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Hrdlička, Aleš: *Physical Anthropology: Its Scope and Aims.*

Miller, Gerrit S., Jr.: *The Piltdown Jaw.*

Hooton, Ernest A.: *Eskimoid Characters in Ice-landic Skulls.*

Holmes, William H.: *Committee on Anthropology, National Research Council.*

Keith, A.: *Anthropological Activities in connection with the War in England.*

Hrdlička, Aleš: *Physical Anthropology: Its History in America.*

Williams, E. T.: *The Origin of the Chinese.*

Guthe, C. E.: *Russian Jews in Boston.*

Hurlin, Ralph G.: *Preparation of Skeletons by Bacterial Digestion.*

Hrdlička, Aleš: *Physical Anthropology: Recent History and Present Status.*

Babcock, Wm. H.: *Early Observations in American Physical Anthropology.*

Giuffrida-Ruggeri, V.: *The Origins of the Italian People.*

Schultz, Adolf H.: *External Nose, Bony Nose and Nasal Cartilages, in Whites and Negroes.*

Lundberg, Emma O.: *The Illegitimate Child and War Conditions.*

Hrdlička, Aleš: *Physical Anthropology: Conclusion.*

Boas, Franz: *Anthropology of Sweden.*

Farabee, Wm. Curtis: *The Arawaks of Northern Brazil and Southern British Guiana.*

#### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

THE Carnegie Corporation of New York has voted a grant of \$500,000 to the Medical Department of Queen's University, Kingston, Ont. This grant is related to that in the will of Dr. James Douglas, New York, and is conditional on raising an additional \$500,000.

THE *Journal* of the American Medical Association states that plans have been drawn for a proposed new building on the grounds of the Johns Hopkins Hospital to house the medical library of the hospital and the surgical histories of patients who have been treated there, and will also contain an auditorium, with subsidiary rooms for religious and philanthropic work. The library will be built in honor of Dr. Henry M. Hurd, Baltimore,

who for many years was superintendent of the hospital. The structure, according to the present plans, will cost \$100,000. Gifts of \$50,000 and of \$30,000 have been made.

UNDER the will of the late Mrs. Purdie the residue of her estate, amounting to about £25,000, has been bequeathed to the University of St. Andrews for the promotion of research in chemistry. Her husband, the late Professor Purdie, had built for the university an institute for chemical research.

DR. H. M. PARSHLEY, of the department of zoology in Smith College, has been promoted to an associate professorship. He has been appointed associate in field zoology at the Cold Spring Harbor summer laboratory.

DR. HARRY N. EATON, formerly associate professor of geology in the Pennsylvania State College, has been appointed to a similar position in Syracuse University. He spent the past fall and early winter in research in the paleontological laboratory of Dr. G. D. Harris at Cornell University.

DR. W. E. MILNE, recently of Bowdoin College, has accepted the position of professor of mathematics at the University of Oregon.

#### DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE THE KATMAI NATIONAL MONUMENT AND THE VALLEY OF TEN THOUSAND SMOKES

TO THE EDITOR OF SCIENCE: In your issue of January 3 you print a note headed "The Katmai National Monument," derived from the annual report of the director of the National Park Service. In such a report, compiled by men not familiar with the Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes and not students of volcanism, some misconceptions and misinterpretations are very apt to creep in. This was particularly likely in the present instance, since the publication of the technical papers devoted to the scientific results of the expeditions, from which alone the necessary information could have been derived, has been delayed.

The hypothesis that would occur to any one as the most probable explanation of the Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes is that given