

specimens of Costa Rican antiquities than are found in all the museums of the world put together.

At a meeting held at the College of Physicians at Philadelphia on March 28, steps were taken to effect the organization of the United States Association for the Study of Tuberculosis, and Drs. E. L. Trudeau, George M. Sternberg, W. H. Welch, L. F. Flick and H. M. Biggs were appointed members of the committee. Dr. Wm. Osler was chosen chairman and Dr. H. Barton Jacobs, secretary for the committee, when it shall meet in connection with the American Medical Association at the annual session in June at Atlantic City.

THE American Neurological Association will hold its meeting at St. Louis on September 15, 16 and 17 immediately preceding the sessions of the various medical departments of the Congress of Arts and Sciences, beginning September 19.

OWING, it is said, to the war in the east, the Congress of Polish Scientific Men and Physicians will not meet at Lemberg this year, as has been announced.

A REUTER telegram from Vienna, dated March 19, states that at the request of the Academy of Science, the Austrian Minister of Agriculture, in order to facilitate the solution of certain important questions relating to the nature of radium, has ordered that from January 1 last until further notice no trading should be permitted in the residues from the manufacture of uranium colors at Joachimsthal, and that 10,000 kilograms of those residues should be reserved for purchase by the academy and another 10,000 kilograms for M. Curie, the discoverer of radium, in Paris. These consignments are to be devoted entirely to the purpose of scientific experiment.

M. DEUTSCH, having offered a prize of \$25,000 for the first flying machine making a flight in a circle of one kilometer, M. Ernest Archdeacon has added a like sum and has appealed for further subscriptions.

THE electric railway at Nice having interfered with the magnetic observations of the observatory, suit was brought by M. Bischoffs-

heim, and damages have been awarded to the amount of about \$20,000.

THE Civil Service Commission invites attention to the following named scientific and technical examinations to be held on April 19, 1904, with the statement that but few applications have been filed therefor:

- Aid, Coast and Geodetic Survey.
- Civil and electrical engineer.
- Civil and electrical engineer, Philippine Service.
- Civil engineer, Philippine Service.
- Civil engineer and draftsman.
- Architectural computer (Supervising Architect's Office).
- Computer, Nautical Almanac Office.
- Computer, Naval Observatory.
- Deck officer, Coast and Geodetic Survey.
- Topographical draftsman (Land Office Service).
- Library assistant.
- Manual training teacher.
- Trained nurse, Philippine Service.

As the commission has experienced considerable difficulty in securing eligibles for the positions named, qualified persons are urged to enter the examination. Those who desire to compete should at once apply to the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., for a copy of the Manual of Examinations and the necessary forms of application.

#### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

THE assembly has passed a bill appropriating \$250,000 for the New York State College of Agriculture at Cornell University.

PRESIDENT C. E. MILLER, of Heidelberg University, Tiffin, Ohio, announced on March 24, that he had secured pledges to the amount of \$150,000 for the fuller equipment of the university, \$50,000 of this amount to be expended in buildings and \$100,000 to be added to the permanent endowment.

A LADY, who has requested that her name be not made known, has given \$40,000 for the erection of a dormitory for the women students at Colby College, Waterville, Me.

MR. ANDREW CARNEGIE has given \$30,000 to Berea College in Kentucky. The trustees of the institution are preparing to test the constitutionality of the law recently passed forbidding coeducation of the races. It is also

reported in the newspapers that Mr. Carnegie has donated library buildings to Winthrop College, at Rock Hill, S. C., and to Converse College, at Spartanburg, S. C., both colleges for women.

THE Court of Appeals has affirmed the judgment of the lower courts in deciding that New York University has no title to the lands or properties of the Loomis laboratory at 414 East Twenty-sixth Street. The laboratory was founded with \$100,000, contributed by Dr. Alfred L. Loomis in 1887; its properties are now valued at \$200,000.

THE College of Pharmacy of the City of New York celebrated its seventy-fifth anniversary on March 29, by approving an agreement with the trustees of Columbia University whereby, after July 1, it becomes a part of the latter institution. Under the agreement the finances of the College of Pharmacy will remain in the control of its trustees, although the president of Columbia will be its ex-officio president. The present course of instruction will remain unchanged until the fall of 1905, when changes are to be made and approved by the officers of Columbia. The standard of admission to the College of Pharmacy, it is expected, will be raised. Students graduating as 'graduates of pharmacy' are not to receive the university degree, that being conferred only on doctors of pharmacy and post-graduates, who have passed the regents' examination.

It is expected that the new Agricultural Hall, now under construction at Clemson College at a cost of about \$50,000, will be completed during the summer and ready for occupation by the opening of the next session. This building will provide class-rooms and laboratories for instruction in agriculture, horticulture, botany and bacteriology, zoology and entomology, veterinary science, and geology and mineralogy, besides a natural history museum. The state legislature, at its recent session, also established 124 agricultural scholarships at a value of \$100 each.

THE Oxford convocation has passed a decree accepting with gratitude a donation by Pandit Shyámaji Krishnavarmá, M.A., of

Balliol College, for the establishment of an endowment in memory of the late Herbert Spencer, the endowment to take the form of an annual lecture, with a provision that a 'Herbert Spencer' prize may, if desired, with the consent of the founder during his lifetime, be substituted for the lecture.

THE trustees of Carleton College at Northfield, Minn., have appointed the Rev. Dr. George R. Montgomery, lecturer on philosophy at Yale University, to be professor of philosophy, *vice* the Rev. E. W. Lyman, who goes to the Congregational Theological Seminary at Montreal.

J. VOLNEY LEWIS, professor of geology and mineralogy in the Clemson Agricultural College of South Carolina, has resigned to accept a similar position in Rutgers College after the close of the present session.

MR. J. E. BURBANK, B.A. (Bowdoin), M.A. (Harvard), has resigned his instructorship in physics at the University of Maine, to accept a position in the Magnetic Survey, at Washington, D. C. Mr. L. E. Woodman, A.B. and A.M. (Dartmouth), formerly assistant in physics at Dartmouth, has been elected to the vacant instructorship.

THE following appointments have been made at Harvard University: *Instructors*—O. Ames and J. M. Greenman in botany, A. B. Frizell in mathematics, J. A. Moyer in descriptive geometry, S. E. Whiting in electrical engineering, P. S. Smith in geology, and H. C. Boynton in metallurgy and metallography. *Assistants*—N. S. Bacon, L. S. Hapgood, P. H. Provandie, in hygiene; A. B. Plowman in botany, O. F. Black, J. F. Langmaid, A. D. Wyman in chemistry, and J. N. Bell in zoology. *Austin teaching fellows*—L. Ross in applied mechanics, A. H. Chivers in botany, A. Tyng in engineering, and A. E. Norton in mechanical drawing and mathematics.

MR. ANTHONY TRAILL, M.D., LL.D., has been appointed provost of Trinity College, Dublin, in succession to the late Dr. George Salmon.

KOTARO SHIMOMURA, a graduate of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, has been elected president of Doshisha College, Kioto, Japan.