

or more years of service a disability pension is payable for life. Another helpful provision is that the subscribing employees are also entitled to the service of a visiting nurse furnished free of cost by the insurance company.

THE survey made by the Social Science Research Council of the rural sociology research in progress in the United States in the year 1926-27 showed that \$400,000 was being expended on 86 projects. Of this total, \$175,000 was being expended by land-grant colleges and agricultural experiment stations in 21 of the states. The \$400,000 total was almost exclusive of all sums spent by federal bureaus.

THE records of the Great Lakes Ornithological Club have recently been given to the Royal Ontario Museum of Zoology, Toronto. These records cover the period from May, 1905, to December, 1927, and include observations on the occurrence and abundance of birds both migrant and resident at Point Pelee, Ontario. This area is of special interest for two reasons. Extending into Lake Erie as it does it serves as a sort of funnel through which migrations are concentrated, and, being the most southern mainland point in Canada, some birds typical of more southern regions are found as residents of Canada only at this point.

ACCORDING to the Experiment Station *Record*, provision was made by the last Alabama legislature for five substations to be known as the Tennessee Valley, the Sand Mountain, the Black Belt, the Wire Grass and the Gulf Coast Substations. Two of these substations are to be established prior to September 30, 1928, and the remainder during the following year. An appropriation of \$25,000 was made for buildings and equipment for each substation and \$12,000 each for maintenance and operation. The act requires the donation of not less than 200 acres of representative soil for each substation.

ON November 8 the steamer *Halcyon*, of the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries, was sold at Woods Hole, Mass. The *Halcyon* is a wooden vessel 108 feet 6 inches long, over all, with a 22-foot beam and 10-foot draft, built in 1917. Her cost, including equipment, was \$44,000. The vessel was well built but of unusual design, being planned originally for both the collection of seed lobsters along the Maine coast and offshore investigations. After the acquisition by the bureau of the *Albatross II*, the need for the *Halcyon* ceased.

SPONSORED by King Albert and the leading industrialists and financiers of Belgium, a move has been started for the establishment of a permanent museum and laboratory for scientific research. It will probably be situated in Brussels. It is hoped to develop the projected museum and laboratory into a center of study where all nations would exhibit their scientific

equipment. The first of the exhibitions would be held in 1930.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NOTES

A. P. GIANNINI has placed his 1927 income, as president of the Bancitaly Corporation, at the disposal of the University of California. Under the terms of the gift, \$1,000,000 will go toward the establishment of the Giannini Foundation of Agricultural Economics and \$500,000 will be used for erection of a building on the university campus in Berkeley, dedicated to ways and means of improving the economic condition of farmers, dairy and livestock men and fruit growers in California.

DR. JOHN GOODRICH CLARK, who was chief gynecologist at the University of Pennsylvania when he died last May, left an estate of over \$1,000,000, a large part of which will go to the university.

LARS G. ROMELL, of the Swedish Forest Experiment Station at Stockholm, has been appointed to the Charles Lathrop Pack research professorship in forest soils at Cornell University and will take up his duties about April 1. The establishment of this professorship, said to be the first of its kind in an American university, has been made possible by the recently announced endowment of \$130,000 for the chair, together with important additional gifts for its operating funds, from the Charles Lathrop Pack forestry trust.

PROFESSOR LEON BRILLOUIN, of the Collège de France, has been appointed acting professor of theoretical physics in the University of Wisconsin for the second semester of the academic year 1927-28.

DR. JESSE PERRY ROWE, professor of geology at the University of Montana, has been appointed visiting professor of geology at Princeton University for the academic year 1928-29.

DR. HERBERT SPENCER HARNED, professor of physical chemistry at the University of Pennsylvania, has been appointed professor of the same subject at Yale University.

DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE

DISCOVERY OF FURTHER HOMINID REMAINS OF LOWER QUATERNARY AGE FROM THE CHOU KOU TIEN DEPOSIT

AT a meeting of the Geological Society of China held on December 2, 1927, announcement was made of the discovery of a lower molar hominid tooth in the cave deposit at Chou Kou Tien near Peking. The new specimen was obtained close to the site from which the first hominid teeth from this locality were