

other distinguished fellows of the Royal College of Physicians; Sir H. K. Anderson, M.D., master of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge (of which Harvey was a member); Sir Charles Sherrington, M.D., president of the Royal Society; Sir Archibald Garrod, M.D., Regius professor of medicine at Oxford; Sir D'Arcy Power; and Dr. A. D. Brenchley, Master of the Society of Apothecaries. The chairman is Lord Stanmore, treasurer of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, to which Harvey was physician. Donations from members of the medical profession may be sent to Dr. Sidney Phillips, joint honorary secretary of the fund, at the Royal College of Physicians, Pall Mall, S.W.1."

UNDER the general supervision of Dr. William Gates, director of the department of Middle American Research of Tulane University, the first Tulane expedition, led by Franz Blom (lately with the Carnegie Institution) is on a five months' tour above the Tehuantepec line, visiting many little known or unvisited Maya sites, through Tabasco, Chiapas, Guatemala and out through Peten and Belize. Last November the state of Tabasco invited the New Orleans Association of Commerce to send as its guests a commission to look into the needs and possibilities of that state. The commission represents the Association of Commerce, Tulane and Louisiana State Universities and various local interests, and includes Congressman O'Connor and a member representing the joint banks. The Tabasco state government has requested Tulane University to organize an agronomic plant survey for two years. This will be undertaken by Mr. Earl S. Haskell and A. C. Hartenbower, men who are familiar with conditions in South America, the Philippines, Guam and Mexico, and by Drs. Walter Evans and Spillman, of the Department of Agriculture. Dr. Gates writes that this and work initiated in Honduras are the beginning of a far-reaching program of tropical plant research.

### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NOTES

GROUND has been broken at the University of Pennsylvania for an anatomical laboratory to cost \$1,300,000.

THE University of Cincinnati has received \$400,000 from a group of donors for the erection of a new hospital.

DR. JOHN M. THOMAS, president of Pennsylvania State College since 1921, has been elected president of Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N. J. Dr. Thomas succeeds President William H. S. Demarest, who resigned July 1, 1924.

DR. PARKE R. KOLBE has resigned as president of

the Municipal University of Akron to accept the presidency of the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn. He succeeds President Frederick Atkinson, who becomes president emeritus.

DR. DEAN LEWIS, of the Rush Medical School, has been appointed head of the department of surgery at the Johns Hopkins University Medical School and surgeon-in-chief to the hospital.

DR. ALBERT W. GILES, associate professor of geology at the University of Virginia and acting state geologist, has been advanced to a professorship in geology.

DONALD H. McLAUGHLIN, chief geologist of the Cerro del Pasco Mining Corporation in Peru, has been named professor of mining engineering at Harvard University.

NEW appointments at George Washington University, Washington, D. C., for the academic year 1925-1926 include the following: Colin Mackenzie Mackall, Ph.D. (Johns Hopkins), of St. Johns College, to be professor of chemistry; James R. Randolph, of the U. S. Bureau of Standards, to be assistant professor of mechanical engineering; Franklin L. Hunt, Ph.D. (Mass. Inst. Tech.), of the Bureau of Standards, to be lecturer in physics; Benjamin Douglas Van Evera, of Iowa State University, to be instructor in chemistry; John Philip Mason, of Princeton University, to be instructor in chemistry; William F. Roeser, of the Bureau of Standards, to be instructor in electrical engineering, and Carl J. Frederick, of Nebraska Wesleyan University, to be instructor in physics.

DR. EDWARD A. STRECKER, of the Pennsylvania Hospital for the Insane, has been appointed professor of nervous and mental diseases at Jefferson Medical College to succeed Dr. Francis X. Dercum, who resigned last April, and Dr. William M. Sweet, professor of ophthalmology at the graduate school of the University of Pennsylvania, has been elected to the chair of ophthalmology to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Dr. Howard F. Hansell.

### DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE A NEW BACTERIAL DISEASE OF TOMATO FRUITS

A DISEASE of tomatoes which caused big losses to the growers occurred last June in Texas, and in August and September in Nebraska. The disease is first noticed in green full-grown tomatoes, but it is hard to detect at this stage unless close attention is given to the stems. When the fruits are green they show a little brown spot or a dark ring around and under the stem. As the fruit is shipped green,