

the Board on Geographic Names provide that the vowels shall have the sounds that are common to the vowels in the languages of southern Europe. It follows, therefore, that *u* has the sound of *oo* in boot and that Manchuria is therefore preferred to Manchooria, Chefu to Chefoo, Amur to Amoor. It has been ruled that *ai* has the sound of *i* in ice; *au* the sound of *ow* in how (*ao*—a very frequent combination in the East, heard in names like Mindadao and Nanao—is slightly different from the preceding); *ei*, as in Beirut, has the sound of the two Italian vowels, but is frequently slurred, when it is scarcely distinguishable from *ey* in the English word they. In accordance with the rules, *c* is always 'soft,' having the sound of *s*. 'Hard' *c* is represented by *k*, and it therefore follows that Korea is the accepted form, and not Corea. Other rules are that *ch* is always 'soft,' as in church; *f* is sounded as in English and *ph* should not be used to represent this sound; *g* is always 'hard,' as in get; *h* is always pronounced; *j* and *k* have the English sound; *kh* has the sound of the oriental guttural; *gh* is another guttural; *ng* represents in different words different sounds—two sounds, as in finger, and one, as in singer; *q* should never be employed for the sound of *qu*, which is represented by *kw*, as in Kwantung; *y* is always a consonant, as in yard.

THE Boston Society of Natural History has undertaken to publish a series of lists of New England animals to form a volume of its Occasional Papers. These lists will be issued at irregular intervals, and are considered a necessary preliminary to more exhaustive monographs on New England animals, the publication of which the society hopes at some future time to undertake. To facilitate the preparation of these catalogues, the cooperation of persons interested in the fauna of New England is invited. Any New England specimens for the society's museum should be sent to Mr. Charles W. Johnson, curator, and all notes, records, etc., to Mr. Samuel Henshaw, editor of 'New England Fauna,' in care of the society, Boston. The first two parts of

the projected volume, containing lists of the Reptilia and Amphibia, are now in press.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

SIR WILLIAM McDONALD will give \$100,000 to McGill University to establish a students' union hall.

THE Chicago Board of Education proposes to build, at a cost of \$500,000, a commercial high school on the lake front.

OUR consul at Bahia writes that the state of Bahia is about to organize a school of mines and wishes to arrange for a competent professor of mining. The state will make a contract for three years to pay the equivalent of from \$3,000 to \$4,000 a year as salary, with free transportation. It will be necessary that the applicant be a graduate of some recognized American school of mines and that he have both a practical and theoretical knowledge of mining. A speaking knowledge of Portuguese or Spanish is preferred, but lack of such will be no bar to a good man. Applications should be addressed to Dr. Miguel Calmon du Pin e Almeida, Secretario da Agricultura, Industria, etc., Bahia, Brazil, or may be sent to the consulate for delivery.

THE report of the members of Mr. Moseley's education commission to the United States will be published on April 9. It will contain about 600 pages and will be published at the nominal price of one shilling.

EXAMINATIONS for the Cecil Rhodes scholarship at Oxford will be held in the various states on April 13.

MR. ALEXANDER SMITH has been made professor of chemistry and director of general and physical chemistry at the University of Chicago.

DR. MAX MASON, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has been appointed instructor of mathematics in Yale University.

DR. KARL WERNICKE, professor of psychiatry at Breslau, has been called to Halle to fill the chair vacant by the removal of Professor Th. Ziehen to Berlin.

DR. K. S. SEMSTRÖM, professor of physics at the University of Helsingfors, has retired from active service.