

will be open to approved schools of all denominations, although they can not be employed for giving specifically theological instruction.

In distributing the funds the board will aim especially to favor those institutions which are well located and which have a local constituency sufficiently strong and able to insure permanence and power. No attempt will be made to resuscitate moribund schools or to assist institutions which are so located that they can not promise to be permanently useful.

Within these limits there are no restrictions as to the use of the income. It may be used for endowment, for buildings, for current expenses, for debts, for apparatus, or for any other purpose which may be found most serviceable.

It is known that Mr. Rockefeller has had this gift in contemplation for a long time, and Mr. Gates has been studying the subject in his behalf for many months. If the fund proves to be as useful as is now anticipated Mr. Rockefeller will undoubtedly make large additions to it in future years.

The present members of the board are as follows: Robert C. Ogden, chairman; George Foster Peabody, treasurer; Wallace Butterick, secretary and executive officer for the states south of the Potomac and Ohio Rivers, and Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas; Starr J. Murphy, secretary and executive officer for the states of the north and west; Frederick T. Gates, Daniel C. Gilman, Morris K. Jesup, Walter H. Page, Albert Shaw, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Hugh H. Hanna, William R. Harper and E. Benjamin Andrews. There are four vacancies in the board which are expected to be filled later.

HONORARY DEGREES AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY.

At the recent commencement Harvard University conferred seven honorary degrees. Those given to men of science, with the remarks made by President Eliot, were as follows:

Honorary Master of Arts.—Frederick Pike Stearns—chief engineer of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board, with special charge of the waterworks, immense works in earth, masonry and metal, ten years in construction, planned and executed with good

judgment, boldness and long foresight, and with demonstrated success as regards the adequacy, purity and reasonable cost of the supply.

Honorary Doctor of Science.—James Homer Wright—pathologist, both teacher and investigator, strong contributor to the advance of that biological science which holds out to mankind good promise of deliverance from mysterious evils long endured.

Doctors of Laws.—Henry Marion Howe—a Boston Latin School boy, Harvard bachelor of arts and Institute of Technology bachelor of science, an author on copper, iron and steel, distinguished for scientific imagination and a good English style, professor of metallurgy in Columbia University, consulting metallurgist honored by the profession in England, France, Germany, Russia and his native land. Reginald Heber Fitz—for thirty-five years a teacher of pathological anatomy and of the theory and practise of physic, skilful and acute diagnostician, much trusted consulted physician, sagacious contributor to the progress of medicine.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS.

YALE UNIVERSITY has conferred its doctorate of science on Professor George E. Hale, director of the Solar Observatory of the Carnegie Institution, and on Dr. T. W. Richards, professor of chemistry at Harvard University, and its degree of doctor of laws on Dr. Abraham Jacobi, emeritus professor of the diseases of children at Columbia University.

DARTMOUTH UNIVERSITY has conferred its doctorate of laws on Dr. C. L. Dana, a graduate of the class of '72, professor of nervous diseases in the Cornell Medical School.

DR. LUDWIG BOLTZMANN, the eminent mathematical physicist of Leipzig, arrived at Berkeley on June 26, where he will lecture before the summer school of the University of California.

PROFESSOR PAUL EHRLICH, of Frankfort-on-Maine, and Professor Ramón y Cajal, of Madrid, have been elected foreign associates of the Paris Academy of Medicine.