

sion, which has already done good work in the study of the insects which were destroying the cacao plants of the islands. (5) A biological laboratory, which gives much promise for the future. (6) A botanical division. The large number of plants which remain unidentified gives this division a large field in which to work. There are a number of other branches of this bureau, but they can scarcely be dignified by the name of division, as for instance the branch which takes the photographs for all departments of the government. It has also been proposed to incorporate a division of weights and measures, the necessity for which has already been felt.

MR. EDGAR SPEYER, the chairman of this fund, which carries on its work in the National Hospital for the Paralyzed and Epileptic, having been asked by the Hon. Stephen Coleridge, on behalf of the National Anti-Vivisection Society, whether the researches involve experiments on living animals, has sent the following reply:—"Dear Sir,—As you are already aware, the National Hospital is not a place licensed under the Act for experiments on living animals. I am informed, nevertheless, that your society endeavored to prevent subscriptions being sent to it on the ground that some members of the medical staff, in their private capacities, are licensed under the Act. The Nervous Diseases Research Fund is an endeavor to provide funds for research into the origin and cure of those diseases. It will be conducted in the hospital under the advice of the medical staff. That being so, your past treatment of the hospital shows that it has nothing to expect from your society in the way of support. As this removes the only *locus standi* you might otherwise have to interfere, I do not think it necessary to enter further into the subject of your letter. Yours truly, Edgar Speyer. December 14, 1904."

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It is announced that Mr. Andrew Carnegie has given \$100,000 to Tufts College for the erection of a library building and \$50,000 to St. Lawrence University at Canton, N. Y., for a science building.

At the convocation of the University of Chicago on December 20, President Harper announced that Mr. John D. Rockefeller had signified his willingness to contribute to the University for the year beginning July 1, 1905, the sum of \$245,000 for current expenses, this being the same sum that he has contributed during the present year. Mr. Rockefeller has also contributed this year \$60,000 for the enlargement of the heating plant of the university.

By the will of Mr. Henry Norris, of Philadelphia, the University of Pennsylvania, the University Hospital and Haverford College each receive \$5,000.

THE will of Macy S. Pope of Brookline gives \$25,000 each to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the Washington Academy of East Machias, Me.

MR. MICHAEL JENKINS, of Baltimore, has given to the board of directors of the Maryland Institute a site on Mount Royal Avenue, 200 feet wide and 250 feet deep, for the erection of the building. It will be remembered that Mr. Andrew Carnegie agreed to give \$263,000, equal to the assets of the institute, for a building, provided the city supplied the site.

MR. EUGENE G. BLACKFORD has bequeathed to the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences \$5,000, together with his apparatus and books on zoology.

THE Rev. Albert Watson, fellow of Brasenose College, Oxford, has bequeathed £4,000 to the college.

It is said that Harvard University and the University of Berlin have practically arranged a method by which a temporary exchange of professors will occur. It is further reported that a similar arrangement has been made between the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the Berlin Institute of Technology.

MR. W. E. ALLEN, professor of biology in Epworth University, Oklahoma City, has resigned to accept a graduate fellowship in zoology at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln.