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UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NOTES

WILLIAMS COLLEGE alumni are planning to raise \$1,500,000 during the coming spring. One million of this sum, of which \$200,000 has been pledged as a contingent gift by the General Education Board, is to provide adequate endowment for professors' salaries. The remaining \$500,000 is to be used towards more complete facilities for physical education.

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY has been notified that the General Education Board, of New York (the Rockefeller Foundation) has appropriated \$600,000 for increase of faculty salaries, provided the university raises \$1,400,000.

At the Tulane University of Louisiana School of Medicine, New Orleans, it is planned to erect a new modern hospital on the university campus at a cost of between \$1,000,000 and \$2,000,000. The hospital will be in connection with the medical school of the university.

STATE appropriations of the New York legislature for the College of Agriculture at Ithaca include \$83,000 for the construction of a new wing on the main building of the Veterinary Building, and \$183,000 for equipment for the

new Dairy Building. This budget is somewhat larger than usual and will permit more extension work by the college.

DR. MARION EDWARDS PARK, dean of Radcliffe College, has been elected president of Bryn Mawr College, to succeed M. Carey Thomas, who retires at the end of the present academic year.

PROFESSOR WILLIAM F. OSGOOD, of the mathematics department, has been appointed acting dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Science of Harvard University for the second half year. Dean Haskins is on leave of absence for that period so that he may recuperate after an attack of influenza.

PROFESSOR J. W. BARTON, associate professor of psychology in the School of Education of the University of Idaho, has been promoted to a full professorship of psychology. Mr. C. W. Chenoweth (M.A., Harvard) has been elected associate professor of philosophy.

DR. HENRI CLAUDE, associate professor and physician to the Saint-Antoine Hospital, has been appointed to the chair of clinical mental diseases and diseases of the brain in the Paris School of Medicine, to succeed the late Professor Dupré.

DR. GEORGE J. HEUER, associate professor of surgery at the Johns Hopkins Medical School, has accepted the professorship of surgery in the Medical College of the University of Cincinnati.

DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE

PRACTICABLE SUBSTITUTES FOR GRAIN ALCOHOL

USE of ethyl or grain alcohol for laboratory purposes has long involved certain difficulties connected with securing it tax-free and preserving it for its intended uses only. Since the passage of the various prohibition statutes the observance of the necessary regulations governing its use occasions far more trouble, while those who are interested in putting it to unscientific uses make the guardianship of the precious fluid a serious responsibility. Sub-