

PROFESSOR DOUGLAS JOHNSON, of Columbia University, addressed the annual open meeting of the Syracuse University chapter of Sigma Xi, March 16, on "The rôle of geography in world affairs." On March 17, he spoke at Colgate University on the same subject.

THE Council of the Paris Faculty of Medicine, has received a gift of 50,000 francs from Mme. Mathias Duval, widow of the eminent professor of histology. The sum having been given without any conditions as to the manner in which it shall be expended, a committee has been appointed to decide how it can best be employed.

PLANS to broaden the scope of the Gorgas Memorial Institute in Panama into a research and teaching institution of international scope are being developed by the provisional board of directors for the United States.

ERNEST JOSEPH LEDERLE, the sanitary engineer, died on March 7, at the age of fifty-six years. Dr. Lederle was health commissioner of New York City under Mayor Low and Mayor Gaynor.

#### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

THE latest report on the Worcester Polytechnic Institute Endowment Fund indicates pledges of over \$900,000 to date. The committee in charge has no doubt that the entire \$1,000,000 will be pledged before Commencement Day. This is the second million of the \$2,000,000 fund undertaken, the first million having already been pledged, partly in the form of scholarship funds given by industrial corporations in Worcester.

AN appropriation by the Oregon legislature of \$271,000 has been made for medical work in Portland by the University of Oregon.

THE corporation of Yale University has adopted regulations with reference to research associates and research fellows. Research associates are to have professorial rank, and research fellows assistant professorial rank.

The titles are to be given to men of distinguished attainments who devote most of their time to research rather than to teaching. It was voted "That the title of research associate should be confined to men of real distinction in research and productive scholarship, and that it should carry with it inclusion in the list of 'Professors and other officers of professorial rank,' the object of the position being to attract to the university men of eminence, who usually wish greater freedom in the use of their time for research than professorial appointments permit."

EUGENE E. HASKILL, S.E., dean of the combined colleges of civil and mechanical engineering at Cornell University has resigned. His resignation is to take effect in June of this year after his sabbatic leave, which he is now enjoying. Dean Haskill has been at the head of the college of civil engineering at Cornell since 1905, prior to which he was in charge of the United States geodetic survey of the Great Lakes. Dean Haskill is a graduate of Cornell University, class of 1879; his successor, Professor F. A. Barnes, is also a Cornell graduate, having been granted his degree in 1897.

DR. PAUL WEATHERWAX, for the past two years associate professor of botany in the University of Georgia, has resigned to accept an associate professorship in Indiana University, where he was formerly instructor.

PROFESSOR IRVING H. CAMERON, for many years professor of surgery in the medical department of the University of Toronto, has relinquished that chair, and Dr. Alexander Primrose has been appointed to succeed him temporarily.

#### DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE

##### ARE THE LANCE AND FORT UNION FORMATIONS OF MESOZOIC TIME?<sup>1</sup>

TO THE EDITOR OF SCIENCE: Under the above title Professor Charles Schuchert has recently reviewed in SCIENCE (issue of January 14) a

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