

to be made under conditions prescribed by a committee consisting of the president of the society, chairman; Dr. Cook, professor of pathology; Dr. Noback, professor of anatomy, and the secretary. First, the prize will be awarded at commencement time. Second, the applicant must be a *bona fide* undergraduate student of the Medical College of Virginia.

PROFESSOR NORMAN R. CAMPBELL writes to *Nature*: "Surely the time has come to abandon the practice of attaching to elements fancy names arbitrarily selected by individuals. When names concerned nobody but a small clique in constant personal communication, and when they had nothing more important to record about an element than the personality of its discoverer, there may have been something to say for the system. Now-a-days neither condition is fulfilled. Thousands are interested who have no means of expressing their opinion; and there is something definitely scientific to be said about elements. The new element was discovered as a consequence of a theory of the structure of the atom, and its discoverers should surely be glad to see a record left in the name that their discovery was no lucky fluke. Dr. Aston, who has discovered at least twice as many elements as anybody else in the history of science, has set a good example; he has waived his right of naming, undoubted under the old dispensation. He has left them unnamed until a consensus of scientific opinion has established a scientific system of nomenclature. Will not others follow his lead? Until its isotopic constitution is discovered, let us simply call the new element 72."

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NOTES

At the University of Cambridge the admission of women students of Girton and Newnham Colleges to titular degrees in the university has now been approved. Among the other privileges granted to women students by the new regulations is included the right to be admitted to instruction in the university and to university laboratories and museums, though the number receiving such instruction at any one time is limited to five hundred.

THE chief engineer of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, Benjamin Garver Lamme; the engineer of the Philadelphia Electric Company, Paul Ortams Reynau; and the superintendent of equipment of The All American Cable company, N. J. Perryman, will lecture at Yale this year to students in electrical engineering.

PROFESSOR W. S. WELLES has been made head of the Department of Agricultural Education at the Massachusetts Agricultural College to take the place of Professor William R. Hart, who retired on March 31.

PROFESSOR FODOR of the University of Halle, Germany, has arrived in Jerusalem to organize the plan for the biochemical institute of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

ADDITIONS to the endowment funds and gifts for current use amounting to about \$1,200,000, received by the University of California since March 23, 1922, were read by President David P. Barrows at the annual Charter Day exercises. Four annual scholarships have been established at the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, as a memorial to employees of the company and its subsidiaries who served in the world war. Each scholarship carries an annual payment of \$500 for a period not to exceed four years, to be applied toward an engineering education in any technical school or college selected by the candidate. Scholarships are allotted by competitive examinations to (a) sons of employees in employ for five years or more; and, (b) employees continuously employed for at least two years and not over 23 years of age.

DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE

PROFESSOR LLOYD AND VEGETABLE CRYSTALS

PROFESSOR LLOYD attacks statements of mine regarding the formation of vegetable crystals, recently published in this *Journal*, because in his opinion they tend to invalidate views recently expressed by himself in the *American Journal of Botany*. The only reference made by him to the subject of crystals in that article is a brief one on page 157 which reads, "Chloroplasts and starch grains are usually present,