

W. S. Anderson, Experiment Station, Lexington. In his address the retiring president, Dr. Austin R. Middleton, of the University of Louisville, reported upon 132 essays upon evolution written by students of the department of biology. Only five held that evolution is not true. Of the remainder, 80 declared that what they had learned about evolution while at the university had strengthened their religious beliefs. Not one said that his religious belief had been affected. During the morning sessions twenty-two papers were presented in the two sections of the academy. In the afternoon a general address was given by Dr. H. H. Laughlin, director of the Eugenics Office of the Carnegie Institution at Cold Spring Harbor, on "The Principles of Eugenics."

A FEATURE of the annual meeting of the Boston Society of Natural History on May 5 was an exhibition of the 33 original water colors painted by Louis Agassiz Fuertes for Volume I of Forbush's "Birds of Massachusetts and other New England States." The society has received these noteworthy paintings as a permanent loan from the State of Massachusetts, through the kindness of Governor Fuller and Commissioner of Agriculture Gilbert. After the two remaining volumes of Forbush's work have been published, the rest of the paintings in this series (making a total of about 100) will be placed in the society's care for exhibition and preservation.

At a recent meeting of the executive committee of the Long Island Biological Association authority was given to proceed with the construction of a new frame building for the Biological Laboratory at Cold Spring Harbor. The building will be forty-two feet long by twenty-five feet wide. It will have two floors and a well-lighted basement. Each floor is to have a clearance of about nine feet, while the basement will be about seven feet in height, and will be above ground on the side facing the harbor. The two upper floors will be occupied by the classes in field and systematic botany and comparative anatomy. The building previously devoted to botany has been renovated for use as a research laboratory. Both buildings will be available for use this summer by workers at the laboratory.

CHARLES L. FABER has presented what is said to be one of the most complete collections of Ohio fossils to the department of geology of the University of Cincinnati.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NOTES

THE General Education Board has made a gift of \$750,000 to the Harvard Law School endowment fund,

conditioned upon the campaign committee's raising, from other sources, an additional \$1,450,000.

CHANCELLOR KIRKLAND, of Vanderbilt University, has announced that \$1,000,000 has already been pledged in the \$4,000,000 endowment campaign now in progress. \$500,000 of this amount was given by the General Education Board.

THE General Education Board has given Northwestern University \$600,000, contingent on the school raising \$1,400,000.

FREDERICK W. VANDERBILT and Harold S. Vanderbilt have given \$500,000 for the rebuilding of the Vanderbilt Clinic at Columbia University, which was established in 1886 by the gifts of four brothers—Cornelius, William K., Frederick W. and George W. Vanderbilt. The university has also received an anonymous gift of \$125,000, to be expended at the discretion of the trustees, for the benefit of the medical school.

DR. JOSEPH K. ROBERTS, of the department of geology of Vanderbilt University, has been appointed professor of geology at the University of Virginia.

THE following promotions have been made at the University of Pittsburgh: W. H. Emig, associate professor of botany; E. V. Hjort and K. S. Tesh, assistant professors of chemistry; J. S. Taylor, associate professor of mathematics. Dr. I. P. Tolmachoff, of the staff of the Carnegie Museum, has been appointed part-time professor of geology. Dr. A. E. Emerson, associate professor of zoology, has been granted a year's leave of absence to accept a John Simon Guggenheim fellowship.

THE following promotions have been made in the College of Arts and Sciences at Rutgers University: Thurlow C. Nelson, from associate professor to professor of zoology; Sidney A. Cook, from instructor to assistant professor of psychology; Arthur P. Kelley, from instructor to assistant professor of botany; Alex L. Freenlees, from instructor to assistant professor of physics, and Alan A. Boyden, from instructor to assistant professor of zoology.

THE following appointments have been made to the faculty of Clark University: W. Elmer Ekblaw, to associate professor in geography, who will continue as assistant editor of *Economic Geography*; Vernon A. Jones, to associate professor of educational psychology, and Jesse E. Bullock, to assistant professor of chemistry.

DR. R. H. THOULESS, senior lecturer in psychology at the Victoria University of Manchester, has been appointed lecturer and head of the department and laboratory of psychology in the University of Glasgow, in succession to the late Dr. Watt.