

Baltimore about October 1 to take up his work again in the School of Hygiene and Public Health of the Johns Hopkins University. In addition to teaching at the Peking Union Medical College, Dr. Cort, associated with Dr. J. B. Grant and Dr. N. R. Stoll, has been engaged in investigations on hookworm disease in China. Surveys and epidemiologic studies have been carried out at Chefoo, Peking, Wuchang, Soochow, Nantungchow and Canton. The headquarters of the work have been at the Soochow Hospital, Soochow, where a continuous program of experimental researches has been carried out, beginning with July, 1923. The China Hookworm Commission has worked under the auspices of the Peking Union Medical College, and has been financed by the International Health Board of the Rockefeller Foundation.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NOTES

THE department of medicine of the University of Virginia at Charlottesville has received the sum of \$15,000 from an anonymous donor to establish scholarships in memory of Dr. Richard H. Whitehead, dean of the school from 1905-1916.

THE University of Cambridge has received a bequest from the late Mrs. Constance Jenkinson for the purpose of founding a lectureship for the encouragement and advance of research in comparative and experimental embryology in the university, to be called the John Wilfred Jenkinson Memorial Lectureship, in memory of her husband, a fellow of Exeter College, who was killed in the war.

THE Board of Governors of McGill University has authorized the construction of a new building for the department of electricity.

ON August 1, the London School of Tropical Medicine became incorporated in the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine under the directorship of Dr. Andrew Balfour. All the members of the old institution will become members of the staff of the new London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

AT the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Mississippi on July 29, Dr. Alfred Hume, vice-chancellor, was elected chancellor; Dr. J. O. Crider, assistant dean of the School of Medicine, was elected dean; Lloyd E. Thatcher, of the department of zoology of the University of Michigan, was elected professor of biology and embryology, and T. E. Wilson, Jr., was elected acting assistant professor of histology and physiology.

AT the North Carolina State College of Agriculture and Engineering, Dr. Arthur J. Wilson, of Wabash College, and Dr. Frank E. Rice, of Cornell Univer-

sity, have been appointed professors in the department of chemistry.

DR. FLOYD H. ALLPORT, formerly associate professor of psychology in the University of North Carolina, has accepted a professorship of political and social psychology in the new School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, to be opened this fall at Syracuse University.

PROFESSOR E. M. WATSON has been appointed lecturer on pathologic chemistry at the Western University Faculty of Medicine, London, Ont., and consulting pathologist for Victoria Hospital.

PROFESSOR ULRICH EBBECKE, of Göttingen, has been appointed to the chair of physiology at Bonn, vacated by Professor Hofman.

DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE NEW CASTS OF THE PITHECANTHROPUS REMAINS

IN the beginning of July, 1923, during the writer's visit to Professor Eugene Dubois, to examine, at the latter's invitation and after their long seclusion, the highly important originals of the *Pithecanthropus*, the need of new and reliable casts of all the remains was urged upon Professor Dubois, who promised to comply as soon as circumstances permitted. On July 10, this year, the following gratifying and self-explanatory letter was received:

"Dear Dr. H.

To-day I have forwarded to the Koninklyke Akademie von Wetenschappen, Amsterdam, casts of all the fossil remains of *Pithecanthropus erectus*: the calvarium, the endocranial cavity, the femur, the three teeth and the mandibular fragment, for the U. S. National Museum, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C.

I beg to excuse the late date of this, a year ago promised sending, by my having been seriously indisposed during a long time and the circumstances that we have no specialist in this country to make casts of this kind, so that the work had to be done for the greatest part by my own hands.

Believe me sincerely yours,
(Sgd.) EUG. DUBOIS."

It is understood that two other sets of these casts have been made, one of which is destined for the American Museum of Natural History.

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U. S. NATIONAL MUSEUM

AS STUDENTS UNDERSTAND IT

I THINK it was President Eliot who used the expression, "The incredible incapacity of the average student to receive instruction."

During 36 years, 34 of which have been continuous at one institution, of active work in teaching—per-