

tion, and the indications are that experiments will be made to find out whether the proposed system is superior to the tests now used. The resolution sets forth that intelligence tests have been given to soldiers of the United States during and since the World War; applied by the United States Public Health Service to a limited number of immigrants of doubtful admission; used by the United States in civil service examinations; in schools, colleges and universities in classifying pupils and students; by insurance and other large companies in selecting salesmen; in large industries for classifying men in work most adaptable to them, and by business enterprises in the selection of office forces. Students of the problems relating to immigration have indicated a belief that the standard of immigrants seeking admission to the United States may be raised by the application of the intelligence tests, and the secretary of labor and the surgeon general of the United States Public Health Service have full power and authority to apply such tests. The resolution directs the secretary of labor and the surgeon general of the Public Health Service to inform the House why scientific data, including the intelligence tests, can not be applied in all cases for the exclusion of undesirable immigrants.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NOTES

THE Rockefeller Foundation and the General Education Board have each given \$1,250,000 to the College of Medicine of the State University of Iowa. The legislature will be asked to appropriate \$2,500,000 at the rate of \$450,000 a year for the building and equipment of hospitals and laboratories.

THE sum of \$50,000 left by the late Charles S. Baylis reverts to the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute by the death of Mrs. Baylis on November 15.

DR. JOSIAH H. PENNIMAN was elected provost, or the "educational or academic head" of the University of Pennsylvania, on December 27. He had been acting provost since the resignation of Dr. Edgar Fahs Smith about three years ago. At the same time the board of trustees created an "executive administrative" office, to be known as the "president of

the university." This is the position that it was planned should be filled by General Leonard Wood.

D. W. MOREHOUSE, professor of physics and astronomy at Drake University, has been elected dean of the college of liberal arts.

AT Yale University, Dr. Lorande Loss Woodruff, professor of biology, has been elected professor of protozoology.

DR. MORRIS S. KHARASCH, formerly national research fellow in organic chemistry at the University of Chicago, has been appointed associate professor of organic chemistry at the University of Maryland.

DR. RICHARD C. LORD, at one time instructor at Washington and Lee University and later engaged in industrial chemistry, has been elected assistant professor of chemistry and physics at Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio.

AT Dartmouth College, Assistant Professor R. D. Beetle has been promoted to a full professorship of mathematics, and Assistant Professor C. E. Wilder, of Northwestern University, has been appointed to an assistant professorship.

DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE

THE INDEXING OF BIOLOGICAL LITERATURE

I HAVE been much interested in Dr. Schramm's excellent discussion in *SCIENCE* of November 3, and since the whole subject of abstracting and indexing is up for reconsideration, it may be opportune to add a few remarks from a zoological standpoint.

It may fairly be said that American zoologists do not pay enough attention to the literature of their subject outside of the very narrow field of their specialty. In spite of the broadening tendencies of modern genetic research, we do not seem to be able to escape from a narrowness which sometimes prevents those working on one group from even being aware of the existence of distinguished colleagues specializing in another. Thus it comes about that the development of numerous special journals, necessary as these are, is actually detrimental to zoology as a whole if there is no broader survey of the field which specialists