

be limited to 500 members, including physicians' families and friends. Eminent clinicians and teachers in these foreign centers will have charge of the program of the assembly, covering every branch of medical science. For those who desire to stay longer, three return sailing dates have been arranged. Dr. William J. Mayo, Rochester, Minn., is president of clinics; Dr. Charles H. Mayo, general chairman of the foreign assemblies, and Dr. George W. Crile, Cleveland, chairman of the program committee.

THE Cambridge (England) University Medical Society will visit America during August and September, leaving Liverpool for Montreal, August 13. The party will comprise about 200 physicians and students of medicine at Cambridge University. They will go to Toronto, Niagara, Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, New Haven and Boston.

DR. R. P. HIBBARD, president of the American Society of Plant Physiologists, writes that the society has established a life membership fund of \$2,000, in honor of Dr. Charles Reid Barnes, who was, at the time of his death in 1910, professor of plant physiology at the University of Chicago. The fund has been established in accordance with plans accepted by the society at its second annual meeting at Kansas City. The interest of this fund will be used each year to elect to life membership in the society some member whose contributions to plant physiology make him most worthy to receive the honor. The members so elected will be known as the Charles Reid Barnes life members. The first election will be held in connection with the third annual meeting at Philadelphia, in December, 1926.

WILLIAM L. SAUNDERS, president of the United Engineering Societies, has given funds for the establishment and support of a gold medal to be conferred annually in recognition of achievement in the field of mining under the auspices of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers. A committee of well-known mining technologists will be appointed to formulate the terms of the award.

DR. FRANK SMITHIES has presented to the University of Illinois School of Medicine bonds in sufficient amount to yield annually, at a minimum and in perpetuity, the sum of \$100, to be known as "The William Beaumont Memorial Fund," and the annual income therefrom, "The Annual Beaumont Memorial Award."

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NOTES

THE sum of \$500,000 has been given to the University of Pennsylvania by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Phipps, of New York, to be devoted to the welfare of the

Phipps Institute. The gift was made on condition that the university raise an equal amount for the institute.

As a contribution toward the \$500,000 which the University of New Brunswick now plans to raise as an endowment fund, Sir George E. Foster, an ex-finance minister of Canada, has contributed \$50,000.

A GIFT of \$500,000 to the Hebrew University of Palestine at Jerusalem has been made by Mrs. Sol Rosenbloom, of Pittsburgh.

THE endowment for the Henry Burchard Fine professorship of mathematics at Princeton University has been increased to \$200,000 by a gift of \$50,000 from Thomas D. Jones, trustee of the university. The gift makes the Fine chair the most heavily endowed in the Princeton faculty.

AMONG other bequests the late Dr. L. Emmett Holt has left the sum of \$25,000 to Columbia University.

I. O. SCHAUB, director of the agricultural extension work at the Mississippi State College, has been appointed acting dean of the school of agriculture.

PROFESSOR ETHELWYNN R. BECKWITH, who was acting head of the department of mathematics at the College for Women at Western Reserve University last year, has been appointed head of the department of mathematics at Milwaukee-Downer College.

L. P. GABBARD, associate professor of agricultural economics at the University of Wisconsin, is resigning to take a position at the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College.

DR. ADELE L. GRANT, instructor in botany at Cornell University, has resigned to accept a position as senior lecturer at Huguenot College, Wellington, South Africa.

PROFESSOR G. VIALE, of Sassari, Italy, has been appointed to fill the chair of physiology at the Rosario Medical School, Brazil.

DR. A. RADCLIFFE-BROWN, professor of social anthropology in the University of Capetown, South Africa, has been appointed to the new chair of anthropology at the University of Sidney.

DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE MORBIDITY OF THE AMERICAN INDIANS

ON page xiv of *Science Supplement* in the issue of August 14, 1925, there appeared under the heading *Items* three paragraphs quoting a Dr. Hewett concerning morbidity and mortality among the American Indians and the character of the medical care provided for them by the Indian Bureau of the Department of