

discuss soil problems arising in their work, and they will be provided with facilities for experimental investigations.

PRESIDENT HENRY F. OSBORN, of the American Museum of Natural History has received the following telegram from the well-known geologist of southern California, Robert T. Hill: "Human remains found here completely fossilized. Occur twenty-five feet deep in horizontal stratified material of old recent or latest Pleistocene. No possibility of intrusion or confusion with outwash or Santa Barbara occurrence. Considered most unquestionable ancient occurrence yet reported. Material well cared for by Bryan and Stock." The scientific experts mentioned are William Alanson Bryan, director of the Los Angeles Museum, and Chester Stock, of the University of California.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NOTES

THE University of Colorado has received a grant of \$180,000 from the General Education Board and a gift of \$120,000 from Mrs. Verner Z. Reed, of Denver, Colorado, to provide equipment for the new medical school and hospital plant now being erected in Denver. This consists of a large central building to house the medical school and general hospital, a psychopathic hospital, a nurses home and training school, and a power and heating plant. In addition to the gifts mentioned above, the funds for the new institution have been contributed as follows: the General Education Board has given \$700,000; the Carnegie Corporation, \$100,000; the State of Colorado, \$950,000, and private individuals, \$160,000. The school will be opened in September.

AN anonymous legacy of \$200,000 for the establishment of an endowment fund for research work in the department of pediatrics has been received by Cornell University Medical School.

By the will of the late Dr. Emmett Holt, Columbia University receives the sum of \$25,000 for the establishment of a fellowship for the study of diseases of children. The Babies' Hospital of New York City also receives \$25,000 to be used for the support of research work in the wards and laboratories of said hospital.

IN honor of Dr. Charles William Eliot a loan fund of \$2,000 has been established at the Harvard Medical School by an anonymous friend of the university. It will be used to assist needy students in the medical school, under provisions to be determined by the dean, and will be known as the Charles William Eliot Loan Fund. The original donor specified that the fund might be increased from time to time with the thought that other individuals interested both in the medical school

and in such a tribute to Dr. Eliot might wish to add to the established fund.

DR. FREDERICK L. RANSOME, who has been in charge of the section of metalliferous deposits with the United States Geological Survey since 1912, and who has during the present college year held the position of professor of economic geology in the University of Arizona at Tucson while on leave of absence from the survey, has accepted permanently the chair of economic geology at the University of Arizona, and will resign from the survey.

DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE PORTRAITS OF NATURALISTS AT STANFORD UNIVERSITY

BEGINNING in the year of the great earthquake in California, 1906, there has gradually come into existence, at Stanford University, a collection of portraits of eminent naturalists which deserves more than local recognition.

These are not, as a rule, photographs, for the strong light of this climate has made me doubt the wisdom of collecting portraits done in a medium the permanence of which, in certain instances at least, is questionable. A serious attempt has been made, therefore, to collect engravings and prints of other sorts with a view to greater permanence.

These portraits are framed and hung on the walls of the library of the department of botany. As one enters this room from the hall one faces the impressive figure of Charles Darwin, two thirds life size, an India proof of the etching by Flameng from the painted portrait of Collier in the National Portrait Gallery in London, the portrait made familiar by photogravures which were reasonably numerous twenty-five or more years ago, but in the finer form of etching increasingly rare.

To the right, one sees an artist proof, by the same painter and etcher, of Huxley, also increasingly rare. The beautiful portrait of Charles Darwin, which bears his signature (whether in facsimile or original, I have not been able to determine) is flanked by portraits of his father and grandfather on one side and his son, Sir Francis Darwin, on the other—four generations of this famous family being revealed to the visitor and student. Comparison of these four faces leads to interesting impressions—comparison of the four figures, assuming the equal fidelity of the four portraits—leads to the conclusion that overeating is less common than formerly! On the same wall is a lithograph portrait of Henslow—for "Darwin walked with Henslow."

A steel engraving of Sir Joseph Hooker, seated in a Himalayan landscape and waited upon by natives bringing collections of rhododendrons and other