

pressing the claims of the Society to a grant, it being over ten years since the Science and Art Department had conferred on it the sum of £3,000, long since expended in the erection of buildings and in improvements in the gardens. In last March the Aquarium House was formally reopened by Her Excellency, the Countess Cadogan. The committee, headed by Dr. Samuel Gordon and Lord Powerscourt, having for its object the erection of a memorial building to bear the name of the former Honorable Secretary of the Society, the late Dr. Samuel Haughton, has received much public sympathy and support.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

MR. JOSEPH F. LOUBAT has given to Columbia University property valued at \$1,000,000, subject to a life annuity of \$60,000. This great sum is for the support of the library, and is to be named the 'Gaillard-Loubat Library Endowment Fund.'

THE bill has been presented in the Maryland House of Delegates appropriating \$100,000 to the Johns Hopkins University. President Gilman has made a statement in which he explains how the income of the University has been decreased by the failure of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad; in 1896-97 the income exclusive of the medical school and certain gifts given for special purposes was:

From investments.....	\$50,796 44
Tuition	47,512 09
Relief fund of 1896.....	57,424 01
Rents	21,432 22
Total	\$177,164 76

Expenses of the University were \$191,156. The buildings, land and equipment of the University are valued at slightly over a \$1,000,000.

THE Board of Trustees of Lafayette College have decided to rebuild Pardee Hall, the building containing the scientific departments, recently destroyed by fire, and to erect a chemical laboratory at a cost of \$25,000. Towards the cost of this building \$10,000 was subscribed at the meeting.

DR. E. D. PEARSONS, of Chicago, has donated \$25,000 to Pomona College, Pomona, Cal., which will be used by the trustees for the erection of a new science building.

THE Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, has received, by the will of the late C. D. Shain, \$7,000 for scholarships and prizes.

THE annual report of the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York states that the colleges and professional and technical schools of the State in seven years have increased their expenditures from \$2,733,860 to \$5,771,325; the value of buildings and grounds, from \$15,129,028 to \$28,447,974; the libraries and apparatus, from \$1,896,959 to \$3,542,456, and the total property owned, from \$39,045,604 to \$77,148,944.

THE London University Commission Bill was introduced into the House of Lords by the Lord President of the Council on February 21st. It is identical with the bill of 1897, except that the names of the commissioners are not included.

THE Austrian government has compromised with the rioting university students by suspending the lectures for the balance of the semester, but permitting them to count the time as spent in residence. At the commencement of the summer semester on March 21st all students will be required to renew their pledge to observe the academic regulations.

PROFESSOR RUSSELL H. CHITTENDEN, without resigning his professorship in Yale University, has accepted the directorship of the department of physiological chemistry in Columbia University. Dr. W. J. Gies has been appointed instructor and Messrs. A. H. Redland and H. E. McDermott have been appointed assistants in the department.

PRESIDENT A. S. DRAPER, of the University of Illinois, has been offered the superintendentship of schools of New York City.

PROFESSOR LUIGI LOMBARDI has been appointed professor of technical physics at the Industrial Museum of Turin, in the room of the late Professor Galileo Ferraris.

DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE.

MUSCULAR DISTURBANCES IN MONOCULAR VISION.

IN a recent number of SCIENCE (February 25 1898) Mr. Charles H. Judd recounts some in-