

Street, East Orange, N. J., to 318 White Street, Orange, N. J., where larger quarters have been obtained for the continuance of research problems and investigation.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NOTES

THE late Dwight William Tryon, for thirty-three years head of the art department of Smith College, has left to the college \$355,340.

GROUND was broken on November 5 on the first unit of the Bryan Memorial University, to be built on a knoll overlooking Dayton, Tenn., where William Jennings Bryan died.

GROUND will be broken this week for the construction of a new science building at Fordham University. The building will be three stories high and will contain twelve classrooms. The estimated cost will be \$275,000.

DR. DETLEV W. BRONK, assistant professor of physiology in the University of Michigan Medical School, has resigned his position to take charge of the department of physiology and bio-physics in the division of biology at Swarthmore College. He is also associated with the school of medicine of the University of Pennsylvania as instructor in physiology.

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR G. SIMON, of Adelbert College, Western Reserve University, has been promoted to a full professorship of mathematics.

DR. ARTHUR CURTIS has been appointed head of the department of gynecology at the medical school of Northwestern University, to succeed the late Dr. Thomas Watkins.

DR. WILLIAM B. PORTER, now chief of the department of medicine, Lewis-Gale Hospital, Roanoke, Virginia, has been elected whole-time professor of medicine at the Medical College of Virginia, Richmond. Next summer, after studying medical educational procedures in leading American and European universities during the coming winter and spring, Dr. Porter will take up his active work at the college.

HENRY A. BEHRE, of Scarsdale, N. Y., has been appointed assistant professor of mining in the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale University. Professor Edward A. Robinson, of the University of Chicago, has been appointed visiting associate professor of psychology.

At the University of Pittsburgh, the following instructors have been added to the staff of the department of zoology: Dr. E. Alfred Wolf, from Breslau;

Jean MacCreight, from the University of Pittsburgh, and A. W. Kozelka, from the University of Wisconsin.

DR. RALPH W. MENDELSON has arrived in New Orleans to take up his work as assistant professor of tropical medicine at Tulane University School of Medicine under the direction of Professor Aldo Castellani.

DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE

A PRICELESS DARWIN LETTER

THE day of publication of the immortal volume entitled "On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection, or the Preservation of Favoured Races in the Struggle for Life" was November 24, 1859. On the same day Charles Darwin, who at the time appears to have been taking the cure at Ilkley, wrote the following highly characteristic letter to his friend Huxley:

ILKLEY, WELLS HOUSE
OTLY, YORKSHIRE

24th

My dear Huxley

I have heard from Murray today that he sold whole edition of my Book the first day, & he wants another instantly, which confounds me, as I can make hardly any corrections. But a friend writes to me that it ought to be Geoffroy DE St. Hilaire: my memory says *no*. Will you turn to a title-page & tell me soon and forgive me asking this trouble.

Remember how deeply I wish to know your general impression of the truth of the theory of Natural Selection.—only a short note—at some future time if you have any lengthy criticisms, I sd be infinitely grateful for them. You know well how highly I value your opinion. —In Haste, for I am bothered to death by this new edition

Ever yours
C. DARWIN

The letter reveals many of Darwin's characteristics: First, his modesty regarding his work, expressed indirectly in his surprise that his publisher sold the whole edition on the first day; second, his difficulty in writing, as shown in the abbreviated style of this letter and in his feeling "confounded" by the demand for certain corrections; third, his feeling of hesitation in putting forth the theory of Natural Selection and his desire to secure Huxley's general impression as to its truth; fourth, his thoughtfulness in asking Huxley "only a short note" and at some future time lengthy criticisms, if they were forthcoming; fifth, the very high value he placed upon Huxley's opinion, in contrast to his doubt as to his own opinions; finally, his dismay at the thought of corrections for a new edition, which "confounded" him and "bothered him to death."