

trustees of the Gusta Morris Rothschild estate and the fourth by Albert Kuppenheimer.

PROFESSOR BROUWER, of Delft, Holland, has sent a set of invertebrate fossils of Permian age to the geological museum of the University of Michigan. Professor Brouwer, who was the exchange professor with Professor W. H. Hobbs of the department of geology last year, made the collection in the Dutch East Indies.

THE legacy of one million francs left by the late Prince Albert of Monaco to the French Academy of Medicine, is to be used to found a prize for doctors for certain kinds of medical service or discoveries. It is intended that the value of the prize shall be 120,000 francs and that it shall be awarded once every two years. The council of the academy has not yet decided whether the prize is to be international.

A SOCIETY of Bologna has founded an endowment of 6,000 francs yearly for an Italian student of physics and chemistry who wishes to do research work in the Curie Laboratory, Paris. The fellowship is endowed for ten years.

A PARTY from the public health service in Mexico has been visiting the Institute for Tropical Medicine at Hamburg, to aid in establishing closer relations between the institute and the state of Mexico.

THE British Department of Scientific and Industrial Research announces that a license has been issued by the Board of Trade to the Research Association of British Flour Millers under the conditions laid down in the Government scheme for the encouragement of industrial research.

ACCORDING to figures of the United States Forest Service compiled for the fiscal year ended June 30, revenues from sales of timber and livestock grazing permits and use of forest lands for summer homes and hotels brought in \$5,335,818. This amount is about \$1,000,000 larger than the average annual receipts of the preceding five years. Of the receipts, \$1,371,551 will be paid over to states containing national forests for use as school and road funds of the counties in which the national forests are located. An additional \$528,569 will be used in building roads and trails in the forests. Twenty-seven states and Alaska shared in the distribution, California receiving \$445,675.

THE London School of Tropical Medicine has arranged to send an expedition to Samoa to study the prevention of elephantiasis and filariasis, diseases which affect 85 per cent. of the inhabitants of the Samoan group. The expedition will have its headquarters at Apia and will be away for two years; it will work in cooperation with the New Zealand government, which is responsible for the administration of Samoa. The expedition, which will leave England on November 15, will be under the leadership of Dr.

Patrick Buxton, who did valuable work on entomology in Mesopotamia during the war, and has recently been entomologist to the Palestine Government at Jerusalem.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NOTES

MR. EDWARD and MISS ADA DOERNBECHER, of Portland, Oregon, have recently donated \$200,000 to the University of Oregon Medical School to be used in the construction of the Doernbecher Memorial Children's Hospital on the campus of the medical school.

CHARLES STILLMAN, of New York City, has given to Yale University the sum of \$100,000 to establish the James Raymond Goodrich Scholarship Fund to provide each year ten scholarships of \$500 each, to be awarded to students of exceptional character and ability.

FORMAL dedication of the new pathological laboratory building of the Johns Hopkins Medical School was held on November 1. Addresses were made by Dr. Frank J. Goodnow, president of the university; Dr. William G. MacCallum, Baxley professor of pathology, and Dr. William H. Welch, director of the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health.

FRANK DICKSON, for the past three years instructor in plant pathology in Cornell University, has been appointed assistant professor in plant pathology in the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B. C.

DR. M. A. CHRYSLER has resigned his position as head of the department of biology of the University of Maine to accept a position in the department of botany of Rutgers College.

DR. W. A. WHITESELL, of the Johns Hopkins University, has accepted a position as associate professor of chemistry at the University of South Carolina.

DR. FRANKLIN C. MCLEAN, for several years director of the Peking (China) Union Medical College, has been appointed professor of medicine at the University of Chicago Medical School.

DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE

THE FIRE IN CALIFORNIA

It appears that the accounts of the great conflagration of September seventeenth in Berkeley, which appeared in the public press in various parts of the world, were inaccurate in various degrees, and it seems advisable that a correct statement of the salient facts be published.

A grass, brush and forest fire in the hills northeasterly from Berkeley, fanned by an extremely strong northeast wind, got beyond control and between the hours of 2:45 p. m., and 5:15 p. m., spread over