

PROFESSORS MORTON PRINCE and George V. N. Dearborn, at the Tufts College Medical School, Boston, offer a course on psychopathology, required for fourth-year students of medicine. The course, which is said to be the first of the kind, will cover the following topics:

Mental physiology.—Mechanism of memory, including physiological (unconscious) memories (spinal cord and ganglia). Meaning of the unconscious. Formation and conservation of unconscious complexes. Meaning of the subconscious and co-conscious. Integrative action of the nervous system. Habit-formation. Emotion. Influence of psychical processes on the functions of the viscera (digestive, vasomotor, secretory, respiratory systems, etc.). Cenesesthesia. Hypnosis (theory and phenomena). Suggestion. Idea-complexes.

Dissociations of the mind.—Anesthesia. Paralysis. Amnesia. Abstraction. Hypnoidal states. Sleep. Trance states. Fatigue. Subconscious ideas and their activity. Unconscious processes. Abulia.

Syntheses.—Sensory automatisms (visual and auditory hallucinations). Paresthesia. Pain. Motor automatisms (spasms, contractures). Recurrent mental states. Obsessions. Impulsions. Fixed ideas. Delusions. Unconscious mental complexes and their influences. Dreams.

Special pathology.—Neurasthenia. Hysteria. Psychasthenia. Hypochondriasis. Phobias. Habit psychoses and neuroses. Mimicry. Psycholeptic attacks. Recurrent sensorimotor attacks. Amnesic states. Dissociated personality. Fugues. Tics.

Methods of examinations besides the ordinary clinical methods.—Psycho-analysis. Abstraction. Hypnoidization. Hypnosis. Automatic writing. Artificial hallucinations. Psychogalvanic tests. Word reaction tests.

Principles of psychotherapeutics based on psychopathology.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

THE University of Virginia has completed an endowment fund of \$1,000,000 of which half has been given by Mr. Andrew Carnegie.

THE educational commission which has for the past two years been codifying and revising the school laws of Pennsylvania, has created Colleges of Education at the Universities of Pennsylvania and Pittsburgh. These colleges

will have as their specific functions the training of high school and normal school teachers, principals and superintendents of schools, supervisors of the various school grades, supervisors of special branches, and experts for service in the public school system of the Commonwealth. The code provides that the state shall pay the tuition of Pennsylvanians who are normal school graduates or who have successfully completed the sophomore year of a college. While no state aid is asked at the present session, it is provided that the legislature may make special appropriations for buildings, equipment and other needs of the Colleges of Education as from time to time may be deemed necessary.

IN accordance with the principles of university nomenclature adopted by the Association of American Universities, the University of Wisconsin has changed the title of the college of law to that of "Law School," and the name of the college of medicine was changed to that of "Medical School"; the recommendation of the Association of Universities being that the term "school" be applied to those professional departments requiring for admission at least two years of college work.

ON February 15 the University of Nebraska celebrated the fortieth anniversary of the granting of the charter under which the institution was organized. The address was given by Dr. Ellery W. Davis, dean of the College of Literature, Science and the Arts, on "A Coming Aristocracy."

THE scheme prepared by the charity commission under the will of the late Mr. John Innes, of Merton, has now been settled. The most important part relates to the institution of a national horticultural college at Merton.

THE Italian minister of education, Signor Rava, has pledged himself to the restoration in its integrity of the University of Messina, promising the students that it shall not be transferred elsewhere. Attention has been called to the fact that in view of the 16 other state universities, of which two are in Sicily—at Palermo and Catania—this concession to passing sentiment is to be deplored as only adding needlessly to the complications of the revival of Messina.

DR. JAMES BURRELL ANGELL submitted his resignation of the presidency of the University of Michigan on February 17, to take effect at the close of the academic year, and the board of regents created the office of chancellor and offered it to him at a salary of \$4,000 a year with the continued use of the president's house. Dr. Angell, who on January 7 last celebrated his eightieth birthday, has been head of the university since 1871, when he came from the presidency of the University of Vermont.

THE methods by which even our best daily papers are edited are illustrated by the fact that the *New York Sun*, on February 18, contained an article, the headlines of which announced that the presidency of the University of Michigan had been offered to Professor Jenks, of Cornell University, whereas in the article itself it was stated that no selection had been made. The *New York Times*, of February 20, contained an editorial article congratulating Professor Finley on his call to the presidency of the University of Michigan, and expressing hope that he would not go, especially on account of his admirable after-dinner speeches, whereas the news columns contained the statement that President Finley had denied that such a call had been made.

It is announced that Miss Agnes Irwin will resign the deanship of Radcliffe College at the close of the present academic year.

At Yale University, Professor L. P. Breckenridge, of the University of Illinois, has been appointed professor of mechanical engineering and Dr. W. R. Coe has been promoted to a full professorship of biology.

THE council of New York University announces the appointment of J. Edmund Woodman as professor of geology and director of the geological museum, to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Professor John J. Stevenson; and of Holmes Condict Jackson to be professor of physiology and director of the laboratory of physiology in the University and Bellevue Hospital Medical College, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Pro-

fessor Graham Lusk. Professor Woodman received the degree of doctor of science from Harvard in 1904 and is now professor of geology at Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada. Professor Jackson received the degree of doctor of philosophy from Yale University in 1899, and was instructor in physiological chemistry in the Sheffield Scientific School for three years. After study abroad he received an appointment as instructor in physiological chemistry in New York University, and became assistant professor in 1903. In 1905 he resigned to accept a position as adjunct professor in experimental physiology and physiological chemistry and director of the laboratories in the Albany Medical College, which position he now holds.

R. H. WHITBECK, of Adelphi College, Trenton, N. J., has been appointed associate professor of geography and physiography at the University of Wisconsin, beginning with the next academic year.

SIR T. H. HOLLAND, F.R.S., director of the Geological Survey of India, has accepted the offer of the chair of geology at Manchester University vacated by Professor Boyd Dawkins, F.R.S. Dr. W. H. Lang has been appointed Barker professor in cryptogamic botany and Dr. Marie C. Stopes special lecturer in palæobotany.

DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE

APPOINTMENTS IN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

TO THE EDITOR OF SCIENCE: It has for several years been a question of absorbing interest to me whether our American methods of making university appointments might not be much improved, especially in view of the fact that much better methods are in operation in other countries. It was a pleasant surprise to me to notice that others were agitating the same question, as is made evident by the discussion begun by Professor Wenley and continued by Professor Miller in *SCIENCE* of August 21 and October 23, respectively. It seemed to me that the time was ripe for some action on this matter. I therefore seized the opportunity of presenting my views