

plication. A home for alcohol and drug habitués, long agitated, is provided for in another forest reserve as, elsewhere, is an industrial home for women.

It is stated in *Nature* that the Italian archaeological mission to Crete, under the leadership of Professor Halbherr, announces the discovery at Cortina of a temple dedicated to Egyptian deities, bearing the dedication by Flavia Philyra, the foundress. In the inner cella were found images of Jupiter, Serapis, Isis and Mercury, with fragments of a colossal statue, supposed to be that of the foundress. A little flight of steps leads down to a subterranean chamber in which ceremonies of purification were performed. The excavation of the numerous prehistoric sites in the island of Malta is being actively prosecuted under the direction of Professor T. Zammit. The most important discovery is that of a series of well tombs of the Punic type at the Kallilia plateau, northwest of Rabat. A large number of skeletons, with pottery, lamps, spindle-whorls and a circular bronze mirror, has been unearthed. A partial exploration of the Ghar Dalam cave, conducted by Professor Tagliaferro and Mr. C. Rizzo, produced bones of a hippopotamus and a deer, above which lay a quantity of prehistoric sherds. The museum, by the bequest of the late Mr. Parnis, has received a large collection of books about Malta and numerous antique objects.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

It is announced that the scheme for the establishment of a school of tropical medicine in Calcutta is now so far advanced towards fulfilment that there is every reason to hope that it will be opened in the autumn of next year.

PROFESSOR ALEXANDER T. ORMOND has resigned the McCosh professorship of philosophy at Princeton University to accept the presidency of Grove City College.

PROFESSOR ALEXANDER SMITH, head of the department of chemistry in Columbia University, who has been elected professor of chem-

istry at Princeton University, will not assume his new duties until the academic year 1914-1915.

THE vacancy created at Vassar College by the resignation of Professor Clark Wells Chamberlain, in order to take the presidency of Denison University, has not been filled; Associate Professor Edna Carter will act as head of the department of physics for the present year.

At Lehigh University the following promotions in the faculty are announced: George C. Beck, to be assistant professor of quantitative analysis; Sylvanus A. Becker, assistant professor of civil engineering; Joseph B. Reynolds, assistant professor of mathematics and astronomy; Rollin L. Charles, assistant professor of physics; Stanley J. Thomas, instructor in biology. The following appointments have been made: Ferdinand F. Hintze, assistant professor of geology; Siegfried Fischer, instructor in metallurgy; Wallace G. Matteson, instructor in geology; Edgar C. Weinsheimer, instructor in geology; M. S. Knebelman, instructor in mathematics; James B. Arthur, instructor in electrical engineering.

At Rutgers College Stanley E. Brasefield, Ph.D. (Cornell), and William Beverly Stone, Ph.D. (Univ. of Va.), have been appointed assistant professors of mathematics.

L. C. PLANT, who has been at the head of the department of mathematics in the University of Montana for the past six years, has resigned, to accept the position of head of the department of mathematics in the Michigan Agricultural College. He has been succeeded by Dr. N. J. Lennes, of the department of mathematics of Columbia University.

DR. WALTER KRUSE, of Bonn, has been appointed professor of hygiene at Leipzig.

DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE

BIT OF HISTORY

IN the issue of *SCIENCE* for August 15, 1913, there is quoted from *The Independent* of fifty years ago the statement that "Professor Wollcott Gibbs" had been chosen to the Rumford