

a course of instruction at the Naval Medical School. During this course he receives full pay and allowances of his rank, and at the end of the course he takes a final examination. Two of these courses begin each year, one commencing about the first of October, and the second course beginning early in February. The examinations are held in several of the coast cities in the United States, both on the east coast and the west coast, and also at Chicago, Ill. Literature describing the navy as a special field for medical work, and circulars of information for persons desiring to enter the medical corps, may be obtained by addressing the Surgeon General, U. S. Navy, Navy Department, Washington, D. C.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

By the will of Mrs. Mary W. Harkness, widow of Charles W. Harkness, about \$1,100,000 is bequeathed to public purposes. The largest bequest is \$300,000 to Yale University, the income to be used in the payment of salaries of officers of instruction.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY has received an anonymous gift of \$100,000 for scholarships for young men in the college. The gift is made in honor of Augustus Howe Buck, emeritus professor of Greek.

PROFESSOR AND MRS. WILLIAM A. HERDMAN, of the University of Liverpool, have given to the university the sum of £10,000 for the endowment of a chair in geology in memory of their son, who was killed in the war.

PAUL SABINE, of Harvard University, has been appointed assistant professor of physics at the Case School of Applied Science and will have charge of the physics laboratory.

DR. A. R. DAVIS, formerly research assistant at the graduate laboratory, Missouri Botanical Garden (Shaw School of Botany, Washington University), has been appointed assistant professor of botany at the University of Nebraska. Mr. R. A. Studhalter and Mr. H. C. Young, formerly Rufus J. Lackland research fellows in the same institution, have been appointed, respectively, assistant botanist in the Mon-

tana Agricultural Experiment Station and instructor in botany in the Michigan Agricultural College. Miss Ruth Beattie has accepted a position as instructor in botany at Wellesley College.

At the University of Sheffield Dr. W. E. S. Turner has been appointed lecturer in charge of the new department of glass technology.

DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE PSYCHOLOGY AND MEDICAL EDUCATION

TO THE EDITOR OF SCIENCE: In your issue of November 10, Dr. Cecil K. Drinker has approached the problem of advising students planning to enter the medical profession as to what courses over and above those required they can most profitably give their attention to during their college years. Dr. Drinker has urged the undergraduate to take as much physics and chemistry as possible: I should like to enter a similar plea in favor of psychology.

The importance of a knowledge of psychology to all persons engaged in the practise of medicine is, no doubt, widely recognized by both practitioners and teachers of that science and art to-day, and the value of psychological study as a part of medical education received special attention in a symposium and report on the subject in SCIENCE for October 17, 1913. Little has been heard of the matter recently, however, and I feel it can do no harm to bring up the subject again in the hope that real interest may be aroused in pushing it more effectively to the front.

The conclusions of the report referred to clearly enunciate the need of more cooperation than is at present existent between psychologists and—not only psychiatrists, whose concern is primarily with the problems of the diseased mind—but also the physicians of the body. For all schools of psychology to-day acknowledge and even emphasize the inseparableness of mental states and processes from the physiological conditions which underlie or at least invariably accompany them, and medical men are fully aware of the influence which mental states have upon the health of the body.