

and planting the seedlings and caring for the growing trees is regarded as well worth while.

WE learn from *Nature* that the late Mr. R. Marcus Gunn, the eminent ophthalmic surgeon, who devoted much of the leisure of his vacations to making a collection of fossils, has left them to the British Museum (Natural History). He worked especially in the Jurassic formations of Sutherland, and at the time of his death was engaged in the preparation of a memoir on the Jurassic flora of Brora, in collaboration with Professor A. C. Seward, who is now completing the undertaking. He obtained many fish-remains, Mollusca and other fossils, which form a valuable addition to the national collection. Mr. Gunn also collected from the Old Red Sandstone of Caithness, and will always be remembered for his discovery of the problematical fossil fish *Palæspondylus gunni*, which was named after him by Dr. Traquair.

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TUFTS COLLEGE has been made the residuary legatee under the will of John Everett Smith, and will, it is said, receive on the death of Mrs. Smith the sum of \$500,000.

CHARLES ALFRED HASBROUCK, a well-known civil engineer, who died in California on February 1, bequeathed to Cornell University, from which he graduated in 1884, the farm at Forest Home, near Ithaca, on which he was born. His bequest to the university was made as a memorial to his wife, Mary Fobes Hasbrouck. In his will he expressed a wish that the property be used for the benefit of the women students of the university.

THE corporation and the board of overseers of Harvard University have created the department of university extension, and appointed in it the following officers: Dean, Professor Ropes; members of the administrative board for 1909-10, Professor Ropes, Professor Royce, Professor Hanus, Professor Hart, Professor Moore, Professor Osterhout, Professor Hughes and Professor Munro.

It is announced that extension teaching on a large scale will be undertaken next year by Columbia University. The field to be covered

will be broad. There will be classes organized in languages, literature, history, economics and politics; in various scientific subjects, including electrical and mechanical engineering; in architecture; in music and fine arts; in preventive medicine and sanitary science; in manual training and the household arts; in teaching, and in law. For this work a large staff of professors and lecturers will be appointed, chosen in part from the present teaching staff of the university. Professor James Chidester Egbert, director of the summer session, has been appointed director of extension teaching.

THE faculty of the University of Minnesota has inaugurated a movement to secure the erection of a suitable tribute from the people of the state of Minnesota to President Cyrus Northrop. It was decided that the tribute should take the form of a men's building to be erected upon the campus at a cost of not less than \$400,000.

THE new recitation hall of Eastern College at Manassas, Va., erected at a cost of \$35,000, was dedicated on February 22. Addresses were made by Dr. Elmer E. Brown, U. S. Commissioner of Education, Congressman Jones, of Virginia, and Dr. Hervin U. Roop, the president of the college.

PROFESSOR JOHN S. SHEARER, of the department of physics of Cornell university, is acting as a member of the Columbia University faculty during the rest of the present college year. Professor Wm. H. Hallock, head of the department of physics of Columbia University, will spend the period in Europe.

DR. LOUIS T. MORE, professor of physics, has been elected dean of the College of Liberal Arts of the University of Cincinnati.

MR. FRANK M. LEAVITT, now at the head of the department of manual training of the Boston city schools, has been appointed associate professor of industrial education in the School of Education of the University of Chicago.

MR. S. BRODETSKY, bracketed senior wrangler in 1908, has been elected to the Isaac Newton studentship at Cambridge University.