

THE department of botany of Rutgers University is the recipient of an herbarium collection of ten thousand dried plants, presented by Mr. E. D. Riley, of Absecon, N. J. This collection contains valuable material from the southern part of the state, and a considerable number of plants from Ohio and California as well. A part of the collection was exhibited by Mr. Riley at the Columbian Exposition. Founded by Dr. N. L. Britton, botanist of the *Geological Survey*, in the years of 1881-1890, the State Herbarium has been developed until it contains a considerable representation of the flora of the state.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NOTES

FRIENDS of Professor William Berryman Scott, chairman of the department of geology at Princeton University, plan to raise \$50,000 to establish a Scott research fund in paleontology, as part of the \$2,000,000 fund which Princeton is endeavoring to raise for advanced teaching and scientific research.

At the University of London, a university chair of bacteriology and immunology, tenable at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, and a university chair of epidemiology and vital statistics, tenable at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, have been instituted.

PROFESSOR ARNOLD BENNETT HALL, of the department of political science at the University of Wisconsin, has announced his acceptance of the presidency of the University of Oregon and will assume his duties in September.

It is announced from the University of Wisconsin that Professor Arthur Sperry Pearse, of the department of zoology, has resigned to accept a research professorship in Duke University, Durham, S. C. He is now on a leave of absence, studying in the London School of Tropical Medicine.

DR. A. A. MOORE, professor of physiology at Rutgers University, has recently accepted the position of professor of zoology at the University of Oregon.

THE department of botany at the University of Texas has been reorganized to provide for the development of courses in bacteriology given by the department. The name has been changed to the department of botany and bacteriology. The staff in botany consists of Professors I. M. Lewis, F. McAllister, John T. Buchholz and Associate Professor B. C. Tharp; in bacteriology, Professor I. M. Lewis, Adjunct Professors E. E. Pittman and O. B. Williams.

THE recent announcement of changes in the department of mathematics at Princeton University should

read as follows: Dr. J. W. Alexander has been made associate professor and Dr. Tracy Yerkes Thomas has been made assistant professor.

PROFESSOR L. E. BLACKMAN, formerly employed as research chemist at the University of Delaware, Agricultural Experiment Station, has been appointed to the headship of the chemistry department of Upper Iowa University, Fayette, Iowa.

RECENT promotions at Princeton University include the following: Associate professors, B. F. Howell, A. F. Budington, R. M. Field, in the department of geology; F. A. Heacock, department of engineering; assistant professor, Philip Kissam, department of engineering.

DR. V. A. TAN has been appointed to a professorship of mathematics at the University of the Philippines. He received the doctorate at the University of Chicago in June, 1925.

DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE

ANTAEUS, OR THE FUTURE OF GEOLOGY

It may seem strange for a scientist to venture to offer a defense of the study of the classics in these days of uneducated scientific experts, and yet I can not help but feel that the older and now largely discredited training prepared one somewhat better for life, even the life of a well-rounded scientist, than the present technological preparation for a profession. I am not denying that the quintessence of culture can be gotten out of any science, but we are not all Huxleys, and one must ruefully admit that among us mediocre men who necessarily make up the bulk of the present day enlarged army of scientists, the full life is exceptional, and the cultural level is exceedingly low.

One never ceases to wonder at the important truths tucked away in Greek mythology, and among these there is none so full of meaning for every one as the legend of Antaeus, and it contains also a most serious and timely warning for geologists. To the man in the street its moral has been unconsciously voiced in the compelling phrase "Getting down to brass tacks."

Antaeus was a Libyan giant, the son of Poseidon and Gaea, and it could not be more appropriate than that the personification of geology should be the son of such a fitting union as the sea and the earth, and what could be nearer the mark of expressing the true ideal of a geologist? Antaeus compelled all strangers passing through the land to wrestle with him. When thrown, as he permitted himself to be, the strength which came to him from this contact with mother earth rendered him invincible, and he was thus enabled to build a temple with the skulls of his victims.