

lection is a valuable one as representative of the region.

THE sum of \$10,000 has recently been granted to the American Philosophical Association by the Carnegie Corporation of New York City for the preparation of a series of *Source Books in the History of the Sciences*. They will be under the general editorship of Professor Gregory D. Walcott, of Hamline University, St. Paul, Minn. The volumes will present the most important contributions of the most eminent scientists from the Renaissance to the present. Seven different fields of science are being covered by special committees under the supervision of the following: Frederick Barry, professor of chemistry, Columbia University; Joseph S. Ames, professor of physics, the Johns Hopkins University; Harlow Shapley, professor of astronomy, Harvard University; Alfred M. Tozzler, professor of anthropology, Harvard University; David Eugene Smith, professor of mathematics, Columbia University; Edwin G. Conklin, professor of zoology, Princeton University; R. T. Chamberlin, professor of geology, University of Chicago. The first volume, on astronomy, will be ready for publication within the next few months.

THE Smithsonian Institution has engaged to prepare a series of twelve books to be known as the Smithsonian scientific series, under the general editorship of the acting secretary. It is the purpose of the series to give pictures of the activities of the whole institution and its branches. The publication is not intended for the specialist nor in any sense is it a collection of monographs, but is rather intended to present those features of the greatest interest to the average intelligent reader with no special training along technical lines. It is expected that the individual books of the series will come out at various intervals during the next two years.

AT the recent meeting of the board of managers of the Wistar Institute of Anatomy and Biology, Philadelphia, the titles of professor and assistant professor were discontinued and a new series of titles designating members of the scientific staff were adopted. As the chief function of the institute is the promotion of research in biology the following titles were adopted as being most appropriate: Member, associate member, associate, and fellow. At the same meeting Dr. Helen Dean King was elected a member of the institute.

ERRATA. In the article by Dr. G. De Geer on the "Geochronology as based on Solar Radiation" (*SCIENCE*, 1927, LXVI, p. 458), in line 14 of the second column for "this" read "the," in line 22 of the fourth column omit the words "already made" and in line 37 of the fifth column for "non" read "now."

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NOTES

THE income from a bequest of \$100,000 from the late Thomas U. Coe, of Bangor, which has recently become available at the University of Maine, is to be used as a foundation for research. Projects bearing on the developing of the state are to be submitted by the faculty for approval under this fund.

THE chemistry building of the South Dakota State College, Brookings, S. Dak., was totally destroyed by fire on February 4, 1928. All records and material are a total loss.

SIR ARTHUR SHIPLEY, late master of Christ's College, left £5,500 to Christ's College for the endowment of a fellowship, along with various other bequests, including some relics of Darwin.

THE Rio de Janeiro correspondent of the *Journal* of the American Medical Association writes that the president of the Minas Geraes has signed the law creating a state university. This will include at first four colleges, namely, law, engineering, medicine and odontology and pharmacy. The medical school will have an annual endowment of 600,000 milreis (about \$72,000).

DR. C. W. HUNGERFORD, professor of plant pathology in the agricultural college of the University of Idaho, has been appointed assistant dean of the college of agriculture and vice-director of the Idaho Agricultural Experiment Station.

AT the University of California, Dr. Chauncey D. Leake, associate professor at the University of Wisconsin, has been appointed professor of pharmacology, and Dr. Alfred C. Reed has been appointed professor of tropical medicine in the George Williams Hooper Foundation for Medical Research.

DR. LAURENCE SELLING, Portland, has been appointed clinical professor of medicine and head of the department of medicine of the University of Oregon Medical School.

DR. WILLIS DEW GATCH has been appointed head of the department of surgery, including gynecology and orthopedic surgery, in the Indiana University School of Medicine, succeeding the late Dr. John H. Oliver.

WILSON F. BROWN, instructor in chemical engineering at the Ohio State University, has been appointed to an associate professorship at the Kansas Agricultural College, to take charge of the work in industrial chemistry and chemical engineering.

DR. GUSTAV HERTZ, professor of experimental physics in the University of Halle, has been appointed to succeed Professor Kurlbaum as professor of physics at the Technische Hochschule, Berlin.

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