

a bill which is sufficiently curious to deserve partial quotation. It begins: "*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered and directed to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, a sum not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars, for the organization and maintenance of an expedition, to be known as physical-phenomena association for the promotion of science expedition, the purpose of which shall be to seek, discover and investigate facts connected with the deep sea, the temperature, pressure, chemical properties, fauna, vegetation, character of the deep-sea bottom, volcanic disturbances and any and all phenomena relative to the ocean, for the cause and advancement of physical science generally. To facilitate the purpose of the expedition the Secretary of the Navy is authorized, immediately after the passage of this bill, to equip a ship suitable for said purpose, and to employ a first-class crew for the management of said ship. Immediately after the passage of this bill, or as soon thereafter as practicable, the President shall, with the concurrence of the Senate, appoint four chemists, who are learned in the science of chemistry, at a salary of three thousand dollars each per year; two geologists, who are learned in the science of geology; two astronomers, who are learned in the science of astronomy; two naturalists, who are learned in the science of natural history; two botanists, who are learned in the science of botany; two zoologists, who are learned in the science of zoology; and ten other scientists, if deemed practicable by the President, who are respectively learned in the sciences for which they are chosen, each at a salary of two thousand and five dollars per annum each. The President shall also appoint two persons, who are interested in the sciences generally, from each State, upon the recommendation of the Senators from each State, at salaries of three thousand dollars each, all of whom, after they shall have been appointed and confirmed as aforesaid, shall be members of the said expedition."

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

THE trustees of the Peabody Education Fund met at Washington on January 20 and voted to dissolve their trust. An appropriation of \$1,000,000 for the George Peabody School for Teachers in Nashville, Tenn., was made by a unanimous vote, the state, county and city having together appropriated an equal sum for the school. This appropriation leaves a fund of approximately \$1,200,000, which will be distributed later among other educational institutions, probably at the next annual meeting, which will be held next October in New York. The trustees have authority to distribute two-thirds of the fund in the south, and the remainder in the north, but it is probable the entire fund remaining will be devoted to southern institutions.

AT the midwinter meeting of the trustees of Syracuse University it was voted to construct, with the bequest made to the university by the late John Lyman, which is said to aggregate more than \$200,000, a building to be known as the John Lyman Laboratory of Natural History.

MR. ANDREW CARNEGIE has promised Oberlin College a gift of \$125,000 for the erection of a library building, conditional on the raising of \$100,000 for endowment by the citizens.

MR. ADOLPH LEWISOHN, of New York, has given \$5,000 for the reconstruction of the chemical laboratories at Dartmouth College.

THE New York Post-Graduate Medical School and Hospital has received an anonymous gift of \$5,000.

EMPEROR WILLIAM has directed the German ambassador to the United States to lay before President Roosevelt in official form the suggestion for an exchange of professors between German and American universities, which he made to the American ambassador on New Year's day. The German ambassador, who sailed on the *Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse*, on January 25, only carries an outline of the project, for which the president's approval and cooperation in making a workable plan will be asked.

THE Baltimore Association for the Promotion of the University Education of Women

is prepared to offer a fellowship of the value of \$500 for the year 1905-1906. This fellowship will be available for work at either an American or a foreign university, and preference will be given to women from Maryland and the south. Application should be presented before April 12. Blank forms for application may be obtained from Miss McLane, No. 1101 North Charles Street, Baltimore.

THE president of the British board of education has appointed the Right Hon. R. B. Haldane, K.C., M.P., to be chairman of a departmental committee "To inquire into the present working of the Royal College of Science, including the School of Mines; to consider in what manner the staff, together with the buildings and appliances now in occupation or in course of construction, may be utilized to the fullest extent for the promotion of higher scientific studies in connection with the work of existing or projected institutions for instruction of the same character in the metropolis or elsewhere; and to report on any changes which may be desirable in order to carry out such recommendations as they may make."

WE noted last week that the regents of the University of Michigan, had refused to accept President Angell's resignation. Dr. Angell's communication to the board of regents was as follows:

To the Board of Regents:

I beg to tender you my resignation of the presidency of the university, to take effect Oct. 1, next. Although I have been graciously favored in the preservation of my health and strength, I am impressed with the belief that it will be advantageous to the university if you call a younger man to take my place.

I desire to express my sincere thanks to you and to your predecessors on the board for the kind consideration with which I have been treated by you and by them during my long term of service.

Should you so desire, I should be willing to continue to give instruction in international law.

Yours very respectfully,

JAMES B. ANGELL.

The following resolution was immediately drawn up and unanimously adopted by the

regents. Instead of being marked 'passed' as is customary with routine resolutions, it was submitted to each member and received his signature:

Resolved, That the Board of Regents respectfully decline to consider Dr. Angell's resignation of the presidency of this university. The members of this board are unanimous in the conviction that no other person, young or old, can take President Angell's place either in value of service to the university and to the state, or in the love of the people.

If at any time in the judgment of President Angell, he should need assistance in his work, the Board of Regents will most cheerfully furnish such assistance in such form as he may wish.

MR. LOUIS ROULLION, adjunct professor of manual training in Teachers College, Columbia University, and director of the night schools of the Mechanics' Institute, has been given leave of absence in order to enable him to accept the appointment of chief inspector of technical education for Ireland.

AT the recent meeting of the board of trustees of the Iowa State College, Professor S. A. Beach, horticulturist to the New York Experiment Station, was elected professor of horticulture, and horticulturist to the Iowa Experiment Station. This position has been vacant during the past year, due to the resignation of Professor H. C. Price, who resigned to become dean of the College of Agriculture of the Ohio State University. Professor Beach is an alumnus of the Iowa Institution and has been connected with the New York station for a number of years. He is now engaged in the publication of an important work on the pomology of New York for which the legislature made a special appropriation of \$20,000. At the same meeting of the board Mr. A. T. Erwin, an assistant in the department, who has been the acting head during the past year, was elected associate professor of horticulture.

MR. THOMAS CASE, Waynflete professor of moral and metaphysical philosophy, Oxford, and fellow of Magdalen, has been elected president of Corpus Christi College, in succession to the late Dr. Fowler.