

and costly expenditure on entertainments and excursions.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

ANNOUNCEMENT of a gift of \$250,000 for a library for Amherst College was made at the annual banquet of the Amherst Alumni Association of New York. The library is to be a memorial to a graduate of the class of 1867 from a brother whose name is withheld.

A GIFT of \$150,000 from a graduate of Wellesley College toward the fund for a new administration building is announced. The donor does not wish her name made known at this time.

PRELIMINARY plans for the chemistry building at Throop College of Technology, in Pasadena, have been completed, and the architects, Mr. Elmer Grey, of Los Angeles, and Mr. Bertram G. Goodhue, of New York City, are at work on the complete detailed plans and specifications of the building. The building is to cost \$60,000 and construction will be begun probably within thirty days. The building is to be ready for occupancy next September, and Dr. Arthur A. Noyes will inaugurate his research work in the new laboratory about December, 1916. He has just returned to Boston after a few weeks' stay in Pasadena, which time was spent in working out plans for the building, and for the development of the department of chemistry, and the special research laboratories.

It is announced that a group of prominent dentists of New York City some months ago submitted to Columbia University a detailed proposal to create a dental school. The proposal has the approval of the faculty of the college of physicians and surgeons. Candidates for admission would be required to possess the same academic training as students entering the study of medicine at Columbia, namely, the completion of two years of work in an undergraduate college.

DR. J. T. KINGSBURY, president of the University of Utah, has presented his resignation to take effect at the end of the present acad-

emic year. It will be remembered that the administration of the University of Utah, which led to the resignation of seventeen members of the faculty last spring, has been reviewed and criticized in a report of a committee of enquiry of the American Association of University Professors.

DR. KATE GORDON, head of the department of education, Bryn Mawr College, goes next September to the Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh, where she will have charge of the Bureau of Mental Tests and give instruction in psychology in the woman's department of the School of Applied Design.

AT Yale University, Henry Laurens, Ph.D., has been promoted to an assistant professorship of biology in Yale College.

DR. V. E. EMMEL, of the Washington University Medical School, St. Louis, Mo., has been appointed assistant professor of anatomy in the University of Illinois college of medicine, Chicago, Ill.

DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE INSECTS IN THEIR RELATION TO THE CHESTNUT BARK DISEASE

A RECENT bulletin¹ of the Department of Forestry of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania discusses the relation of insects to the bark disease. This paper bears the title, "Insects as Carriers of the Chestnut Blight Fungus," and as such tabulates a number of insects collected and found carrying spores of this parasite. Tests were made on some seventy-five insects representing about twenty-five species. Of these, fifty-two were collected while on chestnut blight cankers. From these experiments it was found that thirty per cent. of these insects carried numbers of the pycnospores of this fungus on their bodies and that the highest counts by far were obtained from the spore-feeding longicorn beetle *Leptostylus macula* Say.

The citation of these results as proof merely that insects are carriers of the chestnut blight spores is entirely justifiable, but in drawing

¹ Studhalter and Ruggles, Bull. 12, Dept. Forestry, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 1915.