

results. Mr. Samuel J. Guernsey carried on archeological researches in New Brunswick for the museum. The museum had a party in Ohio under the direction of Mr. B. W. Merwin, and the long-continued exploration of the ancient cemetery at Madisonville, as well as the famous Turner Group of Mounds in the same region, has been completed.

#### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

It is announced that the sum of \$1,526,965 has been collected for McGill University. Included in the sum are three subscriptions of \$100,000 each from Dr. James Douglas, of New York, Mr. Robert Reford and the Birks family, of Montreal.

LAST year Mr. John D. Rockefeller offered to give \$250,000 to a special endowment fund of the Medical Department of Western Reserve University on condition that a total fund of a million dollars was given. At that time Mr. H. M. Hanna gave \$250,000 as part of the required amount. It is now announced that the sum of \$429,000 has been given, leaving \$71,000 to be collected before December 31.

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE will eventually receive what is believed to be approximately \$200,000 by the will of Elijah M. Topliff, of Manchester, N. H.

NEW greenhouses have been erected at the University of Vermont at a cost of \$7,000. The buildings consist of a head house  $24 \times 84$  feet, a story and a half high, and three parallel glass houses each  $20 \times 60$  feet. These houses are for the combined use of the department of horticulture, botany and plant pathology: one of the houses is entirely for experimental work, and will be occupied by the experiment station men; the other two houses are for teaching purposes.

THE registration of students in several of the larger universities is reported to be as follows: Columbia, 7,429; Chicago, 6,466; Minnesota, 5,965; Wisconsin, 5,538; Pennsylvania, 5,389; Michigan, 5,381; Cornell, 5,104; Illinois, 5,118; Harvard, 5,028; Nebraska, 4,624; California, 3,450; Missouri, 3,141.

RECENT appointments in St. Louis University School of Medicine are: A. S. Pearse, Ph.D. (Harvard), associate professor of biology, in charge of the department; H. G. Bristow, A.M. (Missouri), instructor in chemistry; A. M. Brown, A.M. (Washington University), assistant in biology; L. F. Shackell, B.S. (St. Louis), instructor in pharmacology.

DR. CHARLES SHEARD has resigned as professor of preventive medicine in the University of Toronto.

M. RANVIER, professor of general anatomy at the Collège de France, has, at his own request, been allowed to retire.

#### DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE

##### THE FRANCIS GALTON LABORATORY FOR NATIONAL EUGENICS

TO THE EDITOR OF SCIENCE: In examining the correspondence of the late Sir Francis Galton I find very many appreciative letters concerning his work from Americans distinguished in science or social activities. Sir Francis held the faith—and did much to demonstrate it—that man both mentally and physically was the product of his ancestry, and that accordingly when this was once fully recognized, man could achieve a greater future by encouraging the multiplication of the fit, and restricting the production of the unfit. He devoted most of the later years of his life to preaching this gospel and left the residue of his fortune to maintain the staff of the laboratory which bears his name. The science of eugenics, defined as “the study of agencies under social control that may improve or impair the racial qualities of future generations either physically or mentally,” has been his creation. The idea that we can study at the university what makes for or mars national welfare is not a narrow one, it is essentially international in character. And that view of it is emphasized by Sir Francis Galton’s world-wide correspondence. That correspondence leads me to believe that in America, and elsewhere, there may be men and women willing to aid us in founding a worthy memorial