

formation from well owners and drillers relating to these wells.

WE learn from the London *Times* that since May, 1904, correspondence has been proceeding between the Bengal government, the government of India and the Secretary of State upon the subject of the establishment of a school of mines in India, or, in lieu thereof, the making of provision for mining instruction at the Sibpur Engineering College, Calcutta, with practical instruction in the mining districts. The latter proposal was, on the advice of a representative committee of educational and mining experts, recommended by the Bengal government and has been sanctioned by the secretary of state. The course is to be for five years, including 18 months' training in the mining districts, where the students will work under the instruction of managers of mines. A professor of mining engineering is to be appointed from England at a salary of Rs.750 per mensem, rising annually by increments of Rs.50 to Rs. 1,000, which is equivalent to £800 per annum. A peripatetic mining instructor, with a native assistant, is also to be appointed, at the same salary, but without exchange compensation allowance. His work will be to give instruction to persons already engaged in mining work who desire to obtain certificates of competency. Such instruction is in all cases to be gratuitous, in view of the fact that 'owing to the extensive ignorance usually prevailing the mines are now for the most part worked upon unsystematic and wasteful lines, and that the absence of technical knowledge is a constant source of danger to the laborers.'

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

By the will of the late General Isaac J. Wistar, the Wistar Institute of Anatomy and Biology of the University of Pennsylvania, founded by him, will receive the residue of his estate, thought to amount to about \$400,000.

At the opening of Smith College it was announced that Mr. Andrew Carnegie had promised the sum of \$125,000 to the college, providing that friends of the institution raise an equal amount. The money is to be used

for the erection and maintenance of a new biological laboratory.

MR. ANDREW CARNEGIE has given \$30,000 to Wittenberg College, Springfield, O., for a science hall, provided an additional \$30,000 is raised for the upkeep of the building.

ACCORDING to the report of the city controller of New Haven the property of Yale University exempted from taxation is valued at more than \$9,000,000, an increase of nearly \$2,000,000 in the past three years. This does not include the Hill House property, recently acquired at the cost of some \$500,000.

ON the occasion of the opening of Columbia University on September 27, the cornerstone of the new College Hall was laid, and the newly erected dormitories were open to inspection.

THE library given by Mr. Andrew Carnegie to Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa, was dedicated on September 13. Bishop Henry Spellmeyer, of Cincinnati and Hon. Johnson Brigham, of Des Moines, state librarian of Iowa, delivered the addresses. The building cost a little more than fifty thousand dollars. It is strictly fire proof and is built in the old colonial style of architecture. The capacity is 70,000 volumes.

ON September 1, 1905, by the unanimous action of their respective boards of trustees the Medical College of Indiana was made the Medical Department of Purdue University with the title of 'Indiana Medical College School of Medicine of Purdue University.'

COOPERATION between the University of Chicago and a number of railroad officers has resulted in the establishment of a four-year course in railway education.

DR. HENRY S. DRINKER will be inaugurated as president of Lehigh University on October 12.

APPOINTMENTS at Brown University have been made as follows: J. Ansel Brooks, assistant professor of mechanics and mechanical drawing; James F. Collins, assistant professor of botany; Henry B. Drowne, instructor in civil engineering; Charles W. Brown, instructor in geology and mineralogy.