

city having undertaken to erect a building for the Institute at a cost of 125,000 Marks.

THE annual horticultural exhibition was held in Paris from the 18th to the 25th of May and a Congress of Horticulture met in conjunction with the Exposition on May 20th and 21st. The Royal Botanic Society, London, held an exhibition of plants and flowers in their gardens at Regent's Park on May 11th.

WE learn from *Natural Science* that Mr. Edouard Foa has travelled across Africa by the basin of the Zambesi, Lake Tanganyika and the Congo, and has brought back numerous specimens of anthropological interest from the region of the great lakes. Dr. Hugo Bücking and Dr. L. van Werneke have started for an eight months' expedition to the Netherland East Indies on behalf of a Dutch Society.

WE receive monthly the *Sei-i-kwai Medical Journal*, edited and published by the Society for the Advancement of Medical Science in Japan, the articles of which, partly in English and partly in Japanese, are doubtless instructive to the Japanese, while those in English are certainly amusing to the English reader. The general style may be gathered from the following:

"Diseases of the animal sphere (or the nerves, senses and muscles). Regarding Japanese pathological constitution the writings of medical and ethnographic authors are not lacking in general remarks which are meant to express in the usual sense. \* \* \* \* It would also be an essential task of the surgeon to separate such easings of the treatment of wounds as really are due to constitutional causes, from the consequences of the possibility that perhaps the causes of infection working against the healing art is some way different extra European countries. \* \* \* \* The spleen is all malarial, typhus, variola diseases and in those called *και εἰζοκνυ* splenetid diseases, the seat of strong swelling and all corresponding symptoms. Let us observe here that unusually great swellings of the spleen are seldom found, either in post-mortem or clinical examination."

#### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

It is said that Mrs. Phoebe Hearst will erect a building for mining engineering for the University of California at a cost of \$300,000.

MR. HENRY WILDE, F.R.S., has proposed to

endow in Oxford University a readership and a scholarship in mental philosophy. They are to be designated the Wilde readership and the John Locke scholarship.

HOBART COLLEGE, Geneva, N. Y., received \$6,000 for a scholarship by the will of Mrs. Augusta M. Williams, of Newport, R. I.

THE appointments for the coming year in the botanical department, Cornell University, are as follows: Dr. E. J. Durand is reappointed instructor in botany and assistant curator of the Cryptogamic Herbarium, and Mr. K. M. Wiegand, assistant in botany and assistant curator of the Phaneogamic Herbarium. Mr. B. M. Duggar, now assistant cryptogamic botanist to the Experiment Station, has been appointed instructor in botany, with special reference to experimental plant physiology, his time to be divided between instruction and work in the Experiment Station. Two graduate assistantships in botany have been established, the holders to divide their time between assistance and investigation. Mr. W. A. Murrill, B.S., A.M., the present scholar, and Mr. G. T. Hastings have been appointed to these positions for the coming year. Besides these, a fellow, or scholar, is appointed in the department.

THE second summer session of the New York State Library School, Albany, of which Mr. Melvil Dewey is Director, began this year on May 30th, and will continue in session for five weeks.

AMONG the docents who have recently qualified are Dr. Fischer in anatomy and Dr. Mayer, of Vienna, in chemistry at the German University at Prague; Dr. Formanek in applied medical chemistry in the Bohemian University at Prague, and Dr. Haussner in mathematics in the University at Giessen.

#### DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE.

##### COLOR-VISION.

It is not often that a letter appears in SCIENCE that presents the particular combination of characteristics of one of the recent communications on Color Vision. Professor Titchener says expressly that until the recent papers of Müller in the *Zeitschrift für Psychologie* on Her-