

John Ramsay, one of the survivors of the expedition sent out to search for Sir John Franklin. He joined the Navy in 1849, and formed one of the crew of the *Resolute*, which sailed from Woolwich in 1852.

On the 20th of August last an International Conference met at Berne to study the glaciers of the Rhone and Aar, to which extended excursions were made. Among those present were Professors Penck of Vienna, Reid of the Johns Hopkins University, von Drygalski of Berlin, Fürsterwalder of Munich, Baron von Toll of St. Petersburg, and other students of glaciers.

THE Intercolonial Medical Congress of Australasia will hold its fifth session in Brisbane from September 18th to 23d.

THE tenth congress of Italian Alienists will be held in Naples from the 10th to the 14th of October, under the presidency of Professor Tamburini. We learn from the *British Medical Journal* that the following are the subjects proposed for discussion: Practical methods of individual psychological investigation in asylums and clinics; the light which has been, and may be, thrown by anatomical data on normal and pathological psychology; psychiatry and the study of the individual and his activity in social relations; intoxications and infections in the pathogenesis of mental diseases and neuropathies.

THE German Government has sent Professor Kossel, of the Board of Health, to Lisbon and Oporto to study the plague and the methods adopted to combat it. He is accompanied by Professor Frosch, of the Berlin Institute for the Study of Infectious Diseases, who is being despatched on the same mission by the Prussian Government.

#### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

THE Rose Polytechnic Institute will shortly receive \$50,000 from a bequest of the late Joseph Collett, the payment of which has been delayed through litigation.

It is reported that the German technical schools will be authorized to confer the degree *Doctor rerum technicarum*, and that the degree will be conferred for the first time on the oc-

casion of the celebration of the centenary of the Charlottenburg Technical School.

THE Regents of the University of Texas have provided a psychological laboratory which has been placed under the charge of Professor Caswell Ellis, of the department of pedagogy.

At the University of West Virginia the following appointments have been made: Edward D. Copeland, A.B. (Stanford), Ph.D. (Halle), lately assistant professor of botany at Indiana University, to be assistant professor of botany; J. B. Johnston, Ph.D. (Michigan), to be assistant professor of zoology; Otto Folin, B.S. (Minnesota), Ph. D. (Chicago), to be assistant professor of chemistry, and J. D. Thompson, M.A. (Cambridge) of Trinity College, Cambridge, and University College, Sheffield, to be assistant professor of mathematics.

At the Ohio State University, W. E. Henderson has been appointed assistant professor of analytical chemistry and C. B. Morrey, assistant professor of anatomy and physiology.

A. KIRSCHMANN, Ph.D., lecturer in philosophy at the University of Toronto since 1894, has been appointed professor of philosophy and director of the psychological laboratory.

PROFESSOR RICHARD PFEIFFER has been called from the Berlin Institute for infectious diseases to the University of Königsberg as successor to Professor von Esmarch.

It is reported that Dr. Arons, Privat-Docent for physics in the University of Berlin, has been called to a chair of physics at Würzburg. It will be remembered that Dr. Arons has been prosecuted by the Government for being a socialist, but that the philosophical faculty of the University of Berlin refused to take any action disciplining him.

ROLLO KENT BEATTIE, B.Sc., 1896 and A.M., 1898, of the University of Nebraska, has been elected to the instructorship in botany in the Agricultural College at Pullman, Washington, and John Lewis Sheldon, B.Sc. (Nebraska), recently appointed assistant in botany in the same university, has accepted the instructorship in biology in the Nebraska State Normal School.