

and the board is to be composed of the governor (*ex officio*), the president of the university, the president of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, and two citizens. An annual appropriation of ten thousand dollars is provided.

By the conjoint action of the National Academy of Sciences and of the trustees of the Elizabeth Thompson Science Fund a table has been secured permanently for the use of American investigators desiring to work at the International Scientific Station on Monte Rosa. This station offers facilities for work in physics, meteorology and physiology, but any appropriate research may be carried on there. The right of appointment to the American table vests in the trustees of the Thompson Fund. Applications for appointment should be addressed to the secretary, Dr. Charles S. Minot, Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts.

A MOVEMENT is under way to secure the use of the new congressional office building or a part of the capitol to house the International Congress on Tuberculosis that is to be held in Washington next September. A great exhibition illustrative of what is being done, the world around, in the fight against the disease, will be held in connection with the congress, and the two will continue from September 21 to October 12.

THE International Congress of Navigation, which is to be held in St. Petersburg in June, is organized by the International Association of Congresses of Navigation, which has its permanent commission in Brussels, composed of delegates from the various states that have joined the association. The chief aim of the congress will be the consideration of questions connected with river and canal navigation and the industrial and commercial use of waterways and seaports.

THE Paris Academy of Sciences has received a legacy of £400 from M. Sabatier to found a biennial prize to be known as the Sabatier prize.

ADVICES from Sydney state that the zoological gardens there are at present particu-

larly interesting to visitors by reason of the inclusion of over 100 rare birds and animals destined for the London Zoological Society's show at the Franco-British Exhibition this summer. These specimens will be shipped for England by a steamship scheduled to sail from Sydney on April 11 and due in London on June 7.

#### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY has received \$250,000 from Mrs. Russell Sage for a freshman dormitory. The university has also received \$130,000 from other sources, including over \$50,000 from the General Education Board.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY has received \$100,000 from the children of the late Rev. Orlando Harriman, who graduated from Columbia in 1835, to be used for the endowment of a chair in English. Other gifts to the university, amounting to \$40,000 are also announced.

THE medical schools of Indiana University and of Purdue University will be united and conducted under the charge of Indiana University. A complete medical course of four years will be conducted at Indianapolis, while the first two years will also be given at Bloomington. It will be remembered that Purdue University, which is primarily a school of engineering, was instrumental in consolidating various proprietary medical schools at Indianapolis, where Indiana University also conducted a medical school. There had been some conflict between the two schools, and it is fortunate that Indiana will now have a strong medical school under the auspices of its state university.

MR. GEORGE S. DAVIS, associate superintendent of schools in New York City, has been chosen president of the New York Normal College. The salary of this position is \$8,250 with an annuity of \$5,000.

THE Rev. Dr. S. Parkes Cadman, of Brooklyn, has declined to become president of Wesleyan University.

DR. M. E. WADSWORTH, dean of the School of Mines and professor of mining and geology in the Pennsylvania State College, was elected

last year as dean of the School of Mines and professor of mining geology in the Western University of Pennsylvania. The call was accepted with the understanding that he was to hold both positions and to discharge the necessary duties of both until September 15, 1908, when he would take up his permanent residence in Pittsburgh. The Western University having purchased a new site near the Carnegie Institute and the Technical Schools, Dr. Wadsworth has completely reorganized the School of Mines and prepared plans for the new \$175,000 mining building, which is to be erected next summer. During the less than seven years of Dr. Wadsworth's charge of the School of Mines at the State College it has been raised from the nineteenth to the sixth in size in the United States. It has been completely reorganized and now has some of the most advanced courses of any school of mines.

PROFESSOR H. A. WINKENWERDEN, of the U. S. Bureau of Forestry, has been appointed professor of forestry at the Colorado School of Forestry, Colorado Springs, in place of Professor J. F. Baker, who has resigned. The curriculum of the school has been considerably enlarged, and, beginning in 1909, it is to be extended to cover four years and to lead to the degree of bachelor of forestry. The summer course will be continued as heretofore, both as a required part of the regular curriculum and as a separate course for special students, but the length of this course has been reduced to two months. During the coming summer extensive experiments on the growth of yellow pine will be begun by the school in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Forestry, on the Manitou Park Reserve belonging to the school.

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY has appointed as professor of pathology and director of the laboratory of pathology of the University and Bellevue Hospital Medical College, Dr. Richard Mills Pearce, Jr., of Albany. Dr. Pearce received his degree from the Harvard Medical School in 1897. Subsequently he studied at the University of Leipsic. He was resident pathologist at the Boston City Hospital 1896-9; instructor in pathology at Har-

vard 1899-1900; demonstrator and later assistant professor of pathology in the University of Pennsylvania, 1900-3, and since 1903 has been director of the Bender Hygienic Laboratory at Albany; director of the bureau of pathology and bacteriology, New York State Department of Health; professor of pathology and bacteriology at the Albany Medical College.

MR. A. O. LOVEJOY has accepted a call to the professorship of philosophy in the University of Missouri, and will therefore sever his connection with Washington University, St. Louis, at the close of the current academic year.

H. B. ALEXANDER, A.B. (Nebraska, '97), Ph.D. (Columbia, '01), now engaged in literary work at Springfield, Mass., has been elected professor of philosophy at the University of Nebraska.

THE following promotions have been made at Harvard University: W. E. Castle to professor of zoology, H. J. Hughes to be assistant professor of civil engineering, John Warren to be assistant professor of anatomy. David Cheever to be demonstrator of anatomy and J. H. Woods to be assistant professor of philosophy.

PRESIDENT E. R. NICHOLS, of the Kansas State Agricultural College, has resigned, the resignation to take effect July 1, 1909. Professor C. H. Burkett, director of the experiment station, and Mrs. H. W. Calvin, professor of domestic science in the same institution, have also resigned their positions.

MR. R. H. BIFFEN has been elected to the recently established chair of agricultural botany at Cambridge University. Mr. Biffen is, as recorded in *Nature*, the author of numerous papers, the earlier of which dealt with the preparation of india-rubber and the coagulation of latex, and he has devoted a great deal of attention to fungi. His researches on the hybridization of wheat and barley have attracted the attention of civilized governments throughout the world, and attempts have been made to induce him to leave England and place his services at the disposal of at least one foreign government.