

for the celebration. Professor Curt P. Wimmer has been appointed to begin the work of historical research in which data will be gathered for the centennial ceremonies.

THE Daniel Guggenheim Fund for Research in Aeronautics has made a grant of \$78,000 to the University of Michigan. This will be used to complete the construction of wind tunnels and for the establishment of a new professorship in aeronautics.

THE American Museum of Natural History will receive nearly \$1,000,000 from the estate of the late Wood Fosdick, of New York, appraisal of whose estate has just been filed.

SIR JOSEPH VERCO has endowed the *Australian Journal of Experimental Biology and Medical Science* with a gift of £5,000. This sum will be held in trust by the University of Adelaide and the income devoted to sustaining the journal, which will become the property of the university.

THE American Petroleum Institute, on the recommendation of the National Research Council, has granted the Johns Hopkins University \$4,000 for immediate use in a research to establish scientific methods for the identification of sulphur compounds in petroleum. The work will be carried on by Dr. Parry Borgstrom, a graduate of the University of California.

THE department of zoology of the University of New Hampshire proposes to make an ecological survey of the fresh waters of New Hampshire. Special attention will be given to water pollution and the effect which this has on animal life. This will run parallel to the study of the pollution of Great Bay and its effect on the distribution of food fishes.

A MOTION reaffirming the intention of the British Association of Chemists to press for the preparation of a register of chemists with a view to confining the conduct of essentially chemical operations to qualified men was carried unanimously at the annual general meeting of the association, held at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, on November 5. The council was further instructed to appoint a special committee to carry this resolution into effect.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NOTES

GEORGE HERBERT JONES, director of the Inland Steel Company, has given the University of Chicago \$415,000 for a new laboratory of chemical research.

ALUMNI of Cornell University have subscribed \$200,000 to endow a chair in research work, the in-

cumbent of which will be released from teaching duties in order to spend all his time in research.

A GIFT of \$10,000 to found a research fellowship in pure science at Princeton University in memory of Charles Allen Munn has been announced. The donors were Augusta Munn Tilney and Orson D. Munn, niece and nephew of Charles Allen Munn, and T. Hart Anderson and John K. Brachvogel, all of New York.

THE trustees of Dartmouth College have voted to construct a new building which will house the natural science department and will provide the departments of biology, geology, botany and zoology with equipment and facilities that have not been available hitherto.

DR. EDWARD R. WEIDLEIN, director of the Mellon Institute of Industrial Research at the University of Pittsburgh, has announced the establishment of a department of analytical chemistry, which will be supervised by Dr. George D. Beal, formerly professor of analytical and food chemistry in the University of Illinois and now assistant director in charge of the institute's fellowships in the field of pharmaceutical chemistry. Dr. William W. Mills has been selected as analyst in the new department.

DR. BRANDUR J. BRANDSON has been appointed professor and head of the department of surgery at the University of Manitoba Faculty of Medicine, Winnipeg, to succeed Dr. Jasper Halpenny, who resigned on account of ill health; Dr. Daniel S. MacKay has become head of the department of gynecology following the retirement of Dr. Robert M. Simpson; Dr. Tudor J. Jones, Glasgow, has been appointed assistant professor of anatomy.

DR. ADOLPH G. G. DE SANCTIS has been appointed professor of pediatrics at the New York Post-Graduate Medical School and Hospital.

FORBES W. SHAPLEY, lecturer on electrical engineering at the Lauder Technical School, Dunfermline, has been appointed professor of mechanical and electrical engineering at the School of Mines, Dhanbad, India.

DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE SCIENTIFIC NAMES AND THEIR CONVENIENCE

IN the *American Naturalist*, Vol. LX, for May, 1926, pp. 275 to 281, is an interesting article entitled "Science and Scientific Names," by Dr. E. P. Felt and Dr. S. C. Bishop. While recognizing the value of this paper and its evident fairness and accuracy, I must entirely dissent from its conclusions as to the possible improvement in the naming of animals and plants.