

the post of scientific assistant in zoology to Dr. Schaudinn.

THE Edison medal committee of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, Mr. John W. Howell, chairman, has issued a circular to the educational institutions of the United States, calling their attention to the fact that funds are available for the award of the medal this year and pointing out the conditions under which students can enter in competition for it.

THE commission for the methods of examining and methylating alcohol, appointed by the French government, has decided to offer the following prizes for open competition, irrespective of the nationality of the competitors: (1) a prize of 20,000 francs for a method of methylating alcohol, which shall be preferable to that now in vogue in France, and which at the same time shall prevent any defrauding of the revenue; and (2) a prize of 50,000 francs for a system which shall permit of the use of alcohol for illuminating purposes under the same conditions as those for the use of petroleum.

#### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

At the last meeting of the trustees of Columbia University gifts amounting to \$318,000 were announced, including \$150,000 from Mrs. Marie H. Williamson to establish a fund in memory of Edward R. Carpentier, the income of which is to be used for a professorship or lectureship on the origins and growth of civilization, and \$100,000 from Mr. George Blumenthal for the endowment of a chair of politics.

THE fund collected by the alumni of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology for current expenses within the next five years amounts to \$211,000. There are eleven hundred subscribers.

COLONEL I. H. WING, of Batfield, Wis., an alumnus of Bowdoin College, has given the college \$50,000 to endow the chair of mathematics.

MR. ANDREW CARNEGIE and Mr. Bartlett Doe have each given \$50,000 to Bates College.

Mr. Carnegie has also offered to give Swarthmore College \$50,000 for a library building, on condition that an equal sum be raised from other sources.

By the will of the late Dr. S. Stanhope Orris, formerly professor of Greek at Princeton University, the institution receives a bequest of \$25,000 to found ten new scholarships for undergraduates.

By the will of Mrs. Mary C. Daniels, of Litchfield, Conn., the sum of \$6,000 is bequeathed to Trinity College, Hartford, for a scholarship.

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY will erect at once a three-story chemical laboratory, 150 × 100 feet, and expects to have it ready for occupancy by September, 1907.

A BILL has been prepared for presentation to the New York legislature establishing a university in Brooklyn.

MCGILL UNIVERSITY is to establish an affiliated college in Vancouver, British Columbia, to be known as the University College of British Columbia.

THE mechanical engineering building of the University of Pennsylvania was completely destroyed by a fire which broke out the night of February 6, the loss sustained being nearly \$100,000. Most of this amount was covered by insurance. As the new engineering building is almost completed, the faculty has decided to transfer the department to it.

YUAN SHI KAI, viceroy of Chi Li province, has discharged Professor C. D. Tenney, the foreign director of education, who organized the new school system in this province.

THE trustees of Rutgers College have elected Dr. W. H. D. Demarest president of the college, to succeed Dr. Austin Scott. Dr. Demarest has been acting president for several months.

UPON the nomination of the Prussian Ministry of Education, the trustees of Columbia University have appointed Dr. Hermann Schumacher, professor of political economy in the University of Bonn, to be honorary professor in Columbia University for the year 1906-7.