40,000,000, and ten regional maps on the scale of 1:2,000,000, illustrating the general distribution of volcanoes, together with a notice, detailed descriptive tables and block-maps in the text. It is estimated that the text and tables together will occupy about 300 pages, large 8vo. The undertaking will be under the charge of M. Elisée Reclus. In order that the success of this undertaking may be assured, subscriptions are asked for in advance. A subscription of 25 francs will

entitle the subscriber to one ordinary copy of the atlas, and one of 100 francs to two copies printed on special paper and numbered. Communications should be addressed to the Society at 21 Rue des Chevaliers, Brussels.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

SIR DONALD CURRIE has given £100,000 to University College and London University. It is intended with this sum to build a school of advanced medicine.

MR. ANDREW CARNEGIE has given \$50,000 to Kenyon College to endow a professorship of economics to be named for Edwin M. Stanton, three years a student of Kenyon, who once said: "If I am anything or have done anything in the way of usefulness, I owe it to Kenyon College." The gift is said to be due to an interview with the late Senator Hanna when sick, who himself had given \$50,000 to Kenyon College for a dormitory just now finished.

MR. CARNEGIE has also made a conditional gift of \$50,000 to Mt. Holyoke College, the understanding being that the friends of the institution should raise a like amount before June 1. No stipulations are made regarding the use of the money, but it is said that a new library is contemplated.

PLANS have been accepted for the science building given to Rochester University by Mr. George Eastman, of Rochester, at a cost of \$60,000, the construction of which will be begun during the summer.

THE new medical laboratories of the University of Pennsylvania will be dedicated on June 11. The laboratories cost \$700,000. The principal addresses will be delivered by Dr. H. P. Bowditch, professor of physiology at the Harvard Medical School; Dr. R. H. Chittenden, director of the Sheffield Scientific School, Yale University; Dr. George Dock, professor of medicine at the University of Michigan, and Dr. Horatio C. Wood, professor of materia medica and pharmacy at the University of Pennsylvania.

It is reported that a plan has been suggested to unite the Columbian and American Universities of the District of Columbia and the

interests favoring a national university, to form the nucleus of a great national university at the capital. The trustees of the American University, with its endowment of \$2,000,000 and its tract of ground in the northwestern suburbs, have discussed the project. Bishop McCabe, the head of the university, has spoken favorably of the idea. President Needham, of the Columbian University, and a number of the other officers of that institution have expressed a willingness to meet the officers of the American University to consider the project. It is probable that within the next few months a meeting of the different interests will be had. It is suggested by friends of the plan that such a merger would retain at least one of the strong features of each of the chief institutions and would give much greater financial strength. The plan, however, is chiefly for the establishment of university post-graduate work.

At the meeting of the Association of American Universities held in New Haven on February 18-20, the University of Virginia was elected to membership in that association.

THE administrative council of the French Association for the Advancement of Science has offered to defray the cost of a course on physical astronomy at the University of Paris, which will be given by M. Pierre Puiseux, astronomer of the observatory at Paris.

MR. EDWARD M. SHEPARD has been elected chairman of the board of trustees of the College of the City of New York, in place of Mr. Edward Lauterbach, who resigned to accept the position of regent of the University of the State of New York.

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR CHARLES B. DAVENPORT, of the department of zoology of the University of Chicago, has resigned to accept the appointment, to which we have already called attention, from the Carnegie Institution as head of the department of experimental biology, which, for the present, is to include a marine station on the Tortugas and a Laboratory for Experimental Evolution at Cold Spring Harbor, Long Island. Professor Davenport is to be in immediate charge of the latter. The buildings in connection with the

laboratory are now in process of erection under the direction of Dr. Davenport, who is absent on a vacation during the winter quarter. He will spend the spring quarter at the university and will then leave to take permanent charge of the new laboratory.

PROFESSOR L. V. PIRSSON, of the chair of physical geology, has been chosen to fill temporarily the curatorship of the geological collection of the Peabody Museum, Yale University, made vacant by the death of Professor C. E. Beecher.

PROFESSOR L. H. BAILEY, of Cornell University, will superintend the nature study courses in the summer session at the University of Tennessee.

E. V. HUNTINGTON, Ph.D., and J. H. Woods, Ph.D., have been appointed instructors at Harvard University in mathematics and philosophy respectively.

THE Smith's prizes at Cambridge University have been adjudged as follows: E. Cunningham, B.A., St. John's College, for his essay 'On the Normal Series satisfying Linear Differential Equations'; J. C. M. Garnett, B.A., Trinity College, for his essay 'On the Cause of Color in Metal Glasses and Metallic Films'; H. A. Webb, B.A., Trinity College, for his essay 'On the Expansion of an Arbitrary Function in a Series of Functions'; P. W. Wood, B.A., Emmanuel College, for his essay 'On Covariant Types.'

At University College, London, Dr. G. Dawes Hicks has been appointed to the chair of moral philosophy; Dr. E. R. Edwards, lecturer in phonetics for a term of three years; Dr. H. Batty Shaw, lecturer in therapeutics, and Mr. Percy Fleming, professor of ophthalmic medicine and surgery, in succession to Professor Tweedy, resigned.

MR. J. J. E. DURACK, B.A. (Sydney), B.A. (Research, Cambridge), has been appointed demonstrator in natural philosophy at King's College, London.

M. FERNBACH has been placed temporarily in charge of a course in biological chemistry at the Sorbonne, Paris, in place of M. Duclaux, who has been given leave of absence on account of his health.