

The school will be operated from the headquarters of the association and will prepare directors and curators for museum service. At its inception there will be five art students who will travel to various museums of the country, studying the work of group building, mounting, case building and cataloging and the specialties required in museum supervision. The school will enroll only graduates of universities.

A GIFT of \$100,000 to the Engineering Foundation's research endowment fund by Edward Dean Adams, president of the Niagara Power Company, was announced at a meeting of the foundation on May 19, at the Union League Club. The gift of Mr. Adams, who was guest of honor at the meeting, will be added to the research endowment fund, which now totals \$650,000. His was the third large gift to that fund. The other two were \$500,000 by Ambrose Swasey, telescope manufacturer, of Cleveland, Ohio, and \$50,000 under the will of Henry R. Towne. The Engineering Foundation has set \$20,000,000 as the goal for its research endowment fund, which is to be used in promoting scientific research in engineering in the universities and industries of the United States. The foundation voted to allot \$30,000 for a three-year program of research in blast furnace slags at the University of Wisconsin and \$10,000 to Johns Hopkins University for two years of research in electrical insulation under the direction of Professor J. B. Whitehead.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NOTES

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE has received from an anonymous donor \$1,000,000 to be used for the construction of a new library.

COMPLETION of the first year of the fifteen-year drive of the University of Pennsylvania for an endowment fund of \$45,650,000 has resulted in subscriptions amounting to \$7,500,000; subscriptions were received during the year from 10,868 persons, of whom 10,467 were former graduates or students.

GEORGE F. BAKER, New York banker, has given \$30,000 for use in the Baker laboratory of chemistry at Cornell University, which he gave to the university several years ago at a cost of more than \$1,500,000.

CLARENCE MACKAY, of New York, has given \$100,000 for the enlargement of the Mackay School of Mines at Reno, Nevada. The gift is in addition to a new science building Mr. Mackay already has promised to the institution.

DR. FREDERICK G. KEYES, director of the research laboratory at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, will join Brown University next September as consult-

ing professor in physics. He will go to the university one day a week and with Professor Albert De Forest Palmer have charge of the department of physics, from which Dr. Carl Barus will retire as head next month.

DR. COLLINS P. BLISS, professor of mechanical engineering at New York University, has been appointed associate dean of the college of engineering.

THE new chair of associate professor of geology established at the University of Tennessee last June has been filled by the appointment of Dr. George M. Hall, instructor of geology in the Johns Hopkins University.

DR. GRACE BERKLEY has been elected assistant professor of botany in De Pauw University.

DR. MARY WESTALL has been appointed assistant professor of botany in Agnes Scott College, Georgia.

DR. ARTHUR L. BLOOMFIELD, of the Johns Hopkins University, has been appointed professor of medicine at the Stanford University Medical School, the appointment to take effect at the beginning of the year 1926-27.

DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE

THE CASE OF *ASTACUS*, 1775, VS. *POTAMOBIUS*, 1819

OUR excuse for reopening this much discussed case of nomenclature is practical, not merely academic. In preparing a paper in which reference is made to *Crustacea*, the point has come to our attention that, while specialists in this group settled this case years ago, two of the most recent American text-books in zoology disagree in respect to it.

Pratt, 1916, "Manual of the Common Invertebrate Animals," p. 390, uses the generic name *Astacus* Fabr., 1775, for the crayfish. In Ward and Whipple, 1918, "Fresh-Water Biology," p. 846, Ortmann uses the generic name *Potamobius* Leach and states that, "This is the genus which includes the European crayfishes, frequently, but incorrectly, called *Astacus*."

Faxon, 1898, PUSNM, pp. 662-665, gives a detailed discussion of these names. We agree with Faxon's conclusions, but invite attention to the point that under the International Rules of Zoological Nomenclature the case is much clearer than is ordinarily assumed.

Astacus Fabr., 1775, 413, contained a number of species, including as number 2 *Astacus fluviatilis* Fabr., 1775, 413, with *Cancer astacus* Linn., 1758a, 631, as synonym. To establish the correct generic name for *Astacus fluviatilis*, we do not have to go beyond this reference; *Cancer astacus* Linn. is the type, by absolute tautonymy, of *Astacus* Fabricius. See Article 30d International Rules of Nomenclature.