

receipt, and who will be responsible for safe keeping and ultimate return.

ON August 13, 1906, Professor M. J. de Goeje, of the University of Leyden, will celebrate his seventieth birthday. In view of the valuable services that Professor de Goeje has rendered to Oriental science, and which have secured for him his present position as the leading Arabic scholar of the day, a central committee has been organized in Holland with representatives in other countries to arrange for a celebration that will be worthy of the occasion. The central committee, after careful deliberation, has decided that the worthiest tribute to Professor de Goeje would be the establishment of a de Goeje memorial fund, the interest of which should be used for furthering Oriental researches through stipends to worthy students of Oriental lore, through subventions to scientific publications and through grants for travels and explorations. In order to carry out this plan, a fund of \$5,000 is to be raised. Of this sum \$2,000 have already been secured in Holland. English scholars and others interested in the subject have up to the present forwarded to the central committee about \$1,500 and from Germany about \$1,000 have been contributed. A committee has been formed in the United States, which wishes to collect one thousand dollars as a contribution to the memorial. Subscriptions should be sent to the secretary, Professor Morris Jastrow, Jr., University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.

PROFESSOR GEORGE A. WENTWORTH, who was professor of mathematics at Phillips Exeter Academy from 1859 to 1892 and was the author of well-known text-books on mathematics, died, on May 24, of heart failure, aged seventy-one.

PROFESSOR BUCHENAU, known for his work in botany, died in Bremen on April 23, at the age of seventy-five years.

DR. F. M. CARLINSKI, emeritus professor of astronomy and director of the observatory at Cracow, died on March 21, at the age of seventy-five years.

THE senate passed, on May 24, the bill admitting free of duty alcohol denaturized for

industrial purposes. The provision will take effect on January 1, 1907.

THE Cornell chapter of Sigma Xi is preparing to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the foundation of the society. A public address is to be given on the evening of July 2, to which all members of *The American Association for the Advancement of Science* and of affiliated societies who are in attendance at the Ithaca meeting will be invited. After the address there will be a dinner at which all visiting members of Sigma Xi will be the guests of the parent chapter.

THE International Astronomical Society will hold its twenty-first meeting at Jena from September 12 to 15.

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THE new buildings of the Harvard Medical School will be dedicated on the afternoon of September 25 and the morning of September 26.

YALE UNIVERSITY has received an anonymous gift of \$5,000 to the forestry school, the income of which is to be used for the publication of works on forestry by graduates and members of the faculty.

PROFESSOR ERNEST W. BROWN, M.A., D.Sc. (Cambridge), of Haverford College, has accepted the chair of applied mathematics at Yale University, but will remain at Haverford during the coming academic year.

DR. JOHN W. BAIRD, instructor in psychology at the Johns Hopkins University, has accepted a similar position in the University of Illinois.

PROFESSOR BIRD T. BALDWIN, Ph.D. (Harvard, 1905), of the West Chester State Normal School, during the coming year will have charge of psychology and educational psychology at Swarthmore College, where a new training school for teachers is being organized.

DR. J. T. PORTER, instructor in physics in Williams College, has been appointed adjunct professor of physics in Randolph-Macon College.