

have at any time been admitted to a degree in the University of Cambridge. The value of the prize is about £220. The essays must be sent to the vice-chancellor on or before the last day of December, 1914.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

IN memory of a husband who for years had suffered from a malady that eluded medical skill, Mrs. George William Hooper, of San Francisco, has transferred to the University of California \$1,000,000 for the establishment of an institute of medical research. The foundation is to be controlled by an advisory board of seven members constituted as follows: The president of the Carnegie Foundation, who is now Dr. Pritchett; the professor of pathology at the Johns Hopkins University, the director of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, the president of the University of California, the dean of the Medical School of the University of California, E. D. Connolly, representing Mrs. Hooper, and a seventh member to be chosen by the western members of the advisory board.

THE late Dr. Louis A. Duhring, formerly professor in the University of Pennsylvania, in his will disposes of an estate valued at about \$500,000. His notes on medical cases are given to the university, and the will creates a trust fund of \$25,000, the income of which is to be used for the benefit of the department of cutaneous medicine. The will gives the University of Pennsylvania Hospital \$50,000 for the establishment of free beds in which cutaneous, cancerous and allied diseases shall be treated. After making a number of private bequests, the testator directs that the residue of the estate be given to the trustees of the University of Pennsylvania, and that it be applied to the treatment of cutaneous diseases and their study.

MR. STEVENS HECKSHER has given \$10,000 to the University of Pennsylvania to establish a fellowship in medical research.

FRIENDS of Professor William Otis Crosby have presented to Columbia University the sum of \$1,800 for the establishment of a collection of lantern slides to be known as the

"William Otis Crosby Collection of Geological Lantern Slides."

THE trustees of the University of Illinois have voted that for students entering in September, 1913, the requirements for admission to the College of Medicine (formerly the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Chicago) be raised to at least one year of collegiate work in addition to fifteen units of common and high school work, and that for students entering September, 1914, the minimum requirement further be increased to two years of collegiate work in some college or university of recognized standing.

MR. C. L. DAKE has been appointed assistant professor of geology and mineralogy in the Missouri School of Mines. He was instructor in geology at the University of Wisconsin during 1911-12, and during 1912-13 at Williams College.

DR. LEO F. GUTTMANN, formerly head of the division of physical chemistry at the College of the City of New York, and for the last four years assistant professor of physical and industrial chemistry at Queen's University, Kingston, has been appointed associate professor of chemical engineering.

DR. GEORGE SHANNON FORBES, instructor in Harvard University, has been promoted to be assistant professor of chemistry.

PROFESSOR OSWALD KÜLPE succeeds Professor Th. Lipps as professor of philosophy at Munich.

DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE

THE LAWS OF NOMENCLATURE IN PALEONTOLOGY

TO THE EDITOR OF SCIENCE: A number of recent letters in SCIENCE on the subject of nomenclature may serve as an excuse to present to those interested a few of the special difficulties that beset the vertebrate paleontologist in questions of nomenclature.

The writer holds no brief for the law of priority. Names, scientific or popular, are, after all, but words designed to convey a certain concept, and the fixity and uniformity of that concept might quite well have been—or be—secured by an official dictionary which