

project statements for nearly 95 per cent. of their respective allotments and have entered into agreement to construct highways which call for about one half of the Federal-aid money. The projects actually completed and paid for are comparatively few, but they are materially exceeded in number by those which are practically completed. California, Delaware, Illinois, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Utah, Washington, West Virginia, and Wyoming have each submitted approved project statements for all or nearly all of their allotments.

THE BREWSTER COLLECTION OF BIRDS

ANNOUNCEMENT is made by the American Museum of Natural History of a gift by Frederick F. Brewster, of New Haven, Connecticut, of 3,200 specimens of land-birds collected in the West Indies and South America by Rollo H. Beck, under the direction of Dr. Leonard C. Sanford. A very large part of this material, according to Dr. Frank M. Chapman, curator of the department of birds, is new to the museum's collections, and much of it is contained in no other museum in the world. The collection includes 1,500 birds from the West Indies—chiefly the high mountains of Santo Domingo, from which little-known area there is included a series of the recently discovered crossbill and Patagonia sparrow, known heretofore only from a few specimens in the National Museum in Washington; a large series of two distinct new species, known only in the Brewster collection; and the unique type of a new genus of Goat-suckers. There are also 500 birds from Bahia—of great value, since this is a type locality for many species described by the older writers; and somewhat over a thousand specimens from the extreme southern part of South America, including a representative series from Tierra del Fuego and the Falkland Islands, from which localities the Museum was wholly without material.

HAWAIIAN SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTIONS

THROUGH the generosity of the C. M. Cooke estate the University of Hawaii is to have a marine biological laboratory located in connection with Honolulu Aquarium at Waikiki. The last legislature placed the aquarium in the custody of the university. The laboratory is now in process of construction and will be ready for use by mid-summer. Facilities will be provided for work by visiting scientific men as well as by the students and faculty of the university. Biologists planning to visit Hawaii and wishing to use the laboratory are advised to communicate with Professor C. H. Edmondson, the director of the laboratory, as far in advance as possible. A teaching fellowship carrying a stipend of \$750 is open for the next college year and applications will be received from graduate students with sufficient training in zoology and botany.

The trustees of the Bishop Museum in Honolulu and the regents of the University of Hawaii have agreed on the fundamentals of cooperation between the two institutions in scientific investigation and the training of investigators. The general principle of reciprocity in the use of libraries, collections, apparatus and other facilities is laid down and it is also agreed that graduate students in the university may, under proper limitations, have the use of the museum and may carry on part or all of their research under the direction of members of the museum staff. Work done in this manner will be counted toward advanced degrees by the university. The plans contemplate bringing together all systematic collections not required for teaching purposes at the museum.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY has conferred the honorary degree of doctor of laws upon Dr. Simon Flexner, director of the laboratories of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research.

At the centennial commencement exercises of Colby College the degree of doctor of laws was conferred on George Otis Smith, director of the Geological Survey, a graduate of the college in the class of 1893.