

expedition, which is expected to last for two and a half years. Mr. Pratt, accompanied by his two sons, proceeds direct to Batavia, where he will make final arrangements for his journey. After conferring with the Dutch government officials he will cross to Dobo, the chief town of the Aru Islands, a group unknown to Europeans. After making collections there the expedition will cross to Dutch New Guinea and will immediately strike into the interior with the object of reaching the highest possible point of the Charles Louis Range, a snow region running east and west of Dutch New Guinea never before explored. Valuable geographical results are expected, and a map will be made, but the special work of the expedition will be the collecting of natural history specimens.

THE council of the Royal Meteorological Society arranged to hold an exhibition of meteorological instruments from March 14 to 17. The exhibition was chiefly devoted to recording instruments; but it also included new meteorological apparatus invented or first constructed since the society's last exhibition, as well as photographs, drawings and other objects possessing meteorological interest.

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THE will of Mrs. Jane Lathrop Stanford gives about \$3,000,000 to relatives, and about \$100,000 to charities. The residue of the estate, which it is said will amount to about \$2,000,000, is bequeathed to Leland Stanford Junior University. The university also comes into possession of the house built by Senator Stanford at San Francisco and its contents, which are valued at more than \$2,000,000.

It is now said that Sir William MacDonald, of Montreal, has decided to give \$4,000,000 to the cause of education and has unfolded his scheme in detail. It consists of the erection of a normal school at St. Anne de Bellevue, a few miles distant from Montreal, and the erection and endowment of an agricultural college at the same place, to the plans for which we have already called attention.

THE legislature of North Carolina, which adjourned on March 7, appropriated \$50,000 for the erection of a chemical laboratory at the University of North Carolina. The plans for this laboratory have been accepted and work will begin at once.

THE Boys' Central High School of Philadelphia was injured by fire to the extent of \$100,000 on March 9. The equipment of the astronomical department suffered especially, the loss there being estimated at \$30,000, in addition to books and manuscripts belonging to Professor Monroe B. Snyder.

MR. SHYAMÁJI KRISHNAVARMA has offered to establish six traveling fellowships at Oxford, five of them to be called the Herbert Spencer Indian fellowships. The fellowships are intended for natives of India.

MR. EDWARD WHITLEY, B.A. Trinity College, has given £1,000 towards the permanent endowment of the chair of physiology in the University of Oxford.

AT St. Petersburg, Moscow, Kieff, Kharkoff, Kazan and other large towns having universities or technical colleges, these institutions have been closed by order of the authorities.

MEETINGS are being held between the medical faculties of McGill University and the Bishop's College University, Montreal, looking toward the amalgamation of Bishop's medical faculty with that of McGill University.

THE Thaw fellowship in astronomy at Princeton University is open for the coming academic year to college graduates of not more than five years' standing. The income of the fellowship is five hundred dollars a year; the holder is expected to devote his entire time to graduate work and research, and will be eligible to reelection. Applications with credentials should be received by the dean of the graduate school before the first of May.

DR. R. S. WOODWORTH, instructor in psychology in Columbia University, has been promoted to an adjunct professorship.

MR. JAMES C. IRVINE, Ph.D., D.Sc., has been appointed to the new lectureship in organic chemistry in St. Andrews University.

DR. PAUL DRUDE, of Giessen, has accepted a call to a professorship of physics at Berlin.