

kind everywhere, in whose interests it has been given and for whose use it is dedicated.

The administration of this fund entails upon the General Education Board the most far-reaching responsibilities ever placed upon any educational organization in the world. As members of the board, we accept this responsibility, conscious alike of its difficulties and its opportunities.

We will use our best wisdom to transmute your gift into intellect and moral power, accounting it a supreme privilege to dedicate whatever strength we have to its just use in the service of men.

It is said that Mr. Rockefeller's gifts to education now amount to about \$80,000,000.

The General Education Board has so far made appropriations, amounting to more than \$1,000,000, to eighteen colleges on condition that three times the amount appropriated should be obtained by the institutions from other sources. At the meeting of the board, on February 7, the following appropriations, as we understand on the same conditions, were made: Beloit College, Beloit, Wis., \$50,000; Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa, \$50,000; Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., \$50,000; Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Ind., \$125,000, and the University of Wooster, Wooster, O., \$125,000.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

PROFESSOR ERNEST W. BROWN, who this year goes from Haverford College to Yale University, has been awarded the J. C. Adams prize of Cambridge University, for his work on the motion of the moon.

PROFESSOR WILHELM VON BEZOLD, professor of physics and meteorology at Berlin, and Professor Theodor Boveri, professor of zoology and comparative anatomy at Würzburg, have been elected corresponding members of the St. Petersburg Academy of Sciences.

PROFESSOR W. M. DAVIS, of Harvard University, has been elected foreign correspondent of the Geological Society of London.

IN celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the coming to Lehigh University of Professor Joseph F. Klein a reception was given him in South Bethlehem on the evening of January 22.

At the annual general meeting of the Royal Meteorological Society, Mr. Richard Bentley, the president, on behalf of the members of the council, presented an illuminated address to Mr. William Marriott, in recognition of his services as lecturer for the society.

THE following committee has been appointed by the president of the Washington Academy of Sciences to take charge of the arrangements for the entertainment of the International Zoological Congress during its visit to Washington after the adjournment of the Boston meeting in August, 1907: L. O. Howard, chairman, Frank Baker, W. H. Dall, H. G. Dyar, B. W. Evermann, Theodore N. Gill, H. W. Henshaw, C. L. Marlatt, A. D. Melvin, C. Hart Merriam, T. S. Palmer, B. H. Hanson, Richard Rathbun, Robert Ridgway, H. M. Smith, Leonhard Stejneger, C. W. Stiles, F. W. True, T. Wayland Vaughan, C. D. Walcott.

SECRETARY TAFT will, it is said, appoint a committee, consisting of Charles F. McKim, the architect; Frederick L. Olmstead, Jr., of Boston, landscape gardener, and Frank D. Millett, the artist, to go to Niagara and gather material for a report looking toward harmonizing the commercial buildings there, particularly the power plants, with the natural scenery.

PROFESSOR J. C. ARTHUR and Mr. F. D. Kern, both of Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana, continued their researches on plant rusts in the New York Botanical Garden herbarium during the month of January. Dr. M. T. Cook has been awarded a research scholarship at the garden for three months, beginning on January 1.

A CABLEGRAM to the daily papers from Calcutta states that news from Dr. Sven Hedin, the Swedish traveler, who last year started from Chinese Turkestan on a journey of exploration to Tibet, has been received. Dr. Hedin, who, when he sent off his courier, had already explored 840 miles of unknown country, said he hoped to reach the monastic city of Shigatse, 130 miles from Lhasa, at the end of February.

THE eighth lecture in the Harvey Society course was given by Professor George Huntington, of Columbia University, at the New York Academy of Medicine on Saturday evening, February 9, on 'The Genetic Interpretation of the Variations in the Genito-Urinary Tract.'

ON January 15, Professor W. E. Castle delivered an address before the American Breeders' Association, at Columbus, Ohio, on the subject, 'The Production and Fixation of New Breeds.'

PROFESSOR R. DEC. WARD, of Harvard University, gave an illustrated lecture on 'Clouds: their Formation, Classification and Value as Weather Prognostics,' before the Contemporary Club of St. Louis on February 1; before the Society of Pedagogy of St. Louis on February 2, and before the pupils of the St. Louis Central High School on February 4. He also gave an informal talk before the Science Section of the Wednesday Club of St. Louis on February 4.

DR. CHARLES E. GARMAN, professor of philosophy at Amherst College, died on February 9, at the age of fifty-seven years.

DR. P. J. MÖBIUS, the author of books on various pathological, psychological and sociological subjects, has died at Leipzig at the age of fifty-three years.

It is expected that there will be a vacant fellowship, and perhaps two vacant fellowships, at the Lick Observatory, University of California, for the academic year beginning July 1, 1907. If the holder of a fellowship desires to pursue studies leading to the degree of doctor of philosophy, he will be expected to reside on Mount Hamilton during eight months of the year and in Berkeley during four months of the year. If the appointee has already taken his doctor's degree, he will probably reside on Mount Hamilton during the entire year. The stipend connected with each fellowship is \$600 per annum. Applicants should address The Director, Mount Hamilton, California.

PROFESSOR CHARLES LANE POOR and others appeared before the legislative committee on February 5 to argue in favor of Assemblyman

Young's bill to incorporate the New York Observatory and Nautical Museum, and to empower the Board of Estimate and Apportionment in its discretion to enter into an agreement with the corporation for the erection by the city in one of the public parks of suitable buildings, which the corporation is to equip with instruments and collections of nautical science for public exhibition and research.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

THE seventy-fifth anniversary of the foundation of Lafayette College will be celebrated from June 16 to 19 of the present year. An effort is being made to celebrate the anniversary by the collection of an endowment fund of \$500,000. Of this fund more than \$325,000 has been secured, and Mr. Andrew Carnegie, who has given \$50,000, has also promised to give the last \$50,000 of the full sum of half a million.

MR. ANDREW CARNEGIE has given \$40,000 to Yale University for a swimming pool.

THE trustees of the University of Illinois will ask the legislature for the sum of \$1,600,000, in round numbers, for the running expenses of the university during the coming biennium and for \$62,000 for increase in the plant. It has also decided to ask for a special appropriation of \$1,000,000 for the erection of much needed buildings upon the campus in Urbana. It has, furthermore, decided to ask for \$385,000 for the erection or purchase of buildings to house adequately the medical department in the city of Chicago.

AT Columbia University Dr. Dickinson S. Miller, now lecturer in philosophy, has been made professor of philosophy, and Dr. Gary N. Calkins, now professor of invertebrate zoology, has been made professor of proto-zoology.

DR. DONALD MACALISTER, fellow and director of medical studies of St. Johns College, Cambridge, has been appointed principal of Glasgow University.

DR. GEORG KLEBS, of Heidelberg, has been called to the chair of botany at Halle, vacant by the death of Professor E. Pfitzer.