

## UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

THE Sheffield Scientific School of Yale University has received from Messrs. George G. Mason and William S. Mason \$250,000 for a laboratory of mechanical engineering.

FOR the establishment of the George Peabody College for Teachers at Nashville, Tenn., the sum of \$1,000,000 has now been given by the board of trustees of the Peabody Fund for the Advancement of Education in the South. This gift was promised some time ago conditional on the granting by the state of Tennessee, the county of Davidson and the city of Nashville of a sum approximating \$750,000.

ADDITIONAL gifts amounting to \$450,000 to seven institutions were announced after the seventh annual meeting of the General Education Board held in New York City on February 2. These are the appropriations: Williams College, Williamstown, Mass., \$100,000 on condition that the college raise an endowment of \$1,000,000; Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., \$100,000 toward \$1,000,000; Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Ia., \$50,000 toward \$200,000; St. Lawrence University, Canton, N. Y., \$50,000 toward \$200,000; Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky., \$25,000 toward \$100,000; the Women's College of Brown University, Providence, R. I., \$50,000 toward \$200,000; the Salem College for Women, Winston-Salem, N. C., \$75,000 toward \$300,000.

THE trustees of the bequest of \$2,000,000, left by Mrs. Amanda W. Reed, are, as has already been announced, about to establish a college at Portland, Ore., to be known as Reed Institute. Dr. J. H. Tufts, head of the department of philosophy at the University of Chicago, has recently spent some time in Portland on the invitation of the trustees, to advise as to the scope of the institution.

A MEDICAL library of 1,100 volumes has been given to the medical school of the University of Wisconsin by Dr. Byron F. Robinson, a graduate of the university in the class of 1878, now professor of gynecology and abdominal surgery in the Illinois Medical School.

ACCORDING to the *Madras Educational Review*, as quoted in *Nature*, Sir F. D. Lugard, the governor of Hong Kong, has reported to the British government that Mr. H. N. Mody has offered to present the colony with the building necessary to start a university. A committee has been formed, with the governor as chairman, to promote the undertaking. Mr. Mody's original offer was to give a sum of £30,000 for this purpose and a further £6,000 towards the endowment. Plans of the necessary buildings were prepared, and as the director of public works estimated that the cost would not be less than £58,000, Mr. Mody undertook to provide them in accordance with the plans, stipulating, however, that he should use on the buildings he £6,000 originally given for endowment if it should be required.

ALBERT JOHANNESSEN, Ph.D. (Johns Hopkins), of the United States Geological Survey, has been appointed assistant professor of mineralogy and petrography in the University of Chicago.

DR. CHARLES C. McFARLANE, principal of the Brockport State Normal School, and formerly professor of geography, has been appointed to the newly-created office of comptroller in Teachers College, Columbia University.

MR. R. C. PUNNETT, superintendent of the Museum of Zoology at Cambridge University, has been elected to the professorship of biology recently vacated by Professor W. Bateson.

## DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE

## THE SOUTHERNMOST GLACIATION IN THE UNITED STATES

IN a recent number of *SCIENCE*<sup>1</sup> H. W. Fairbanks and E. P. Carey report evidences of "Glaciation in the San Bernardino Range, California," in latitude about 34° 7' N. Concerning this interesting discovery the writers say: "it has hitherto been assumed that the southernmost point of glaciation in the United States was in the Sierra Nevadas, nearly two hundred miles to the north" (north of latitude 36° N.). If their observations are correct, they have found the most

<sup>1</sup> January 7, 1910.