

of being employed in a similar way for irrigation purposes.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

WE noted last week that by the will of the late Mrs. Frederick Sheldon, Harvard University received \$300,000 for the enlargement of the library building or such other purpose as may be preferred, and the residue of the estate for establishing traveling scholarships. The Harvard *Bulletin* states that the residue of the estate will probably exceed half a million dollars, and the total bequest will thus probably amount to more than \$800,000. Mrs. Sheldon was the widow of the late Edward Sheldon, of the class of '42.

By the will of the late Mrs. Rylands, the Victoria University, Manchester, will receive the sum of £50,000; Owens College, Manchester, £25,000, and Mansfield College, Oxford, £10,000.

PROFESSOR WILHELM ERB has given the University of Heidelberg a donation of \$20,000, one half to be applied for the benefit of students and assistants and their maintenance in hospital when required, the other towards the promotion of scientific research by students.

THE council of the senate of Cambridge University have had under their consideration, as we learn from the London *Times*, the desirability of giving the university the power of conferring upon professors who resign their office after having done good service to the university some honor which shall be a public recognition of that service. The title of professor emeritus has been employed for this purpose in various universities; but the existing statutes of this university contain no express provision giving power to confer it. The council think that it would be desirable to obtain that power, to be exercised in cases in which the university may desire to confer the honor. They accordingly recommend that the necessary steps be taken for altering the statutes by the insertion of a paragraph giving the university power, upon the retirement of a professor, either at the date of his retirement or subsequently, to appoint him, on the recommendation of the council of the senate, with

the approval of the general board of studies, as a professor emeritus in the subject of the professorship previously held by him. A professor emeritus shall not as such receive any stipend. He shall be subject to no conditions as to duties or residence.

THE inauguration of Dr. Edward Dwight Eaton as president of Beloit College took place March 4.

PROFESSOR THOS. H. MONTGOMERY, JR., of the University of Texas, has been appointed professor of zoology at the University of Pennsylvania to fill the vacancy caused by the removal of Professor Edwin G. Conklin to Princeton University. Professor Montgomery was assistant professor at Pennsylvania from 1898 to 1903.

IN the faculty of the college of medicine of the University of Wisconsin Dr. Arthur S. Loevenhart, of Johns Hopkins University, has been appointed to the chair of pharmacology and toxicology, and Dr. Charles H. Bunting, of the University of Virginia, to the chair of pathology. Dr. Bunting was graduated from Wisconsin in 1896, and received his medical training at Johns Hopkins. He was subsequently on the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania and on the faculty of the Johns Hopkins University. For the past two years he has been at the University of Virginia. Dr. Loevenhart is also a graduate of the Johns Hopkins Medical School, where, since 1904, he has been associate in physiological chemistry and pharmacology.

PROFESSOR F. D. HEALD, of the University of Nebraska and botanist of the Nebraska Experiment Station, has been offered the professorship of botany in the University of Texas, at a considerably increased salary. It is not yet known whether or not he will accept the offer.

DR. WM. A. HAMMOND, assistant professor in Cornell University and special lecturer in philosophy at the University of Pennsylvania for the year 1907-8, has been appointed Sage professor of ancient philosophy at Cornell.

DR. E. A. DARLING, has been appointed assistant professor of hygiene at Harvard University.