

sity of Georgia, are now abroad, and are due to reach this country during the summer months. The foundation was established by M. Albert Kahn, of Paris, France, and is administered by Edward D. Adams, Nicholas Murray Butler and Henry Fairfield Osborn, of New York City, Charles W. Eliot, of Cambridge, Mass., Charles D. Walcott, of Washington, D. C., and Frank D. Fackenthal, secretary of Columbia University, as secretary of the board.

THE Bureau of American Ethnology of the Smithsonian Institution has issued a dictionary of the Biloxi and Ofo languages, accompanied by texts of a number of stories embodying mythology and folklore of the two tribes. This volume is largely the result of painstaking investigation and study on the part of the late Rev. J. Owen Dorsey, to which Dr. John R. Swanton, of the bureau, has added the Ofo material, besides arranging and editing (from the linguistic point of view) the entire work.

MESSRS. WITHERBY & Co. are shortly publishing "A Hand-list of British Birds," giving a detailed account of the distribution of each bird in the British Isles, and a general account of its range abroad, together with details of the occurrences of rarities. The Hand-list is the joint work of Messrs. E. Hartert, F. C. R. Jourdain, N. F. Ticehurst and H. F. Witherby.

EXPERIMENTS have been carried out at Nawalia, Northern Rhodesia, respecting the transmission of human trypanosomes by *Glossina morsitans* Westw., and on the occurrence of human trypanosomes in game. The results, so far as they are at present ascertained, are presented by Mr. Allan Kinghorn and Dr. Warrington Yorke in the "Annals of Tropical Medicine and Parasitology," issued by the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, forming the first interim report of the Luangwa Sleeping Sickness Commission, British South Africa Company. The summary of the report as given in the London *Times* is as follows: (1) The human trypanosome, in the Luangwa Valley, is transmitted

by *Glossina morsitans* Westw. (2) Approximately 5 per cent. (4.76) of the flies may become permanently infected and capable of transmitting the virus. (3) The period which elapses between the infecting feed of the flies and the date on which they become infective is approximately 14 days. (4) An infected fly retains the power of transmitting the disease during its life, and is infective at each meal. (5) Mechanical transmission does not occur if a period of 24 hours has elapsed since the infecting meal. (6) Some evidence exists to show that in the interval between the infecting feed and the date on which transmission becomes possible the parasites found in the flies are non-infective. (7) *Glossina morsitans*, in nature, has been found to transmit the human trypanosome. (8) Certain species of buck, viz., waterbuck, hartebeest, mpala and wart-hog, have been found to be infected with the human trypanosome. (9) A native dog has been found to be infected with the human trypanosome.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

MRS. JOHN STEWART KENNEDY has given to New York University a Hall of Philosophy, costing in the neighborhood of \$90,000. It is to be known as the Cornelius Baker Hall of Philosophy in memory of Mrs. Kennedy's father, who was one of the founders of the university.

OBERLIN COLLEGE has received an anonymous gift of \$10,000 for library endowment. It is expected that a considerable portion of this will be devoted to completing the files of scientific periodicals and journals, with especial emphasis on the contemporary literature on Eugenics.

THE King of Siam has sanctioned a scheme for the establishment of a University of Bangkok. There will be eight faculties, including medicine, law, engineering, agriculture, commerce, pedagogy and political science.

The Experiment Station Record states that an agricultural school is to be established in Melilla, Morocco, under Spanish auspices. This school will have for its objects the dis-

seminating of practical instruction regarding improved methods, and their demonstration upon the estate, which will be conducted as a model farm, and also on demonstration fields in adjoining sections. It is estimated that about \$48,000 for buildings and equipment, and \$21,000 annually for maintenance, will be required.

THE William Rainey Harper Memorial Library at the University of Chicago is to be dedicated on June 10 and 11, 1912. A special effort will be made to have the alumni attend the dedicatory exercises, which will be held in Harper Court, bounded on the south by the Library, on the west by Haskell Oriental Museum, and on the east by the Law Building. For the next few years the first floor of the new building will be used for class-rooms and will also contain the Harper Assembly room. Eventually, however, the entire floor is to be utilized as a stack-room.

THE trustees of Cornell University have voted to approve the recommendation of the faculty of the College of Agriculture and the university faculty to grant hereafter the degree of bachelor of science, instead of bachelor of science in agriculture, for the completion of the course in the College of Agriculture.

AT Princeton University, William F. Magie, Henry professor of physics, has been elected dean of the faculty to succeed Professor H. B. Fine. Professor Fine retains the deanship of the department of science. He will spend the coming academic year in Europe.

DR. M. E. WADSWORTH, for the past five years dean of the School of Mines of the University of Pittsburgh, has resigned, his resignation to take effect on June 30. Mr. S. A. Taylor, C.E., an alumnus of the university, has been appointed dean.

PROFESSOR H. P. BAKER, of the Pennsylvania State College, has accepted a position at Syracuse University as dean of the State College of Forestry, established in 1911 by the New York legislature with an initial appropriation of \$55,000.

PROFESSOR RICHARD S. CURTIS, of the University of Illinois, has resigned to become professor of organic chemistry at the Throop Polytechnic Institute, Pasadena, California, and L. L. Burgess, associate in chemistry, has resigned to become assistant professor of analytical chemistry at the University of Saskatchewan, Canada.

THOMAS C. BROWN, Ph.D. (Columbia, '09), assistant professor of geology in the Pennsylvania State College, has been appointed associate in geology at Bryn Mawr College.

MR. R. J. S. PIGOTT has been appointed assistant professor of steam engineering in Columbia University, a newly established position in the School of Engineering.

H. LEE WARD, of Swarthmore College, has been appointed instructor in chemistry in Wesleyan University.

THE following new appointments to instructorships have been made in the department of chemistry of Columbia University: Andrew Bender, Columbia University; R. H. Lombard, Columbia University; Arthur Edgar, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Dr. Frederick Barry, Harvard University; R. F. McCrackan, Columbia University; Harry L. Fisher, Cornell Medical School; Robert M. Isham, Columbia University.

PROFESSOR FRIEDRICH CZAPEK, of the University of Prague, has been appointed to the chair of plant physiology and pathology in the Imperial College of Science and Technology, London.

DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE

A PROTEST AGAINST CHANGING THE INTERNATIONAL CODE OF ZOOLOGICAL NOMENCLATURE

It is well known to all who have had to deal with questions of nomenclature that much of the confusion in the application of generic names in the past has been due to the lack of system in determining the type of a genus.

It is a matter of small importance just how the type is determined so long as every one uses the same method and the method is sufficiently clear and definite to yield uniform results in the hands of different investigators.