

tension before very long, to enable it to be opened with the rest of the building after the war. This will complete the laboratories as at present proposed, although the foundations have been designed to allow a fourth story to be added at a later date, a wide view having been taken of the future possibilities of the institution.

#### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

STANLEY COULTER HALL, the new biology building at Purdue University, erected at a cost of over \$100,000, will be dedicated on May 17. This building has been named in honor of Dean Coulter in recognition of his thirty years of scientific work in the university. The dedication will be held in connection with the spring meeting of the Indiana Academy of Science at Lafayette. Professor Wm. T. Sedgwick, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Dr. H. C. Cowles, the University of Chicago; Dr. Carl Eigenmann, Indiana University; President W. J. Moenkhaus, of the Academy; and J. S. Wright, Esq., of the alumni, will be the chief speakers.

WESTERN UNIVERSITY receives \$20,000 by the will of the late William H. Burrows, a trustee of the institution.

THE late William H. Burrows, president of the Middletown National Bank, has bequeathed \$20,000 to Wesleyan University, of which he was a trustee.

By recent action of the board of trustees of the University of Chicago, the president of the university, on recommendation of the head of a department, will welcome doctors of philosophy of the University of Chicago and other universities as guests of the university, with the privilege of attending seminars and of carrying on research in the laboratories and libraries. There will be no charge except for laboratory supplies and a nominal laboratory fee where laboratory work is done.

LELAND STANFORD JUNIOR UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE has adopted the quarter system, to begin on October 1, 1917. By the adoption of this system the school has a continuous session, any three quarters constituting a college year.

The quarter system has been in effect at the Rush Medical College, Chicago, since 1899.

MORRIS M. LEIGHTON, Ph.D. (Chicago, '16), has been elected to the Washington Geological Survey for next year and to an assistant professorship in geology at the University of Washington, Seattle, to take effect on September 1, 1918. Dr. Leighton substituted at the University of Washington during the year 1915-16.

PROFESSOR FREDERICK B. LOOMIS, of Amherst College, has been appointed professor of geology to succeed Professor B. K. Emerson, who is retiring from active work.

DR. WILLIAM G. MACCALLUM, professor of pathology at Columbia University, has resigned to accept the chair of pathology and bacteriology at the Johns Hopkins University and Dr. Adrian V. S. Lambert, associate professor of surgery, has been designated to serve as acting head of the department, vacant by the resignation of Dr. George E. Brewer.

#### DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE

##### WHERE DO PITCHER-LEAFED ASH TREES GROW?

At the New Orleans meeting of the scientific societies, in 1905, I reported the discovery of a group of pitcher-leaved ash trees (*Fraxinus americana*) near the Station for Experimental Evolution, Cold Spring Harbor, Long Island.<sup>1</sup> These trees had one or more leaflets of nearly every leaf—especially the terminal leaflets—formed into ascidia or so-called "pitchers."

This group of pitcher-leaved trees occupies a definitely circumscribed area, surrounded on all sides by trees with only normal flat leaflets, and I supposed, until a few months ago, that the pitcher-bearing trees were limited to this single small area, and the inference seemed justified that they had originated on this area by a comparatively recent mutation.

Two new localities for this peculiar form were discovered last fall in western Pennsylvania by Professor Charles W. Palmer, of the Westtown School, Westtown, Pennsylvania, and by a friend of his to whom he explained

<sup>1</sup> See SCIENCE, N. S., 23: 201, February, 1906.