

collected by Professor R. B. Harvey, of the University of Minnesota. Due to the favorable arrangements made by the government, it is expected that cost of attendance will be kept very low, and that considerable numbers of students will avail themselves of the opportunities afforded to combine natural history training with a summer outing.

### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NOTES

WESTERN UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF MEDICINE, of London, Ontario, will receive bequests amounting to \$110,000 under the will of the late Dr. F. R. Eccles, who for many years was dean of the faculty of medicine of the university.

DR. JOHN PURSER, Regius professor of physics at Trinity College, Dublin, has given to the university £10,000 to be used for the benefit of the school of physics and the schools of experimental and natural science.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, London, will celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of its foundation next year.

THE new Seoul Imperial University Medical School is completed and will be opened in the near future. Dr. K. Shiga has been appointed dean of the school.

DR. VICTOR C. MYERS, professor and director of the department of biochemistry, New York Post-Graduate Medical School and Hospital, has resigned to accept the appointment of professor of biochemistry at the State University of Iowa and pathologic chemist to the University Hospital.

DR. ARTHUR I. KENDALL, dean of the Northwestern University Medical School, has been appointed director of the department of bacteriology and hygiene at Washington University Medical School, St. Louis.

DR. H. P. K. AGERSBORG, instructor in biology at Williams College, has been appointed professor of biology and head of the department, at the James Millikin University, Decatur, Illinois.

DR. L. GRANT HECTOR, Tyndall fellow in physics at Columbia University, has been appointed assistant professor of physics in the University of Buffalo.

DR. GEORGE JOHNSON, professor of zoology at the University of Mississippi, has been appointed professor of zoology at the University of Kansas, to take the place of Dr. F. L. Hisaw, who has accepted a position at the University of Wisconsin.

EDWARD ARTHUR MILNE, assistant director of the Solar Physics Observatory at the University of Cambridge, has been appointed to the Beyer chair of applied mathematics at the University of Manchester.

### QUOTATIONS

#### SOME REMINISCENCES OF LORD KELVIN

IT is of interest at the present time to recall that Lord Kelvin, Sir George Stokes and Professor Huxley were elected fellows of the Royal Society in the same year and on the the same day, namely, June 5, 1851. Each of this brilliant triumvirate lived to receive the honor of the presidency, in 1883, 1885 and 1890, respectively. The certificate of candidature of Lord Kelvin (William Thomson) was signed by Michael Faraday, John Couch Adams and Adam Sedgwick, the distinguished Woodwardian professor of geology in the University of Cambridge. In retrospect, the support of Sedgwick is especially interesting since we know, through Sir Archibald Geikie, that from the year 1844 onwards for some eighteen years Lord Kelvin watched with increasing impatience the spread of the doctrines of the Uniformitarian School in geology, and at length, in 1862, "broke silence on the subject, declaring the doctrines of that school to be opposed to physical laws." It was one of the accepted tenets of the Uniformitarian School that the range of past time available for the explanation of the phenomena of geology was unlimited; but by arguments drawn from the origin and age of the sun's heat, the internal heat and rate of cooling of the earth, and the tidal retardation of the earth's rotation, Lord Kelvin fixed limits to the possible age of our planet. These have, of course, more recently been disputed. Lord Kelvin was always most punctilious in correspondence. Following the onerous engagements incidental to the celebration of his professional jubilee at Glasgow in 1896, he occupied himself on the way to London in writing autograph acknowledgments of the congratulation of friends. Not a few of his distinctive shorter papers were composed during railway journeys between Glasgow and London. In fact, wherever there was motion he found an atmosphere of calm, the hum of machinery acting as a mental stimulus. Mention may be made here that Lord Kelvin's portrait, by Orchardson, hangs in the Royal Society's meeting-room, the gift of a circle of fellows.—*Nature*.

#### EVOLUTION IN GEORGIA

By a vote of 13 to 0 the Committee on Education of the Lower House of the Georgia Legislature has reported favorably a bill which would withhold state support from any school or university in which the doctrine of evolution is accepted for study. The down-with-evolution movement, which began in the border states some three years ago, moves eastward to the seaboard. The Georgia Legislature is likely, by all reports, to enact the measure. A majority of Georgians seem to want to suppress evolution once for all.

For a time this attitude on the part of border