

Bureau of Entomology as a specialist in beetles. This collection comprises fleas, lice and other ectoparasites, and is the largest addition in this group ever received by the museum.

A FUND of \$1,500 to establish a fellowship in chemical engineering for pulp and paper research has been accepted from the Northwest Paper Company of Cloquet, Minn., by the University of Wisconsin. George Brabender, of Peshtigo, a graduate of the University of Wisconsin with the class of 1925, will conduct the work under the direction of Professor O. L. Kowalke, of the department of chemical engineering. In tendering the fellowship the Northwest Paper Company indicated its intention to continue it indefinitely if the preliminary work proves of sufficient merit.

MORE than 900 specimens of Siamese birds have been added to the collection at the United States National Museum through a large shipment of skins received from Dr. Hugh M. Smith, who is now in Siam. Dr. Smith will remain there for some time investigating the fish fauna for the Siamese government. During that time he also plans to send further collections to the United States.

AN orchid garden containing 7,000 plants and representing many species of the tropical flower has been taken over by the Missouri Botanical Garden from C. W. Powell, of Balboa. Mr. Powell has made a special study of the orchids of Panama and has more than doubled the number of species formerly known from that country, besides discovering more than a hundred new species. The orchid garden will be maintained in the Canal Zone as an experimental tropical garden.

ACCORDING to a special cable to the New York *Times* annual public lectures on health and disease for the benefit of the public will be conducted, beginning next year, by the British Medical Association in response to pressure from many sources. This decision of the council of the association follows the recent address before the general body by Sir Thomas Horder, in which he declared that the public had decided it wanted lectures on health and meant to have them. The association has in the past frowned on popular medical lectures, on the ground that they were unethical.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NOTES

A GIFT of \$3,385,000 has been made to the University of Chicago by the General Education Board for the medical school. The gift is contingent upon the obtaining by the university of an additional \$2,000,000.

By the will of the late Mrs. Gertrude Baldwin Woods, of Cambridge, Mass., Harvard University will receive \$20,000 and Oberlin College \$25,000.

At the Harvard Medical School, Dr. James B. Ayer has been named clinical professor of neurology and will take the place of Dr. Edward W. Taylor, who has resigned.

DR. H. R. KRAYBILL, formerly bio-chemist at the Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research, has been appointed professor of agricultural chemistry in Purdue University and state chemist and seed commissioner.

PROFESSOR H. S. UHLER has resigned as head of the department of physics at Gettysburg College to become associate professor of physics in the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale University.

DR. SAMUEL STUART MACKEOWN, of the research department of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company in New York, has been appointed assistant professor of electrical engineering at the California Institute of Technology, Pasadena.

DR. L. R. VAN WERT, of the Harvard Engineering School, has been appointed assistant professor of metallurgy in the college of engineering at the Carnegie Institute of Technology.

DR. NATHAN L. DRAKE has recently been appointed professor of industrial chemistry at the University of Maryland.

DR. N. M. GRIER has been appointed head of the department of biology at Des Moines University, Iowa.

DR. HARVEY ALFRED ZINSZER, formerly instructor of physics at Lehigh University, has been appointed acting professor of physics in Mississippi State College for Women at Columbus.

JOSEPH C. CHAMBERLIN, until recently attached to the department of entomology of the University of California Citrus Experiment Station, has accepted a teaching position in the department of biology of the San José State Teachers College.

THE council of the University of Leeds have appointed E. L. E. Wheateroft, M.A. (Cambridge), to the newly-created chair of electrical engineering.

DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE AN OCCIDENTAL BUDDHIST'S CONCEPTION OF PERSONALITY

THE following quotation from Lafcadio Hearn¹ seems of considerable interest, especially in view of

¹ "Gleanings from Buddha Fields," pp. 92-94.