

may take up, but conservative as to the conclusions it draws. The volume is arranged chronologically, and the contents give full information as to where the reports of the various subcommittees appear. These reports contain numerous tables giving analyses and classifications of paint materials.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

At the meeting of the National Association of State Universities, which was held recently in Washington, D. C., a committee was appointed to draw up plans and policies to be submitted to congress for its approval. A bill will be presented asking for \$500,000 as the first step in the organization.

A FUND of \$500,000, which the Knights of Columbus of this country have been collecting for more than two years for the Catholic University at Washington, has been completed. The gift, it is understood, will be presented to the institution some time during the Christmas holidays.

THE board of regents of the University of California has announced the completion of the additional fund of \$600,000 for the erection of the hospital building which is to be a part of the College of Medicine of the university. It is stated that the principal donations to the fund are from Mr. and Mrs. William H. Crocker, Templeton Crocker and Mrs. C. B. Alexander, New York, who contributed \$150,000, and Mr. John Keith who also gave \$150,000. A committee has been appointed to administer the fund and supervise the erection of the building.

THE library of the late Dr. Ernest Ziegler, professor of pathology at Friburg, founder of the *Beiträge zur Pathologische Anatomie* and author of the well-known text-book on pathology, was presented formally to the medical department of the University of Pittsburgh on December 4. The donor is Mr. Richard B. Mellon of Pittsburgh.

FACULTY promotions at Oberlin for the coming year include: Robert A. Budington, associate professor of zoology, to be professor of zoology and head of the department; Dr.

George R. M. Wells, instructor in psychology, to be associate professor; Dr. S. P. Nichols, as associate professor of zoology. New appointments include: Dr. Charles G. Rodgers, to be professor of zoology. Dr. Rodgers's academic record is as follows: A.B., Syracuse University, 1897; A.M., Syracuse, 1899; Ph.D., California, 1904; instructor in zoology, Syracuse, 1899-1902; assistant professor, 1905-07; associate professor, 1907-11, and professor since 1911.

NEW members of the staff of instruction of the Throop College of Technology are Franklin Thomas, B.E., Iowa, associate professor of civil engineering, and Howard J. Lucas, B.A., Ohio State University, M.A., Chicago, instructor in chemistry in place of Charles A. Brautlecht, resigned. Professor Thomas has done graduate work at McGill University and has been a member of the engineering staff at Michigan. He has also had practical experience.

DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE

MORE DATA ON THE HISTORY OF THE DOLLAR MARK

PRIVATE correspondence carried on since the publication of my article on the evolution of the dollar mark in the *Popular Science Monthly* for December, 1912, has brought to my attention some new material and a few minor corrections, which seem worthy of publication. I may say at the outset that the new material does not modify the conclusion I had reached, viz., that the modern dollar mark descended from p^s, the Spanish-American abbreviation for "pesos." As a first correction, my former statement that in Argentina, \$ is placed after the numerals, thus 65 should be modified by inserting "usually" or "frequently." In the newspaper *La Prensa*, published in Buenos Aires, the \$ usually follows the numerals in the short advertisements, but usually precedes the numerals when they are arranged in columns. Again, I said that the \$ occurred in the Hawaiian edition of 1845 of Warren Colburn's "Mental Arithmetic," but the corresponding secretary of the Hawaiian Historical Society kindly informs me that the