

PROFESSOR HANS MEYER, of the University of Vienna, has accepted the invitation to deliver the Herter lectures at Johns Hopkins University on October 5 and 6. His subject will be, 'The Physiological Results of Pharmacological Research.'

THREE lectures, followed by demonstrations in the grounds, will be given at the New York Botanical Garden to children of the public schools of the Bronx during April and May. The lectures will be given by Dr. Marshall A. Howe, Mr. George V. Nash and Dr. N. L. Britton. They will be repeated three times.

THE Civil Service Commission announces an examination at Washington, on May 17, to fill a vacancy in the position of administrative biologist, at \$2,500 per annum, in the Division of Biological Survey, Department of Agriculture. The applicant should have had ample experience in scientific and administrative affairs and be capable of critically examining reports submitted for publication, and sufficiently familiar with the United States and with its mammal and bird faunas to enable him to exercise general supervision over the scientific and economic work of the Biological Survey, including the mapping of the geographic distribution of species.

MR. BENJAMIN FERGUSON, a lumber merchant, has bequeathed \$1,000,000 to the Art Institute of Chicago, the income of which is to be used for the erection of statues and monuments in the city.

THE New Mexico legislature has passed a law authorizing a geological survey of the state; the appropriation is \$6,000, and is to be expended under the direction of the New Mexico School of Mines at Socorro.

MR. ANDREW CARNEGIE has given \$150,000 for a library building at Springfield, Mass.

THE Astronomical Observatory built by the late Dr. Henry Draper at Hastings-on-Hudson in 1860 and used by him for his researches until his death in 1882 was destroyed by fire on March 31. The telescopes and other instruments were removed to Harvard University in 1886, where, under the direction of Professor E. C. Pickering, Mrs. Henry Draper established the Draper Memorial Fund, but

photographic negatives and other material of historic interest have been destroyed.

THE American Physical Educational Association has been meeting during the present week at Teachers College, Columbia University.

THE membership of the New York Academy of Medicine has reached the limit of one thousand, and now, for the first time, there is a waiting list.

THE Harpswell Laboratory of Tufts College, established at South Harpswell, Maine, in 1898, to afford opportunities for the study of the northern marine fauna and flora, will be open in 1905 from June 12 to September 9, the regular courses of instruction beginning July 3, and continuing for six weeks. In addition to regular courses of instruction the laboratory offers its facilities to a limited number of persons who are able to carry on investigation without assistance. While not agreeing to collect material for their researches, the laboratory will aid them in this respect so far as possible without interfering with its other work. Seven private rooms are available for investigators. All communications concerning the laboratory should be addressed to the director, Professor J. S. Kingsley, Tufts College, Mass.

THE Belgian government has recently appointed a committee, composed of cabinet officers, members of parliament, financiers and industrial leaders, for the purpose of organizing an international congress, to be held at Mons in the latter part of September, 1905. The object of the congress is to discuss commercial economics, industrial development and progress, facility of communication, opening and civilizing new countries, instruction, statistics, customs, policy, maritime questions and questions concerning the civilizing effects of expansion and the means and power of expansion in general.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

DR. EDWIN A. ALDERMAN was installed as president of the University of Virginia on April 13. It was announced that in addition to the conditional gift of \$500,000 from Mr.

Carnegie, Mr. Rockefeller had given \$100,000, Mr. Jefferson Coolidge \$50,000 and alumni and friends \$50,000 towards the endowment fund.

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY has definitely established a tutorial or preceptorial system, and about fifty preceptors, with the rank of assistant professor, at salaries of \$2,000, will be appointed next year. We understand that none of the preceptors will be appointed in the natural and exact sciences, it being the object of the authorities to introduce the advantages of the laboratory with personal contact between the instructor and student in the humanities. The plan is thus in a way a tribute to the scientific method, but will further emphasize the predominance of other studies at Princeton.

IN addition to the \$20,000 which we have already noted as having been given by Mr. Carnegie to Lebanon Valley College, he has given an additional sum of \$50,000 to that institution conditional on the raising of \$50,000, above insurance on the main building, which was destroyed by fire on Christmas Eve last. The funds now at hand have made it possible to proceed with the erection of Ladies' Hall, the cornerstone of which was laid on April 5, the administration building and the dormitory for men. The Science Hall and central heating plant will be begun shortly.

THROUGH the generous good will of the Stevens family, the Stevens Institute has been enabled to secure for athletic grounds, campus and building purposes that part of the historic 'Castle Point' estate at Hoboken most advantageous for such uses. In the near future, this land will be graded and properly laid out, if the hopes of the institute management are realized. A portion of this ground is now being excavated to serve as the site for the Morton Memorial Laboratory of Chemistry. As the name indicates, it is to be a memorial to Dr. Henry Morton, the late president of Stevens Institute.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY has received a gift of sixty paintings from Mr. T. W. Stanford. The paintings are by Australian artists and are almost exclusively of Australian scenery.

A COMMITTEE has been formed for the promotion of a chair of geography in the University of Edinburgh, which has issued an appeal for support. It says: The claims of the science of geography as a university subject have long been recognized by the leading German, French and American universities, and in recent years the universities of Oxford and Cambridge have established schools of geography, but as yet there is no special teaching of geography in any Scottish university. The efficient teaching of geography in our schools and colleges is one of the most urgent needs of our time, affecting the political and commercial welfare of the empire, and it is believed that the subject can not be satisfactorily dealt with until our universities take it up and provide, in the first place, adequate training for teachers. Towards this end an important step has been taken by the senatus of the University of Edinburgh in approving of geography as a subject qualifying for graduation in the faculties of science and arts, and in response to various representations, the university authorities have given their approval to the proposal for the establishment of a chair of geography in the University of Edinburgh.

At the recent meeting of the board of regents of the State University of Iowa, the following changes were made in the department of philosophy and psychology: Professor G. T. W. Patrick was granted leave of absence; Professor C. E. Seashore was made head of the department; Professor Arthur Fairbanks, of the department of Greek, was asked to give the courses in ancient and medieval philosophy and the philosophy of religion; Dr. J. B. Miner was promoted from instructor to assistant professor of philosophy, and Mr. Daniel Starch was appointed assistant in the laboratory.

THE Rev. William I. Chamberlain, now in charge of the missionary college at Verlore, India, has been appointed professor of philosophy at Rutgers' College.

DR. R. B. PERRY has been promoted to an assistant professorship of philosophy at Harvard University.