

THE Division of Industrial Research of the National Research Council is arranging for the formation of a cooperative association to plan and support fundamental researches in alloys. Although much valuable work has been done in this field by scattered investigators there is no doubt that a well-planned and coordinated effort by a cooperative association working under the general guidance of the National Research Council and composed of specialists representing both the manufacturers and the more extensive users of alloys can produce additional results of great importance. The success of other industries which have supported research on a cooperative plan, such as has been done by the National Canners' Association and the Malleable Iron Manufacturers, is evidence of this. It is planned to create a special scientific staff composed of a director and assistant director of research and a group of scientific investigators and technical experts who shall give their whole time to the work. To finance the organization each member of the cooperative association will pay \$1,000 a year, and all contributing members, who may be either alloy manufacturing or using individuals, firms or companies are to benefit alike by the results of the researches.

#### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

McCoy HALL and others of the old buildings of the Johns Hopkins University were destroyed by fire on the night of November 27. The loss is covered by insurance, but valuable libraries and records of the school of hygiene and public health, which occupied the second floor of McCoy Hall, were destroyed with irreparable loss.

THE main buildings of the University of Montreal, known as Laval University, containing the medical department, were destroyed by fire on November 22. The loss is estimated at \$400,000, which is covered by insurance.

By an intensive campaign lasting less than a week the University of Rochester has raised \$800,000 in the city of Rochester alone toward

an endowment fund of one million dollars, the interest from which is to be used to increase professors' salaries. Mr. George Eastman, head of the Eastman Kodak Company, subscribed \$100,000, the Bausch & Lomb Optical Company gave \$75,000 and many other houses sums of lesser amount.

DR. E. H. KENNARD has been appointed assistant professor of physics at Cornell University.

CAPTAIN ESBON Y. TITUS, formerly chief chemist for Nitrate Plant No. 1, Sheffield, Ala., has been appointed assistant professor of chemistry at the University of Wisconsin.

FRANCIS MARSH BALDWIN, Ph.D. (Illinois), assistant professor of zoology at Iowa State College for the past two years, has been raised to the rank of associate professor and has charge of the work in human physiology. Ralph L. Parker, M.S. (Brown), who served overseas for eleven months, is associated with Dr. Baldwin as an instructor.

STUART HOBBS SIMS, associate professor in the department of mechanics and hydraulics at the University of Iowa, will succeed C. B. McCullough as head of the department of civil engineering at the Oregon Agricultural College. Mr. McCullough has been appointed state highway bridge engineer for Oregon.

THE Yale School of Forestry has received from Mrs. Claire K. Williams, of Lakeville, Conn., her interest in a pension fund of ten thousand dollars. This fund is given as a memorial to her son, Herbert C. Williams, who graduated at the School of Forestry as a loan for needy students.

#### DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE AN APPEAL

DURING the night of November 27 fire completely destroyed McCoy Hall, formerly the administration building of the Johns Hopkins University, and immediately occupied by the Federated Charity Organization of the City of Baltimore, and certain departments of the