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LEGACY TO INSTITUTE.

In a will leaving many generous public bequests, Mr. J. Raymond Edmonds gives to the Institute $50,000. He was a graduate of the class of 1868 in mechanical engineering, and until his death he lived in Cambridge.

Among his other gifts are, his estate in Cape Breton to Endicott College, and one thousand dollars each to the Appalachian Mountain Club, Harvard University and the End-End Christian Union of Cambridge. The money left to the Cape Breton Club is intended for the preservation of standing forests. The $1,000 left to Harvard will be used for the Phillips Brooks House Library.

To Brown University, he has left his telescope and $300 for installing it.

GENERAL NEWS

TELEGRAPH NEWS OF THE MORNING.

Washington, Apr. 1—Fair Weather, light to moderate variable winds.

Chicago, Apr. 1—The entire middle west will be affected by a strike of 200,000 bituminous coal miners, which was ordered to begin at midnight. The men are in need of money, some cans in Italy seem to be centering here.

Catastia, Mar. 31—The eruption of Mount Rtna increased slightly in volume yesterday, and the lava streams are advancing a little faster than Tuesday. That from Eva Diavolo is now about two miles from Nicotendo and less than three miles from Belpasso.

Rome, Apr. 1—Frank A. Perret, colonel and seismologist, of Springfield, Mass., remains alone of the scientists studying the eruption of Mount Rtna. While the earth beaucoup and grooves and the volcano hurls up masses of stone from 10 to 20 tons weight, Perret calmly photographs the rolling tide of molten lava, calculates the weight of the falling stones and notes the force and direction of the earth vibrations.

The Italian newspapers publish his courage and scientific knowledge.

London, March 31—Professor Percival Lowell, director of the Lowell Observatory at Flagstaff, appeared quite unexpectedly at the meeting of the British Astronomical Association last night, and delivered an address defending his contentions with regard to the planet Mars. Professor Lowell has admitted that in his opinion the Martians while intelligent organisms, are not in any way similar to human beings. He has also declared that Mars is now drying from lack of water.

Naples, March 31—All the Americans in Italy seem to be centering here in anticipation of the visit of Col. Roosevelt. Naples is already over-crowded, and those who arrive here at the end of the week will not be able to find accommodations.

Alexandria, Mar. 31—Former President Roosevelt, Mrs. Roosevelt and Miss Ethel sailed for Naples yesterday on the steamer Prince Heinrich.

London, Mar. 31—The Governor of the Fiji Islands telegraphs to the colonial office that 19 persons, all natives, were killed by the hurricanes that swept the islands last Thursday.

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