

tained. The interior finishings of the magnetic observatory buildings, the erection of the piers and the installation of the magnetic instruments were completed during the year. The instruments for absolute observations, except the declinometer and some auxiliary apparatus, were received and set up before January 1, 1906. The remaining absolute instruments were received and put in place by the end of May, and routine observations were established at the end of the fiscal year. The Eschenhagen magnetographs were set up in the basement of the absolute observatory in December, 1905, and have given a satisfactory record of the magnetic elements since that time. The Wild magnetographs were received and installed by the first of June, and were being adjusted by the end of the fiscal year. A gas plant for heating and illuminating the magnetic observatories was put in during the winter and has given satisfactory service since then. Plans were prepared for an additional office and dwelling for the director of upper-air research, and work on this building was begun July 1, 1906."

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ANNOUNCEMENT is made that Princeton University has received from donors whose names are for the present withheld a gift of \$1,200,000, for the erection and endowment of two scientific buildings—one for physical science and one for biology and geology. In each case the building will be erected at a cost of \$400,000, and \$200,000 is provided for equipment and maintenance.

Mr. EDWARD W. CURRIER, an alumnus of Amherst College of the class of 1865, has bequeathed to the institution a large sum, said to be \$500,000. As has been already noted here, by Mr. Currier's death two legacies are released—one of \$180,000 to Williams College and one of \$100,000 to Yale University.

BARNARD COLLEGE, Columbia University, has been made the residuary legatee of the estate of Miss Emily O. Gibbes. It is estimated that the college may receive \$750,000.

THE University of Minnesota received at the recent session of the legislature a con-

siderable increase to be used for salaries. Previously the maximum salary was \$2,700 for heads of departments. These have now been increased to \$3,500, and other appointments in proportion. In addition, provision has been made for twenty-eight new appointments in the university. Several of these will be in the department of medicine, including three in anatomy, gross and microscopic, and one each in physiology, pathology and pharmacology.

THE Massachusetts Legislature has rejected the bill taxing residences occupied by officers of the colleges and universities of the state. The bill was passed in the senate, but defeated in the house by a vote of 142 to 14.

THE College of the City of New York celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of its foundation on May 7 by taking possession of its beautiful new buildings on Washington Heights. The ceremonies were first held in the chapel on the top floor of the old college building at Lexington Avenue and 23d St. Addresses were made by President Finley, Professor Alfred G. Compton, of the department of physics; Mr. Patrick F. McGowan, president of the Board of Aldermen; Mr. Richard Watson Gilder, of New York City, and Mr. Leslie M. Shaw. Further exercises were held in the Townsend-Harris Hall in the new buildings.

THE University of Geneva will celebrate with appropriate ceremonies the three hundred and fiftieth anniversary of its foundation, which falls in 1909. A committee has been appointed to arrange for the celebration to which representatives of foreign universities will be invited.

Dr. WILLIAM JEWETT TUCKER has, owing to ill-health, resigned the presidency of Dartmouth College.

At Harvard University, Dr. George Washington Pierce has been promoted to a professorship of physics.

Dr. PHILIPP LENARD, of Kiel, has accepted the chair of physics at Heidelberg, where a new physical laboratory will be built for him.