

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NOTES

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, JR., has given \$2,000,000 to the University of Paris for the construction and development of a central building in the new students' quarter.

A GIFT of \$1,500,000 has been made by Arthur J. and Leonard D. Baldwin, of East Orange, N. J., to the Drew Theological Seminary. The institution now becomes Drew University, and a college of liberal arts will be opened this fall.

THE chairman of the University College centenary fund has announced a conditional offer to advance zoological teaching and research in the University of London. The offer is to provide the sum of £120,000 under the condition that a further sum of £120,000 be raised so that not only the site, buildings and equipment, but the endowment necessary for staff and upkeep shall be secured, and that the scheme shall include chairs of genetics and comparative physiology and the teaching of other recent developments of zoological science.

DR. R. G. WALLACE, of Manitoba University, provincial commissioner of mines, has been appointed to the presidency of the University of Alberta, in succession to Dr. H. M. Tory, who is now head of the National Research Council.

DR. HOMER W. SMITH, professor of physiology at the University of Virginia, has been appointed head of the department of physiology in the medical school of New York University. In the department of biology of Washington Square College, Dr. Henry J. Fry, Dr. Ruth B. Howland and Dr. Charles R. Plunkett have been promoted to associate professorships. Dr. Douglas A. Marsland has been promoted to assistant professor and administrative secretary of the department.

THE following changes have been made in the chemical faculty at the University of Mississippi: Dr. H. H. Johnstone has resigned to enter upon a research problem in the University of Illinois. His place is to be taken by Dr. John E. Foglesong, of Trinity College, Conn. J. A. Riddick, who is completing his work for the doctor's degree at the Iowa State University this summer, is to join the faculty as an additional member.

AT the University of Missouri the following promotions have been made: Dr. Edward A. McCordock, from assistant professor to associate professor of pathology; Dr. Ethel Ronzoni, instructor to assistant professor of biological chemistry, and Dr. Arthur S. Gilson, Jr., instructor to assistant professor of physiology.

DR. GORDON H. SCOTT, of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, and Dr. James L. O'Leary, of the department of anatomy of the University of Chicago, have been appointed assistant professors of cytology in the department of anatomy of the Washington University School of Medicine.

DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE FORA TO BE HELD AS PART OF THE PROGRAM OF THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF ENTOMOLOGY

Two of the sessions of the section of taxonomy, distribution and nomenclature will consist of general discussions of problems of wide interest to taxonomists. In order that those who will attend may be thinking along these lines and thus be prepared to take part, it seems desirable to publish the following list of topics to be discussed.

Sessions of the section will also be held devoted to the reading of papers, and there will of course be several other sections of the congress, each with a program of papers, as well as addresses before the entire congress on subjects of wide interest by foreign and American entomologists of distinction, all of which will be announced elsewhere in due course.

FORUM ON PROBLEMS OF TAXONOMY

An address on "The Future of Insect Taxonomy" will be given by Dr. Walther Horn, of Berlin. Following this address, the session will be devoted to a discussion of the problems that are in increasing measure confronting the insect taxonomist. It is hoped that all attending will come prepared to make contributions to the discussion and definite constructive suggestions. Perhaps a result of the session may be the formation of permanent committees looking toward improvement of, or international cooperation in regard to some of the problems discussed.

Taxonomic and Phylogenetic Groups: Is the modern tendency toward infinite increase in the taxonomic groups of organisms and the raising of the rank accorded them a result of the narrowing horizon of specialists or is it a sound growth forced by a better understanding of biological processes?

Catalogs: The preparation of world catalogs is becoming almost an economic impossibility. They become rapidly out of date and their revision and republication even less possible. Can means be found to meet the situation?

Collections: How far are insect collections economically justified? How far should they be centralized? To what extent supported by public moneys? How far has the entomological public a