

diseases. While a definite program has not yet been developed under the foundation, it is said that the first efforts would be made against Bright's disease and heart disease.

ANNOUNCEMENT has been made by the University of Chicago board of trustees of the following subscriptions for the endowment of the Frank Billings Medical Clinic: From Mr. Samuel Insull, \$25,000; Mrs. C. K. G. Billings, \$10,000; Mr. Charles A. Monroe, \$5,000; Miss Margaretta E. Otis, \$5,000; Mr. John W. Fowler, \$3,000; Mrs. Howard H. Spaulding, \$3,000; Mr. John T. Llewellyn, \$2,000; Mrs. Theodore Sheldon, \$2,000; Mr. Walter S. Brewster, \$1,000; Mr. William S. Hay, \$1,000; Mr. George M. Reynolds, \$1,000; Mr. George E. Scott, \$1,000; Mr. and Mrs. William H. Rahmann, \$600; Mr. Charles E. Field, \$200; Mr. Thomas Meighan, \$100, and Mr. R. H. Ritchie, \$100. A total of \$328,723 has already been received for the fund.

THE research ship *William Scoresby*, after being refitted, has left Portsmouth, England, on another cruise to the Antarctic. She returned from a similar expedition a few months ago. The first port of call will be St. Vincent, and the ship will then proceed by way of Rio de Janeiro and the Falkland Islands to the Antarctic. Commander De La Motte is in charge of the ship, and the trip is expected to last twelve months. The *William Scoresby*, which was built to work in conjunction with Shackleton's *Discovery*, is 180 feet long, of about 700 tons and is equipped with the latest scientific apparatus.

THE late Harry W. Loos has bequeathed a fund amounting to approximately \$3,500,000 to Kansas City to be devoted to such charitable, hospital, educational, scientific, literary or research purposes as may be in the public interest.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NOTES

GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY announces receipt of the Isabella King endowment of \$30,000 for the establishment of a fellowship or fellowships for special research in biology. The income from this endowment will be available in 1928-29.

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE has received a gift of \$300,000 for a new fine arts building from Frank P. Carpenter.

THE National School of Medicine and Pharmacy, Port au Prince, Haiti, recently dedicated its new building. On the first floor are five classrooms, an assembly room, a dental department, a store room and an office for the dean. There are five laboratories on

the second floor for the medical sciences. The Rockefeller Foundation made an appropriation of \$30,000 for equipment and of another \$30,000 for fellowships for men who are to be trained for positions on the faculty of the medical school. These fellowships have been awarded and the physicians are to study in Paris, Strasbourg, Ann Arbor, Boston, New Haven, Chicago, then return to Haiti to become members of the faculty.

AN offer by the joint committee of the Paviers' Company and of the Institution of Municipal and County Engineers to establish a part-time chair of highway engineering in the University of London for post-graduate students has been accepted.

DR. FRANK J. GOODNOW, president of the Johns Hopkins University, has offered his resignation to the board of trustees, to be effective not later than July 1, 1929.

DR. WILMER KRUSEN, director of the department of health and recently elected president of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science, formally assumed his new duties as president of the school on January 3.

DR. JOSEPH S. CHAMBERLAIN, professor of organic and agricultural chemistry, has been appointed head of the department of chemistry of the Massachusetts Agricultural College. Dr. J. B. Lindsey, formerly head of the department, resigned from this position and is continuing his work as head of the department of plant and animal chemistry of the experiment station, in which work he has been engaged for the past thirty-seven years.

DR. FRANK B. MALLORY, pathologist of the Boston City Hospital, has been appointed professor of pathology at the Harvard Medical School.

DR. E. DAVID FRIEDMAN has been appointed professor of neurology and head of the department at the University and Bellevue Hospital Medical College.

DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE

THE PROPOSED TRANSFER OF GEODETIC WORK OF THE U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY

IN connection with House Resolution 7480, introduced in the House of Representatives by Mr. Sinnott on December 15, 1927, my attention has been called to a circular letter containing unfavorable comments upon this measure, and several scientists interested in our work have written me requesting more specific information. These comments state that the proposed transfer could be justified only on one or more of three suppositions: