

tions. The main achievements are reported to be as follows: Discovery of rich lead beds in the trans-Baikal region, exploration and discovery of gold fields in the Aldan region of Siberia, and finding of important strata of coal on Sakhalin Island. The expeditions will continue their researches and explorations during 1926, the government having allotted \$1,500,000 for this purpose.

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE GUINNESS has made public further particulars regarding the British government's agricultural policy. The most important item of the program is an additional grant of about \$2,500,000 for agricultural education and research during the coming five years, of which amount it is proposed to spend about \$250,000 on foot-and-mouth disease research and about \$60,000 on veterinary education and research. A new bureau is to be established to deal with marketing and cooperation. It is also proposed to establish new farm institutions for research work.

ACCORDING to the *Journal* of the American Medical Association, Representative Woodruff, of Michigan, has introduced a bill in the house of representatives which would establish, in the department of the interior, a bureau of medical research, the function of which would be to investigate physiologic processes; to devise means for controlling the bodily processes, and to determine the physical, chemical and biologic properties of materials where this would be advantageous to medical science. The bill provides for a director of the bureau, to be appointed by the president at a salary of \$15,000, an assistant director at \$10,000 and such other employees as the director should decide, these appointments to be made under civil service rules. There would be also a visiting committee of five prominent members of scientific societies, not in the employ of the government, to serve without compensation. Mr. Woodruff's bill would authorize the director to negotiate for not more than 100 acres of land near the city of Washington at not more than \$2,000 an acre, and to draw plans for suitable buildings to cost not more than \$1,000,000. The director of the bureau of medical research, according to this bill, shall make plans and submit estimates to the director of the budget on a basis of spending about \$550,000 in 1927.

At the request of the International Committee on Intellectual Cooperation of the League of Nations, the American Library Association has compiled a list of the forty outstanding books published in the United States during the calendar year 1924. This is in pursuance of the plan of the League of Nations to publish yearly a list of the 600 most worth-while books in all countries on all subjects. Countries pub-

lishing 10,000 or more new books each year are entitled to name the maximum quota of forty. Of the forty just named, five are in the field of natural science as follows: Charles William Beebe, "Galapagos" (Putnam); Ellsworth Huntington, "The Character of Races" (Scribner); George Grant MacCurdy, "Human Origins," 2 vols. (Appleton); Edmund Vincent Cowdry, "General Cytology" (Univ. of Chicago Press); Vernon Kellogg, "Evolution" (Appleton).

CORRECTION. In Dr. Wheeler P. Davey's review of "The Natural History of Crystals" (SCIENCE, 1627, LXIII, 1926) the author's name was incorrectly given as A. E. Hutton. The correct spelling is A. E. Tutton.

## UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NOTES

THE New York Zoological Society, Vassar College, Williams College and Teachers College, Columbia University, will each receive \$300,000 by the will of the late Mrs. Mary Clark Thompson, of New York.

THE residuary estate of the late Artemas Ward, which has been left to Harvard University, is estimated to have a present value of \$4,000,000.

THE General Education Board has given to Richmond University \$100,000 for a science hall to replace that destroyed by fire a few months ago. It is planned to raise a fund of \$400,000 for this building.

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY has announced plans to build a large science hall on the shore of Lake Michigan at Superior Street as part of the downtown campus.

AMONG those who will give courses in the summer quarter at Stanford University are Professor A. R. Moore, of the department of physiology at Rutgers University, and Professor N. H. Furman, of the department of chemistry at Princeton University.

L. C. BAGBY has been appointed assistant professor of mathematics at the University of South Dakota.

DR. ALBERT WIGAND has been appointed professor of physics and meteorology at the Landwirtschaftliche Hochschule, Hohenheim-Stuttgart. He is also in charge of the seismological observatory and meteorological station at Hohenheim.

THE title of professor of physiology in the university has been conferred on Dr. J. S. Edkins, in respect of the post held by him at Bedford College.

DR. H. R. BRITON-JONES, mycologist at the Agricultural and Horticultural Research Station of the University of Bristol, has been appointed professor of mycology at the Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture, in succession to Professor Ashby.