

hundreds of icebergs and heavy pack-ice and sustained considerable damage. The Scotia Bay station was established by the Scottish Antarctic expedition of five years ago, and was taken over in 1905 by the Argentine Government, which is continuing the meteorological and magnetic observations begun by the Scottish expedition.

*The Journal of the American Medical Association* states that it is almost settled that the Ontario Medical Library Association, the Toronto Clinical Society, the Toronto Medical Society and the Toronto Pathological Society will merge into the Academy of Medicine, Toronto. The academy will be managed by a council of twelve, and the first council will be composed of the officials of the Ontario Library Association and the presidents and secretaries of the other three societies. These will choose their own officers, while succeeding councils will be composed of nineteen members. The academy has a house in Queen's Park, and a library and auditorium to cost \$50,000 will be added. Dr. J. F. W. Ross is president of the Ontario Medical Library Association; Dr. H. B. Anderson, of the Toronto Clinical Society; Dr. R. D. Rudolf, of the Toronto Medical Society, and Dr. J. A. Amyot, of the Toronto Pathological Society.

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COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY has received a gift of \$30,000 from an anonymous source to be used for pressing needs of the university.

MR. ANDREW CARNEGIE has offered \$50,000 toward the building fund of the McGill University College of British Columbia, conditional on a similar sum being collected.

ANNOUNCEMENT is made that a graduate school of agriculture will be conducted at Cornell during the summer of 1908, under the management of the Association of American Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations. Sessions were held at the Ohio State University in 1904, and at the University of Illinois in 1906.

VARIOUS bills have been introduced in the Massachusetts legislature, which would tax the

residences of college and university professors owned by the institutions. One of these bills provides for reimbursing the town or city by the state. President Eliot and other representatives of universities and colleges were expected to appear before the legislative committee on taxation on March 13.

A COURSE in anthropology was offered at Minnesota for the first time last autumn by Professor A. E. Jenks, then beginning work in the department of sociology, and it was elected by six students. The course was offered again the second semester, beginning on February 4, and has been elected by eighty-three students. An advanced course was also offered the second semester which has been elected by eighteen students.

THE trustees of Columbia University at their last meeting promoted a number of officers of instruction, including the following: From adjunct professor to professor—Earl B. Lovell, civil engineering; Henry C. Sherman, chemistry. From lecturer to professor—Dickinson S. Miller, philosophy. From instructor to adjunct professor—William Campbell, metallography; William P. Montague, philosophy; James H. McGregor, zoology. From tutor to instructor—Tracy E. Hazen, botany; Floyd J. Metzger, chemistry; Charles P. Berkey, geology; Bergen Davis, physics; Cavalier H. Jouet, chemistry; Victor J. Chambers, chemistry. From lecturer to tutor—Samuel R. Williams, physics; Pauline H. Dederer, zoology. From assistant to tutor—William N. Berg, physiological chemistry; Marion E. Latham, botany.

MR. WILLIAM SPENS, B.A., has been elected director of natural science studies and fellow of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge.

PROFESSOR JOSEF POMPECKJ, recently called to Königsberg, has now accepted the chair of geology and mineralogy at Göttingen, as successor of Professor von Koenen.

*Errata:* In SCIENCE xxv., p. 293, second column, the fourth word of line 12 should be *spikelets*, the fifth word *ligule*. In line 18, the first word should be *Commutata*.

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