

cently spent three weeks studying evidences of paleopathology in the principal paleontological museums of the eastern cities. The result is a number of observations which it is hoped will be of assistance in an understanding of ancient diseases. It was found, for instance, that the coalescence of the vertebræ of the huge dinosaurs is caused by the lesions of *Spondylitis deformans*, a common result of disease among Pleistocene vertebrates, in the ancient Egyptians and in modern man, and not previously known to occur before the Miocene. A large, fractured humerus of a Cretaceous dinosaur presents an interesting subperiosteal abscess, which is of considerable interest in connection with the study of comminuted fractures of limb bones in certain victims of the recent war.

MISS MAUD MARGARET GIBSON has placed in the hands of the Royal Society of Medicine a sum of money sufficient to provide a scholarship of the yearly value of about £250, in memory of her father, the late Mr. William Gibson of Melbourne, Australia. The scholarship will be awarded from time to time to qualified medical women who are subjects of the British Empire. It is tenable for a period of two years, but may in special circumstances be extended to a third year.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

THE trustees of Wesleyan University have decided to start a campaign to secure an additional endowment of \$2,000,000 for the university. The trustees have voted to make substantial increases in salaries of members of the faculty.

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY, Kingston, Ontario, reports that an additional endowment of \$1,000,000 has been received for the general purposes of the university. It is proposed that several more full-time professors will be secured and the departments of physiology, bacteriology and public health will be developed. A fund of \$200,000 is also available to be expended in the reconstruction of the hospital.

At the University of Virginia, the school of analytical and industrial chemistry and the

school of chemistry have been merged in one. Its affairs will be managed by a committee of the chemical faculty. The following new appointments are announced: Dr. Graham Edgar, of the National Research Council, with the rank of professor, and Mr. J. H. Yoe, of the Chemical Warfare Service, with the rank of adjunct professor. The staff of assistants has been enlarged considerably. Five new research fellowships have been established by the board of visitors. Applications for these should be filed with Dr. George L. Carter, secretary of the chemical faculty.

PROFESSOR EDWARD C. SCHNEIDER (Yale, '01), of Colorado College, has been elected head of the department of biology at Wesleyan University.

DR. M. G. GABA, of Cornell University, has been appointed associate professor of mathematics at the University of Nebraska.

COLONEL WILLIAM DARRACH has been appointed dean of the College of Physicians and Surgeons by the trustees of Columbia University. He succeeds Dr. Samuel W. Lambert, whose resignation takes effect on July 1. Appointments and promotions at the college are announced as follows: William E. Studdiford, M.D., professor of obstetrics and gynecology, to succeed the late Dr. Edwin B. Cragin; Allen O. Whipple, M.D., now associate in surgery, to be assistant professor of pathology; Benjamin P. Farrell, instructor in orthopedic surgery, to be assistant professor in the same branch; Louis Cassamajor, associate professor of neurology, to be professor of neurology; Oliver S. Strong, Ph.D., assistant professor of neurology, to be associate professor of neurology.

DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE

AN IMMUNE VARIETY OF SUGAR CANE

SEVERAL years ago a serious disease of sugar cane appeared in Porto Rico. Owing to certain characters exhibited by this disease it was designated as the mottling disease of sugar cane (sometimes called mosaic). It may