

levels renders it certain that the river must descend from Tibet to the plains of India by great waterfalls exceeding all others in height and volume. If these falls (which are said by the Tibetans to exist) should be discovered, much light would be thrown on the geology of the region. In particular we might expect information as to the structure of the country traversed, and the relation borne by the vast Himalaya ranges to the elevated plateau against which they abut. Nothing is known at present of the tribes who inhabit the tract through which this part of the river passes. Valuable collections of fauna and flora would probably be obtained. It is possible that a good route might be discovered leading from Assam into Tibet by the great river; such a route would have much importance in promoting British trade with Tibet. The resolution is signed by the president, Professor James Geikie.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

It is reported that the University of California will lose \$60,000 yearly by the destruction of buildings owned by it in San Francisco, and that it will lose a further sum of \$50,000 yearly by the reduction in value of assessable property in the state. We may hope, however, that the loss of income on the San Francisco property is only temporary, and that the state will not permit the university to suffer from the decrease in the taxes.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY has received \$5,000 for a mathematical prize, in memory of John D. Van Buren, Jr., a member of the class of '03, given by Mrs. Louise T. Hoyt. Mr. Edward S. Harkness gave \$2,700 to the morphological museum at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, and Mr. Archer M. Huntington gave \$1,000 to support a lectureship in geography.

On April 3, 1905, Mr. Andrew Carnegie offered Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa, \$50,000 on condition that they raise \$150,000. On April 3, 1906, his conditions for the gift were satisfied, and a couple of weeks later Mr. Carnegie's check was received. This adds \$200,000 of productive endowment to the re-

sources of the college. Mr. Carnegie has also given the sum of \$50,000 to Drury College, at Springfield, Missouri, on condition that the college increase its resources by the sum of \$200,000. About one third of this required sum has been raised since January 1.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY has been unable to provide the library and laboratory equipment necessary to secure the two endowments for pathological research, recently offered it by a Chicago physician and by Dr. Benjamin Taylor Terry, of New York City. The combined value of the two gifts thus lost to the university is \$20,000.

THE senior class of the Colorado School of Mines is now on its annual trip of inspection. The itinerary is much more extensive than that of previous years, requiring a month for its completion and covering the important mining and metallurgical sections of Colorado, Utah and Montana. The students have been received everywhere with marked courtesies and are finding the trip a valuable climax to their four years of study. Five instructors accompany the party.

DR. FRANKLIN H. GIDDINGS, professor of sociology in Columbia University, has been appointed professor of the history of civilization, filling the chair founded recently by Mrs. Maria H. Williamson with a fund of \$150,000. Professor Harold Jacoby has been made administrative head of the department of astronomy and director of the observatory.

PROFESSOR WILLIAM TURNER, professor of philosophy in St. Paul's Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota, and the author of a 'History of Philosophy,' has been called to a professorship of philosophy in the Catholic University at Washington.

DR. W. K. HATT has been promoted to the professorship of civil engineering in Purdue University.

ACCORDING to a press despatch, the council of the Faculty of Sciences has confirmed the initiative of the minister of public instruction in appointing Mme. Curie to the chair of the University of Paris occupied by the late M. Curie.