

years, and the annual number of readers 200 per cent., from 400,275 in 1911 to 1,225,778 in 1922. Cost of operation advanced 113 per cent. in the same period.

THE *British Medical Journal* states that the announcement is made from Canada that 2,715 claims have already been received for the prize of \$100,000 offered by Lord Atholstan, of Montreal, for the discovery of a cure for cancer; claims have come from forty-one different countries. It is pointed out, however, that claimants must satisfy a recognized medical faculty or leading medical society in his or her own country first that there is some scientific basis to justify the experimental investigation of the professed cure, and that any cases said to have been successfully treated were in fact cases of cancer.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NOTES

SUBSCRIPTIONS to the Harvard endowment fund reached a total of \$13,892,605.29 on January 1, according to figures now made public. Of the sum, \$10,910,825.31 had actually been paid in on that date, against a corresponding figure a year earlier of \$9,776,706.89.

A BEQUEST of \$200,000 for the establishment of a department of clinical surgery has been ordered paid by trustees of the estate of Edward A. W. Hunter to the University of Pennsylvania by Judge Thompson in the orphans' court. The fund awarded the university will establish the "Agnew and Hunter Department of Clinical Surgery" in memory of Drs. D. Hayes Agnew and Charles D. Hunter.

A BILL now pending in the Texas Legislature provides for an appropriation of \$200,000 for the establishment of a State College of Technology and Textile Engineering.

J. LEIGHTON STUART, president of Peking University, has announced a contingent gift of \$75,000 by the China Medical Board of the Rockefeller Foundation. Mr. Stuart recently arrived in the United States to speak in the interest of a campaign to raise \$1,000,000 necessary for the removal of the university from its present temporary quarters to its new site by September, 1924.

DR. WALLACE W. ATWOOD, president of

Clark University, who was granted a three-months' leave of absence by the board of trustees to visit Europe, has returned. He visited universities and colleges in Scotland, England, Belgium, Germany, Holland, France and Switzerland. He made engagements with several scholars to occupy the visiting professor's chair in geography at Clark for six months or a year.

E. A. MILLER, formerly field agent for the states relations service, United States Department of Agriculture, who for the past four months has been professor of rural economics and sociology in Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College, has been named director of the Extension Division of the college, succeeding W. A. Conner, whose resignation became effective on January 1.

DR. ROBERT A. LAMBERT, assistant professor of pathology and bacteriology in the Yale University School of Medicine since 1919, is severing his connection with the university to assume the professorship in the department of pathology at São Paulo, Brazil. The chair is filled by an appointee of the Rockefeller Foundation, the professor of pathology being a member of the faculty of the school, and in academic matters to be under the direction of the dean, but appointed in cooperation with the Rockefeller Foundation.

DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE

RESEARCH IN MARINE BIOLOGY

TO THE EDITOR OF SCIENCE: Under the above heading Professor W. J. Crozier¹ has recently advocated a permanent marine biological laboratory in a tropical or semitropical situation, as a continuation of the work of the Department of Marine Biology, Carnegie Institution, so ably directed by the late A. G. Mayor. Dr. Crozier's letter seems to be a special plea for a subtropical institution. Some of his arguments, however, will not hold water. He says:

Those whose varied experiences have provided an adequate background for judgment in this matter are unanimous in the conviction that the most suitable locations are to be found on the shores of tropical or semi-tropical seas.

¹ SCIENCE, December 29, 1922, p. 751.