Mr. Holway for permanent preservation at the university. Those who have letters from Mr. Holway, or who are interested in his collections, are invited to write the undersigned.

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THE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF THE UNIVER-SITY OF ROCHESTER

It is planned to open the new medical school of the University of Rochester in September, 1925, and the Strong Memorial Hospital, with its 240 beds, will open a few weeks in advance, and the nurses' home four months earlier, in order that its training school may complete the training of an adequate staff of undergraduate nurses before the hospital first opens its doors to the public.

Considering 1925 as the year for the completion of the building program of the school, it is estimated that there will be available, from accumulated interest and the Strong Memorial gift, approximately \$3,-000,000 for building expenses, without encroaching upon the \$9,000,000 capital originally donated. This fund will be left intact, therefore, as an endowment to provide for the running expenses of both school and hospital. As far as is known, this is one of the few instances on record where a large educational institution will have been built without encroaching upon its original endowments. It is announced that those entrusted with the destinies of the Rochester institution have chosen deliberately to build modestly and simply and to place the future reputation of the school in its scholastic attainments rather than in its outer appearance.

A final addition to the medical school and hospital group, as at present planned, will be the new municipal hospital to contain 240 beds to be built by the city of Rochester at some time in the near future close by the Strong Memorial Hospital, and coordinated with it both physically and in its operation. Piling already has been driven for the foundations of this structure.

It will be remembered that the General Education Board and George Eastman, of the Eastman Kodak Company, provided the sum of \$9,000,000 for the foundation of a medical school for the University of Rochester. To this amount was added a donation of \$1,000,000 from the two daughters of the late Henry A. Strong for a hosiptal to be built in conjunction with the school in order to enable it to carry out its work under the most favorable conditions.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

J. S. DILLER recently retired from the United States Geological Survey, in which he has served for more than forty years. In testimony of their esteem his associates on the survey tendered him a luncheon at the Cosmos Club on January 22, at which Colonel H. C. Rizer, chief clerk of the survey, presided. Dr. W. M. Davis, of Harvard University, a life-long friend of Mr. Diller, who was a guest at the luncheon, gave some reminiscences of their early experiences together in work on Appalachian structural geology. Appreciative remarks were made by Director George Otis Smith, Dr. F. W. Clarke and S. J. Kübel.

THE seventieth birthday of Dr. Roux, director of the Pasteur Institute, was celebrated on December 17, in the library of the Pasteur Institute. Dr. Roux was present. M. Vallery-Radot and Dr. Calmette spoke on Roux's life and work.

Dr. PAUL VON GROTH, professor of mineralogy in the University of Munich, whose eightieth birthday was celebrated on June 23, will retire on April 1.

DR. JOHANNES FIBIGER, professor ordinarius in pathologic anatomy at the University of Copenhagen, has been awarded the first Sofie A. Nordhoff-Jung Cancer Research Prize. The commission on award consisted of Professors Borst, Doederlein, v. Romberg and Sauerbruch, all of the University of Munich.

FREDERICK M. BECKET, chief metallurgist of the Electro Metallurgical Company, and vice-president of the Union Carbide and Carbon Research Laboratories, Inc. (both subsidiaries of the Union Carbide and Carbon Corporation), was awarded the Perkin Medal of the Society of Chemical Industry, on January 11, for his achievements in the field of applied chemistry.

OFFICERS of the Washington Academy of Sciences for 1924 are: *President*: Arthur L. Day, Geophysical Laboratory, Carnegie Institution; *corresponding secretary*: Francis B. Silsbee, Bureau of Standards; *recording secretary*: W. D. Lambert, U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey; *treasurer*: R. L. Faris, U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.

NATHAN CLIFFORD GROVER, chief hydraulic engineer of the United States Geological Survey, Washington, D. C., has been elected president of the Washington Society of Engineers.

WILLIAM C. L. EGLIN, vice-president in charge of the engineering department of the Philadelphia Electric Company, was installed as president of the Franklin Institute of the State of Pennsylvania on January 16.

WILLIAM L. SAUNDERS, chairman of the Naval Consulting Board, was elected on February 2 president of the United Engineering Society, New York City. Mr. Saunders is deputy chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, chairman of the Ingersoll-