

University improve the same, converting it into a botanical garden to parts of which the public shall have admission. The regents have signified their willingness to accept the offer, and will doubtless begin work on the land next spring. The ground is well adapted to garden purposes, three acres being high and level, and this area then running down a steep hillside some fifty feet to low land containing a natural pool.

At the invitation of Columbia University, the fourth annual conference of the Association of American Universities is to be held in New York on December 29, 30 and 31.

THE first sanitary conference of the American republics convened at Washington last week. The Governments of Mexico, Cuba, Chili, Costa Rica, Salvador, Honduras and the United States were represented. Dr. Walter Wyman, surgeon general of the marine hospital service, presided at the opening session and addresses of welcome were made by Secretary of the Treasury Shaw and Assistant Secretary of State Hill.

THE Ludwick Institute Courses of free lectures on the natural sciences and their applications, given under the auspices of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, on Mondays and Thursdays are for the present year as follows: Hygiene and physiology, by Seneca Egbert, A.M., M.D., beginning on November 13; Entomology, by Henry Skinner, M.D., beginning on November 17; Some phases of bird life, by Witmer Stone, M.A., beginning on January 5; The faunas of the new American dependencies, Porto Rico and Cuba, Hawaii and the Philippines, by Henry A. Pilsbry, Sc.D., beginning on February 5; Animals of the deep sea: a historical sketch of their discovery, by Philip P. Calvert, Ph.D., beginning on February 9; Geological history; descriptions of some critical epochs in the history of the earth, by Amos P. Brown, Ph.D., beginning on February 12; Vertebrate paleontology: types of extinct fishes and batrachians and their living kin, by J. Percy Moore, beginning on March 16; Characteristic features of the chief plant groups, by Stewardson Brown, beginning March 19.

#### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

GEORGE FOSTER PEABODY has offered to the University of Georgia a \$50,000 building, provided the Legislature will appropriate to the University for maintenance the sum of \$10,000 a year for two years and make improvements costing \$1,200.

THE University of California is about to erect a physiological laboratory at a cost of \$25,000. It will be under the charge of Dr. Jacques Loeb, recently called to the University from Chicago.

THE Yale Club of Chicago has voted to establish in the academic and scientific departments of the university four annual scholarships of \$600 each, to be given to students who are residents of Illinois. Beneficiaries will give notes for the amounts of the scholarships to be repaid at intervals after graduation.

THE education bill has been passed by the British House of Commons. Less attention has been paid to this bill in the United States than it deserves. It to a certain extent nationalizes the church and other religious schools, supporting them from a government grant and from local rates, but leaving them in part under ecclesiastical authority and permitting them to continue their religious teaching.

THE regents of the University of the State of New York have elected the Rev. William Crosswell Doane chancellor in the room of the late Anson J. Upson. Mr. Whitelaw Reed was elected vice-chancellor.

DR. A. S. CHITTENDEN has been appointed assistant in pathology in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University.

MAJOR RONALD ROSS has been elected to the newly established chair of tropical medicine at University College, London.

M. MAREY has succeeded the late M. Lacaze-Duthiers as president of the section of natural sciences of the Ecole pratique des hautes etudes, Paris.

DR. O. JUEL has been appointed professor of botany in the University of Upsala.