

THE Anatomical Society of Great Britain and Ireland met at Cambridge on July 8th.

WE learn from the *British Medical Journal* that on June 27th, in the presence of a number of eminent official, academic and scientific men, Virchow formally opened the new pathological museum which bears his name and has been built under his superintendence. It has cost about 560,000 Marks, and contains a collection of more than 20,000 specimens, collected almost wholly by Professor Virchow himself, and representing the history of pathology during the past half century. Professor Virchow delivered a speech in which he pointed out that while foreign countries, especially England, had long preceded Germany in anatomical researches the Fatherland could now rival them on that ground.

AT a sitting of the Municipal Council of Paris, M. Bertillon has been dismissed from his position as Chief of the Identification Service at the Prefecture of Police, owing to his report in 1894 on specimens of Dreyfus's hand writing, submitted to him for comparison with the bordereau by the Minister of War. M. Gobert, expert of the Bank of France, who was first appointed to examine the matter, reported that the bordereau might well have been written by another person than the one suspected. M. Bertillon's report ran as follows: "If one sets aside the hypothesis of a document very carefully forged, it clearly appears that one and the same person wrote the letter (*i. e.*, the bordereau) and the pieces communicated for comparison."

JUDGE COLT, of the United States Circuit Court, in Boston, has reversed the decision of the Board of Appraisers, which held that surgical instruments imported to this country were dutiable. He holds that the instruments are not dutiable, being 'scientific instruments' within the meaning of the law.

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#### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

THE *British Medical Journal* states that at the special meeting of the Senate of the University of London summoned for June 28th a long discussion took place upon a motion submitted

by the Chancellor (Lord Kimberley) accepting the proposals of the government to transfer the University from Burlington Gardens to the Imperial Institute. The meeting was an unusually large one, and sat for two hours, but finally adjourned without coming to a decision. It is understood that great reluctance was expressed to surrendering the present buildings, but that the majority favored the acquisition of some portion of the Institute buildings to meet the demands of increased accommodation for teaching and laboratory work, such as must speedily follow the passing into law of the statutes framed by the Royal Commission.

AT the University of Wisconsin Dr. W. H. Hobbs, assistant professor of mineralogy and petrology, has been promoted to a full professorship, and Robert W. Wood, instructor in physics, to be an assistant professor.

PROFESSOR RUSH RHEES, of Newton Theological Seminary, has been elected President of the University of Rochester. He will assume office in July, 1900, which will be the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the institution.

OF the eight fellowships given annually by the University of Virginia, two have been awarded in the sciences as follows: *Mathematics*, T. G. Johnson; *Agriculture*, W. F. Maret. The fellowships are of the value of \$300 a year, and each fellow is expected to teach one hour daily in the University and to devote the remainder of his time to advanced study and research.

PROFESSOR E. A. SCHAEFER, F.R.S., for fifteen years Jodrell professor of physiology in University College, London, has been elected to the chair of physiology in the University of Edinburgh.

AT a meeting of the Council of University College, London, held on Saturday, June 17th, Professor Montelius was appointed Yates lecturer in archaeology for the year 1900.

DR. SCHENCK, docent in physiology in the University at Würzburg, Dr. Martin, docent in anthropology in the University of Zurich, and Dr. Blaschke, honorary docent in mathematics in the Technical Institute of Vienna, have been promoted to assistant professorships.