

## UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

By the death of Mrs. George L. Littlefield, widow of George L. Littlefield, of Pawtucket, R. I., Brown University becomes the recipient of the bulk of the Littlefield estate, estimated at \$500,000. The will provides that the corporation shall apply the money as it sees fit, except that \$100,000 shall be used for the establishment of the George L. Littlefield professorship of American history.

By the will of William F. Milton, of New York, his estate will go to Harvard University on the death of Mrs. Milton. The daily papers state that it is worth between one and two million dollars.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY has received \$100,000 from Mr. Jacob H. Schiff to endow a chair of social work, and the new professorship has been filled by the appointment of Dr. Edward T. Devine, general secretary of the Charity Organization Society, director of the School of Philanthropy and editor of *Charities*. This endowment makes possible the close affiliation between the School of Philanthropy and Columbia University.

THE contest of the will of Mrs. Josephine L. Newcomb, who left more than \$2,000,000 for the endowment of a college for women in connection with Tulane University, New Orleans, has so far resulted favorably to the interests of the college.

THE regents of the University of Nebraska have recently voted \$50,000 for the erection of the first wing of a building to accommodate the department of geology and the State Museum. The condition of the department at present is so overcrowded and is so subject to loss by fire that the curator has boxed and removed fifty tons of material during the past school year. This has been lowered for safe keeping in an unused steam tunnel running under the campus. In the hope and full expectation that the legislature of Nebraska will act favorably upon this recommendation of the regents, the Honorable Charles H. Morrill, founder and patron of the Morrill geological expeditions of the University of Nebraska, has offered the department an additional thousand dollars annually with which to pursue geological investigations both within and beyond the

limits of the state. This will make it possible for the first time in several years to again resume the annual Morrill geological expeditions which were so fruitful of results from 1891 to 1901.

WILLIAMS COLLEGE will ultimately receive \$12,500 by the will of Mrs. Harriet A. Jones, of Chicago.

MR. E. WHITLEY has given \$5,000 towards the endowment of a chair of pathology at Oxford.

THE Cambridge University convocation has voted to retain compulsory Greek in the 'little go' or entrance examination, the vote being 1559 to 1052. It is understood that a majority of the resident teachers preferred to make Greek optional, but the vote of convocation is largely decided by the country clergy who have qualified for the M.A.

DR. E. O. LOVETT, professor of mathematics of Princeton University, has been elected professor of astronomy to succeed Dr. C. A. Young, who has become professor emeritus.

MR. HAROLD L. MADISON has been appointed instructor in zoology in Brown University.

DR. C. S. GAGER, assistant in the laboratories of the New York Botanical Garden, is acting as instructor in botany at Rutgers College for the last half of the collegiate year.

MRS. CORNELIUS STEVENSON, president, and several other members of the board of managers of the Free Museum of Science and Art of the University of Pennsylvania have resigned owing to friction connected with criticism of some of the discoveries of Professor Herman V. Hilprecht.

DR. CHARLES G. ROCKWOOD, JR., professor of mathematics at Princeton University, has resigned.

DR. SPOTTISWOODE CAMERON has been appointed professor of public health at Leeds.

DR. A. R. CUSHNY, of the University of Michigan, has been appointed professor of pharmacology and materia medica in University College, London.

PROFESSOR L. V. VERNON-HARCOURT has resigned the chair of civil engineering in University College, London.