

made. The prize for 1922 is awarded to Dr. Fritz Sarasin, of Basle, for his work on the anthropology of the New Caledonians, and to Dr. E. Pittard, of the University of Geneva, for his book on the peoples of the Balkans. The prize for 1924 was divided between Dr. Antoine Delattre for a thesis on the comparative anatomy of the axis in mammals; M. Chaine, of Bordeaux, for his work on the digastric muscle, and M. Cipriano Lidio, of Florence, on the human patella.

THE Wagner Free Institute of Science of Philadelphia is about to begin the publication of a quarterly bulletin to contain reports of research conducted under its auspices and also information in regard to its educational activities. Volume II of its Transactions is now in press containing a paper on "The Chemistry and Physiology of the American Pitcher Plants," by Dr. Joseph S. Hepburn.

THE University of Washington is to be an international center of the United States and Canadian fisheries research work on the Pacific Coast, according to announcement from Dean John N. Cobb, of the College of Fisheries. The International Fisheries Commission, composed of official state fisheries commissions of Pacific coast states, Alaska and British Columbia, together with the entire Canadian department of fisheries, will consolidate all work here. The university was selected especially because of its proximity to the halibut and salmon supply. Eight leading fisheries scientists will locate in Seattle, among them William S. Thompson, of the California state fisheries, and Dr. H. F. Rich, of Washington, D. C.

AN increase of the endowment of the American Museum of Natural History of New York City by \$10,000,000 was urged by its president, Dr. Henry Fairfield Osborn, in his annual financial administrative report made to the board of trustees. While gifts for exploration and other special purposes reached the record amount of \$400,000 in 1925, according to Dr. Osborn, additional funds are needed to enable the museum to resume work now suspended and carry on its normal expansion. Operating and administrative costs of the museum, he said, have risen 120 per cent. in the last decade without a corresponding increase in the endowment or the city's annual appropriation.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NOTES

ABOUT \$6,000,000 will ultimately be given to charitable and educational institutions under the will of the late Dr. Norman Bridge. The estate, on the death of the widow, is to be divided equally between the University of Chicago for medical education, the University of Southern California Medical Department,

the Barlow Sanatorium Association of Los Angeles, the Southwest Museum Incorporated, Los Angeles, and La Vina, a sanatorium in Pasadena; each of the five institutions, it is reported, will receive about \$1,200,000. There were ten \$10,000 bequests also, among others to Northwestern University and the University of California.

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY has received a gift of \$150,000 from Thomas D. Jones, of Chicago, to be used to endow a chair in the department of mathematics to be called the Henry Burchard Fine professorship of mathematics in honor of Professor Fine, dean of the department of science.

A RECENT gift to Yale University made by Mrs. Knight, widow of Dr. George H. Knight, completes the amount necessary for meeting the terms of the General Education Board contingent pledge of \$1,000,000 endowment for the school of medicine.

DR. ALBERT W. GILES, professor of geology at the University of Virginia and former state geologist of Virginia, has been appointed head of the department of geology at the University of Arkansas.

DR. OAKES AMES, assistant professor of economic botany at Harvard University, has been promoted to professor of botany in the university.

DR. ALBERT O. HAYES, of Ottawa, Canada, has been appointed visiting professor for the second term at Lafayette College to fill the vacancy in the department of geology, created by the death of the late Professor Peck.

DR. PAUL B. MACCREADY, formerly a fellow in medicine of the National Research Council, has recently been appointed as clinical instructor of surgery at Yale University Medical School.

PROFESSOR A. V. HILL, who recently resigned from the Jodrell chair of physiology at University College, London, to accept an appointment by the Royal Society to a Foulerton chair, will continue his work at the University of London and will hold the title of professor of physiology.

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR F. J. TEAGO, of the University of Liverpool, has been appointed to the Robert Rankin chair of electrical machinery in the university.

DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE

A NOTE ON THE HUMBOLDT CURRENT AND THE SARGASSO SEA

As I have already reported unofficially, when I visited the Galapagos during the early months of 1925, in the New York Zoological Society's oceanographic vessel *Arcturus*, I found the Humboldt Cur-