

urgent needs of the association, in its work for science, should receive precedence over provision for the distant future, has made it a condition that his gift should be expended, as to both capital and interest, within a period of twenty years. Sir Charles Parsons has expressed himself similarly with regard to his gift.

THE REV. FRANCIS DAVID MORICE, fellow of Queen's College, Oxford, and for twenty years an assistant master at Rugby School, who died on September 21, left his collections of insects, cabinets and store boxes, microscopic slides, microscopic and photographic apparatus, books and manuscripts and photographs of entomological objects to the University of Oxford for the Hope department of the University Museum. He also left £500 to Queen's College, Oxford, and £200 to the Entomological Society.

THE Zentralanstalt for meteorology and geodynamics at Vienna, which was founded in 1851 at the instance of the Vienna Academy of Sciences, has reached its seventy-fifth anniversary. At the suggestion of the director, Dr. F. M. Exner, the academy has celebrated the event by issuing a *Festschrift* dedicated to the institute. The volume, of about 200 pages, contains thirteen papers by Austrian and German geophysicists.

THE Harvard College Observatory has received a cablegram from the Central Bureau of Astronomical Telegrams in Copenhagen announcing the discovery of two comets. Neither body is visible without the use of telescopes. A new comet of the twelfth magnitude was discovered on November 5 by Professor J. Comas-Sola, of Barcelona, Spain. It is in the Mira Ceti, and the detailed observation is right ascension, 2 hours, 56 minutes, 36 seconds, declination north six degrees, 31 minutes. The other comet was discovered on November 5 by Professor G. Neujmin, of Simeis, Russia, of his own comet, originally discovered some years ago. It is of the fourteenth magnitude and in the constellation of Leo, not far from Regulus in the Sickle.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NOTES

THE late Mrs. Elizabeth Clark Rogers, of Brookline, Mass., has bequeathed \$75,000 to Harvard University and the residue of her estate, estimated at approximately \$300,000, to the medical school of the university.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY has authorized plans for two new chemistry buildings, to include complete laboratories and research divisions, estimated to cost in excess of \$1,250,000. It is expected to ask bids on general contract early in November.

WITH the purpose of endowing a chair of operative dentistry, the Philadelphia alumni of the University of Pennsylvania's school of dentistry have begun a campaign for \$200,000. The chair will bear the name of Edward Tyler Darby, emeritus professor of operative dentistry in the university.

DR. E. A. BOYDEN, assistant professor of comparative anatomy in the Harvard Medical School, has been appointed associate professor of anatomy in charge of the department of anatomy of the University of Illinois. Dr. Boyden's place is to be filled temporarily by Dr. Torr W. Harmer, assistant in anatomy and in surgery.

THE Mount Sinai Hospital announces the following appointments: Dr. Louis Gross, formerly of McGill University, as acting director of laboratories; Dr. Gregory Schwartzman, formerly of the New York Homeopathic Medical School, bacteriologist; Dr. Michael Heidelberger, formerly of the Rockefeller Institute, chemist; Dr. Paul Klemperer, formerly of the Post-Graduate Medical School and Hospital, pathologist. Extensive alterations are being made in the laboratories to accommodate a complete full-time staff.

APPOINTMENTS for the year 1926-1927 in the anthropological division of the Institute of Psychology, Yale University, New Haven, have been announced as follows: Fellowships, Dr. Paul Radin, research fellow; Dr. Beatrice Blackwood, international fellow from England; H. D. Skinner, Rockefeller Foundation fellow from New Zealand; research assistants, Dr. Sophie de Aberle, Emily Marion Pilpel, Helen Heffron Roberts.

THE department of soils and crops in the experiment station and the department of agronomy in the school of agriculture at Purdue University have been consolidated into a department of agronomy, headed by A. T. Wiancko. G. H. Cutler, formerly head of the department of agronomy of the University of Alberta, has been appointed professor of agronomy and assistant chief of the department.

DR. CHARLES R. BRANCH has been appointed assistant professor of pathology at the Boston University School of Medicine.

ERNEST CLARE BOWER, associate astronomer at the United States Naval Observatory, has been appointed assistant professor of astronomy and mathematics in Ohio Wesleyan University.

DR. WALTER DIX, professor of plant anatomy at the University of Kiel, has received a call to the University of Giessen.