

David Heron, M.A., has been appointed Galton research fellow in national eugenics, in succession to Mr. Edgar Schuster, M.A., resigned; Miss E. M. Elderton has been appointed Galton research scholar, and Miss Amy Barrington (mathematical tripos, Cambridge) computer. The work in this subject will be carried on under the supervision of Professor Karl Pearson, F.R.S., in consultation with Mr. Francis Galton. It is the intention of the founder that the laboratory shall act (1) as a storehouse for statistical material bearing on the mental and physical conditions in man and the relation of these conditions to inheritance and environment, (2) as a center for the publication or other form of distribution of information concerning national eugenics. Provision is made in association with the biometric laboratory at University College for training in statistical method and for assisting research workers in special eugenic problems. Short courses of instruction will be provided for those engaged in social, anthropometric or medical work and desirous of applying modern methods of analysis to the reduction of their observations. The laboratory, which is in connection with University College, is temporarily established at 88, Gower-street, W.C.

WE learn from the London *Times* that the highways committee of the London County Council has presented a report to the council with reference to the Greenwich Electricity Generating Station and the Royal Observatory. Last year the admiralty appointed a special committee to inquire into the working of the station. The special committee, which consisted of Lord Rosse, representing the Royal Observatory, Professor J. A. Ewing, representing the admiralty, and Sir Benjamin Baker, representing the council, have now issued their report, and the conclusions arrived at are contained in the following recommendations, in which are suggested certain modifications in the arrangements at the generating station, and as to the manner and times at which the first portion of this station shall be worked, so as to avoid any possible interference with the work of the observatory:

(a) The question, both as regards effects of vibration and obstruction through chimneys or discharge from chimneys, to be further reviewed after, say, two years, by which time experience should be obtained with the second portion of the station at work. (b) The generating plant for the second portion to be turbines, which, as well as the dynamos, must be of a perfectly balanced type, such as has been proved by trial not to cause vibration. (c) An undertaking to be obtained that when the plant in the second portion is available for use, the reciprocating engines of the first portion shall not in ordinary circumstances be used after 10 P.M., and their use shall be restricted as far as possible after 8:30 P.M. (d) The two chimneys of the second portion; at present incomplete, to be not higher than 204 feet above Ordnance datum. (e) The discharge of gases both from these and from the existing chimneys not to be materially hotter than the discharge is now from the existing chimneys—namely, about 250 degrees F. (f) No further extension of the station to be made beyond the 20,000 kilowatts now contemplated in the equipment of the second portion.

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#### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

By the will of the late John A. Creighton, the sum of \$900,000 is bequeathed to educational and charitable institutions, including \$500,000 to Creighton University. The residue of the estate which is said to amount to more than \$5,000,000 is to be distributed *pro rata* to the same institutions, whence it appears that Creighton University will receive in all the sum of about \$2,500,000.

TEACHERS COLLEGE, Columbia University, has received from a source not stated, a gift of \$400,000 for a building for its school of domestic economy.

THE Johns Hopkins University has received \$150,000 from the estate of the late Charles L. Marburg, \$100,000, of which goes to the hospital and \$50,000 to the university.

AN unnamed donor has presented a new gymnasium to Syracuse University.

TEN research fellowships of the annual value of \$500 each have been established in

the engineering experiment station connected with the College of Engineering of the University of Illinois.

THE University of Washington, Seattle, announces the establishment of five teaching fellowships in mathematics, each yielding annual stipends from \$400 to \$500. Fellowships are open to graduate students only.

THE Hon. A. McRobert, Cawnpore, India, has founded a fellowship at Aberdeen University for cancer research. At Mr. McRobert's death the sum of \$50,000 is to be available for this work, but that it may begin at once he has undertaken to provide \$2,000 a year.

THE will of the late Charles James Oldham, of Brighton, leaves to the University of Oxford and to the University of Cambridge the sum of £5,000 each, such sums to be invested. The incomes arising from such investments are to be applied to the founding of one annual prize or scholarship in the ancient classics, Greek and Latin, and one annual prize or scholarship in the knowledge of William Shakespeare's works, such prizes or scholarships to be called the 'Charles Oldham' prize or scholarship.

PRESIDENT NEEDHAM, of George Washington University, has announced that Van Ness Park, purchased two years ago as the new site of the university, had been sold to the United States government as the site for the new building of the International Bureau of American Republics; and that the university held an option on 'Oak Lawn,' a tract of land at the head of Connecticut Avenue, which could be bought for \$800,000. He stated that \$400,000 was already in hand, and that Theodore J. Mayer of Washington had offered to erect a building to cost \$185,000, on condition that this site be selected.

OBERLIN COLLEGE will celebrate the seventy-fifth anniversary of its foundation from June 19 to 25.

DR. HENRY PRATT JUDSON, professor of political science in the University of Chicago, and since the death of Dr. Harper acting-

president, was elected president of the university on February 20.

It is understood that the presidency of the University of Toronto has been offered to Dr. M. E. Sadler, professor of education at the University of Manchester, formerly director of special enquiries and reports in the British Education Department.

MR. GEORGE H. LOCKE, of Ginn and Company, recently dean of the College of Education of the University of Chicago and editor of the *School Review*, has been appointed dean of the School for the Training of Teachers in the Macdonald College, founded by Sir William Macdonald and affiliated with McGill University, Montreal. The new building of the college, of which Dr. James W. Robertson is the director, will be opened in the autumn.

WILLIAM H. JACKSON, M.A. (Cambridge), lecturer at Manchester University, has been appointed professor of mathematics at Haverford College.

AT Yale University, Dr. Charles H. Judd has been promoted to be professor of psychology, and Dr. F. P. Underhill to an assistant professorship of physiological chemistry. Dr. Ellsworth Huntington has been appointed instructor in geography and Dr. William E. Hocking, assistant professor of philosophy.

DR. H. T. BARNES, associate professor of physics at McGill University, has been promoted to the chair of physics, vacant by the removal of Professor Ernest Rutherford to Manchester.

DR. CARL M. WIEGAND, of Cornell University, has been appointed associate professor of botany at Wellesley College.

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

DR. E. D. HOLZAPFEL, professor of zoology in the Technical Institute at Aachen, has been called to the University of Strasburg.

DR. ERNST MEUMANN, of Königsberg, has been called to the chair of philosophy at Münster as successor to Professor Busse.