

PLANS have been perfected and the contracts let for converting the Billings estate on Washington Heights, New York City, into a war hospital. This property, comprising fifty-seven acres of land, was purchased about a year ago by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., with the idea of eventually giving it to the city for a park. The plans for the war hospital call for the expenditure of \$500,000 for remodeling the buildings already on the property and the erection of additional buildings necessary to the completion of a hospital system.

THE new museum of Santa Fe, New Mexico, according to the *American Museum Journal*, has been dedicated with ceremonies extending from November 24 to 28. The building is patterned after the old Mission Church on the Rock of Acoma, in a style of architecture said to be one hundred and fifty years older than the California missions. A feature of the dedication was an exhibition of paintings by well-known members of the Santa Fé and Taos artist groups, including Robert Henri, E. J. Couse, J. H. Sharp, Walter Ufer and others, on subjects inspired by Indian, Spanish and frontier lore, and consisted of addresses, concerts, Indian dances and excursions to Indian pueblos and ancient cliff dwellings. The American Museum was represented by Dr. Clark Wissler, curator of the department of anthropology, who gave an address on "The Opportunities of the New Museum," and by Mr. N. C. Nelson, who spoke on "Recent Archeological Discoveries in the Southwest."

#### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

FIVE members of the present University of North Carolina faculty have been appointed by the trustees Kenan professors, under the provision in the bequest of Mrs. Robert W. Bingham (Mary Lily Kenan) made public last August. They were chosen by vote of the faculty because of distinguished service rendered in the field of scholarship and university affairs. They are Professor Francis P. Venable, of the department of chemistry; Professor H. V. P. Wilson, of the department of

zoology; Professor Edwin Greenlaw, of the English department; Professor William Cain, of the mathematics department, and Professor W. deB. MacNider, of the school of medicine. The Bingham bequest was made for the purpose of strengthening the faculty of the university, an annual sum of \$75,000 being provided for the purpose of augmenting aid received from the state.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY plans a large diagnostic clinic for the people who do not wish to accept charity and who are unable to pay for the services of a number of experts whose special advice or examinations may be needed in order to make a diagnosis. The financial arrangement provides that every clinical worker will be paid for his work and every patient charged a fee commensurate with his income.

THE University of Maryland, by a recent ruling of the faculty, beginning the next October term, will accept women students in the medical department. This ruling admits women to every department of the university, as they have been accepted in the dental, pharmacy and law departments for some time.

As Padua has recently been the objective of Austrian air raiders, the rectorate and academic council of the university have been by official decree transferred temporarily to Pisa. The same decree authorized the minister of education to allow professors of Padua to lecture in other universities and superior institutions.

At the Massachusetts Institute of Technology William F. Jones has been appointed instructor in geology, Royal E. Grant, instructor in physics, C. H. G. Gray, assistant in electrical engineering and Dr. F. H. Thorp, lecturer in industrial chemistry.

#### DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE CYCADEOID WOOD STRUCTURE

IN a recent communication in the *Annals of Botany* describing certain Cycadeoid rootlets Dr. Marie C. Stopes remarked the presence of scalariform structures. These are in agreement, of course, with the main body of secondary wood, which in the Cycadeoids is uni-