

THE *Journal* of the American Medical Association reports that the University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Medicine has received a gift of \$100,000 for the purchase of a gram of radium and accessories for use in the treatment of cancer. The donor was Mr. Louis J. Kolb, of Germantown, who graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1887. About \$72,000 of the gift will be required to buy the radium and the remainder will go to expenses involved in research. The gift will make possible the treatment with radium of the neediest patient with cancer. The fund will be designated as the Louis J. Kolb Foundation for the Treatment of Cancer, and Dr. George E. Pfahler, professor of radiology, will be in charge. Dr. Pfahler is a former president of the American Roentgen Ray Society and is now visiting the more noted cancer clinics in Europe. The Kolb gift is the second which the university has recently received to fight cancer, Irénée du Pont having contributed \$45,000 for cancer research. As a result of Mr. du Pont's gift the physicochemical conditions associated with the cancer state are being studied under the direction of a faculty committee, comprising Dr. E. Ellice McDonald, assistant professor of gynecology, Dr. William C. Seifriz, professor of botany, and Dr. George H. Meeker, dean of the graduate school of medicine.

THE Mitre Institution at Buenos Aires, which is designed to stimulate scientific and artistic activities, has awarded the following prizes for experimental work on some parasitic disease of the country: The first prize of 2,500 pesos was awarded to the late Dr. Carlos Lagos García for a clinical study on pulmonary hydatid cysts in children, based on a twenty years' collection of 120 observations. Dr. García's death occurred a few hours after the decision of the board. A second prize of 1,000 pesos was awarded to Dr. F. Niño for his work on American trypanosomiasis. The usual prize for medicine was awarded to M. Royer for his research work on urobilin; the prize for pharmacy was given to J. Folcini for a study on the different effects derived from fluorine and diphenyl, and the prize for odontology was won by J. Chanelles for his work on Howe's use of silver nitrate in the treatment of dental caries. Two other prizes of 500 pesos and a gold medal were awarded for the best research work of the university alumni.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NOTES

By the will of George W. LeFevre, who died on August 13 in Paris, Cornell University is made his residuary legatee. The university will receive the sum

of \$250,000, the income of which will be used yearly in payment of scholarships of the value of \$400 to students successful in passing special examinations, the bequest having been made "to advance the interest and usefulness of Cornell University and to aid and encourage young men and women of superior ability."

THE will of Miss Mary Senter Mandelle, who died at Stonington, Connecticut, on August 17, leaves the bulk of a \$2,000,000 estate to charitable and educational institutions. Kalamazoo College receives \$350,000 for a new library and the University of Michigan \$60,000 for six scholarships.

DR. WALLER S. LEATHERS, associate dean, has become dean of the School of Medicine of Vanderbilt University, succeeding Dr. G. Canby Robinson, who resigned to accept the position of director of the Cornell University Medical Center, New York City.

DR. G. I. CHRISTIE, director of the station and the department of agricultural extension of Purdue University, has accepted the presidency of the Ontario Agricultural College, to succeed Dr. J. B. Reynolds.

PROFESSOR E. W. BOWLER will be the head of the recently established department of civil engineering of the college of technology of the University of New Hampshire.

DR. ARTHUR WEIL, formerly neuropathologist to the Montefiore Hospital, New York, has returned from Europe to take up his work as assistant professor of neuropathology in the institute of neurology at Northwestern University Medical School. The institute, which was organized last February, now has on its staff five men: Dr. S. W. Ranson, Dr. J. C. Hinsey, Dr. A. Weil, Dr. H. A. Davenport and Dr. H. H. Dixon, all of whom are devoting their entire time to neurological research.

EDWARD R. LINNER, of the University of Wisconsin, and William F. Hart, of Princeton University, have joined the chemical staff of Lafayette College.

DR. PETER CARODEMOS, of the New York Experimental Station at Geneva, has been appointed associate professor of chemistry.

H. S. JACKSON, chief of the department of botany, Indiana Agricultural Experiment Station, Lafayette, has accepted a call to the professorship of mycology and cryptogamic botany at the University of Toronto, the appointment to take effect on January 1. Professor Jackson is well known for his work on the rust fungi. He succeeds Professor J. H. Faull, who recently accepted a professorship at Harvard University.