

misguided aims, and to command us to prepare a sounder, a happier condition for our children and future generations, while building up, during the trend of centuries, a slowly rising foundation for a higher humanity, a more god-like race.

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THE GENERAL EDUCATION BOARD

At a meeting of the trustees of the General Education Board, held on May 24 in New York City, \$682,450 in appropriations was voted. Of this sum \$538,000 was appropriated conditionally for the endowment funds of eight colleges, \$113,000 for the furtherance of demonstration work in agriculture throughout the southern states, and \$31,450 for the salaries and expenses of special professors of secondary education in the several state universities of the south.

The appropriations voted in support of college endowments raised to \$5,177,500 the sum already spent in this direction. The seventy colleges that have received these endowments during the last four years of the board's activities have each raised sums in endowment which taken with the board's gifts aggregate \$23,670,500.

Conditional appropriations for endowment were made to these colleges in the following sums:

Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Ia., \$50,000 in addition to a like amount subscribed at the last previous meeting of the board.

De Pauw University, Greencastle, Ind., \$100,000.
Marietta College, Marietta, O., \$60,000.

Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa., \$100,000.

Central University, Danville, Ky., \$75,000.

Drake University, Des Moines, Ia., \$100,000.

Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vt., \$50,000.

Transylvania University, Lexington, Ky., \$50,000.

These eight colleges were selected from a list of twenty-nine who petitioned the board for assistance.

The sum of \$113,000 appropriated for demonstration work in agriculture in the south was made in the furtherance of the efforts which Dr. Seaman A. Knapp, of the Depart-

ment of Agriculture, is making in elevating agricultural conditions through the southern states by teaching intensive farming and the scientific methods of crop raising. In giving financial aid to this movement the General Education Board is cooperating with the department at Washington. Last year the board's contribution in this direction was \$102,000, which was divided among the various states as follows: Florida, \$5,000; Georgia, \$32,000; South Carolina, \$22,000; North Carolina, \$24,000; Virginia, \$22,000. In addition \$8,000 was spent in the administration of this enterprise.

The money voted by the board for the salaries and traveling expenses of professors of secondary education in the south is to be spent, as previous appropriations have been, in fostering the growth of high schools. The board now has one such professor attached to the state universities of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Louisiana, Arkansas, West Virginia and Kentucky, provision for the last of which was made at the meeting. The sole duty of these professors is to urge throughout their several fields the establishment of high schools.

The trustees of the board who attended the meeting were Frederick T. Gates, Robert C. Ogden, Walter H. Page, J. D. Rockefeller, Jr., Albert Shaw, Wallace Butterick and Starr J. Murphy, of New York; Edwin A. Alderman, president of the University of Virginia; Hollis B. Frissell, president of Hampton Institute; Henry Pratt Judson, president of the University of Chicago, and Wickliffe Rose, general agent of the Peabody Education Fund.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

WITH a view of collecting material for the life of Alexander Agassiz, any one having any of his letters will confer a favor by sending them to his son, G. R. Agassiz, Museum of Comparative Zoology, Cambridge, Mass., U. S. A. The letters of any one who so wishes will be copied and the originals returned to the owner as soon as possible. If any persons are unwilling to part with the