to the middle and northern counties, in Water-Supply and Irrigation Paper No. 183, both of which are free publications. In the course of glacial investigations made under the direction of Professor T. C. Chamberlin during the last five years, Mr. Leverett collected a large amount of data on water supplies. These investigations resulted in a partial acquaintance with conditions in about 200 separate flowing-well districts and brought out matters of such exceptional importance that arrangements were made to examine each of the flowing-well districts in the state sufficiently to determine its essential characteristics, present state of development, and probable capacity for future development. It was arranged also that attention should be given to the quality of various classes of waters, both surface and underground, as well as water supplies of the cities and villages. By special arrangement with Dr. A. C. Lane, the state geologist, the large amount of material which had accumulated at his office relative to other classes of water supply was embodied in these reports.

## UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

By the will of Mr. William C. Eggleston, Yale University has received \$100,000 as an additional endowment for the library. By the Ross legacy the university has \$75,000 for maintenance in addition to the sum of about \$200,000 used for the building. Yale University has also received about \$95,000 as residuary legatee, after the death of his widow, of the late William L. McLane.

MR. BENJAMIN THAW, of Pittsburg, has given \$50,000 to the fund for the new building of the Western University of Pennsylvania.

WE regret to learn that the Macdonald engineering building of McGill University was completely destroyed by fire on April 5, involving a loss of about \$750,000, of which \$450,000 is covered by insurance.

THE College of the City of New York will celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of its foundation on May 7.

THE University of Iowa will this year celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of its foundation. Secretary Taft will give the commencement address on June 12.

THE University of Berlin will celebrate the centenary of its foundation in the autumn of 1910. As part of the ceremonies a monument will be unveiled in memory of its first rector, Johann Gottlieb Fichte, the philosopher.

THE Divinity School of Yale University has proposed changes in its curriculum, its scope and its relations to other departments which have been adopted by the corporation. The new curriculum provides, in addition to the regularly recognized courses of theological study, two other main groups of electives in which the study of Hebrew is not required for the degree of B.D. Sciences and philosophy are to be specialized in one of these groups of study and elementary law and sociology in the other. These subjects will be pursued by the divinity students for the most part in other departments of the university.

PROFESSOR B. E. FERNOW, lately called to the professorship of forestry at State College, Pennsylvania, which he had temporarily accepted, has been appointed dean of the Faculty of Forestry at the University of Toronto. It is proposed to organize the most complete system of forestry education on this continent, the university undergoing now a reorganization and broadening of its policy generally. It is expected that a large forest reservation will be set aside for use of the school, and university extension work of the broadest kind is contemplated.

At Teachers College, Columbia University, Dr. Maurice A. Bigelow has been promoted from adjunct professor to professor of biology.

THE vacancy in the chair of biology in Lake Forest College, caused by the removal of Professor James G. Needham to Cornell University, has been filled by the election of Dr. Cornelius Betten, previously assistant professor in the same department.

MR. W. MUIR EDWARDS, lecturer in mathematics and civil engineering at McGill University, has been appointed assistant professor of civil engineering.