

REUTER'S AGENCY has received a letter from Major St. H. Gibbons, who is engaged on a trans-African expedition, dated 'North Moera Lake, January 21st,' in which the explorer says: "I reached the neighborhood of Nana-kundundu with native canoes early in October, but failed to procure carriers to follow the route I intended to take—viz, to the Zambesi source and thence along the watershed into the Congo eastwards. Thus I was compelled to make the journey with four boys and five donkeys. After traveling thus for 420 miles, during which I lost two donkeys, who were killed by lions, I caught up the Lemaire-Katanga Scientific Expedition. I overtook Captain Lemaire near the Mumbeje river and travelled with him east to the Lufira system, and thence northeast to the Congo State station on the Lukafu river. I have been treated with the greatest cordiality by Captain Lemaire and by all the State officials with whom I have come in contact. The objects of the expedition have so far been carried out *in toto*, and I am now on my way home by forced marches *via* Lado and Khartum. From where I now am this route will probably prove as quick as *via* either the east or west coast. The main reason why, after abandoning the northern route in favor of the west on the paralyzation of the main supplies with the steamers occasioned by Mr. Muller's death and Mr. Weller's loss of health, I have again returned to the original plans laid down is that I wish to examine the country between here and the Nile for the purpose of giving Mr. Rhodes such information as may be helpful to him in connection with his railway and telegraph schemes in Africa. I continue my journey north to-morrow, and expect to reach Lado in April. Thence I shall descend the Nile as best I can."

It is stated in the *British Medical Journal* that next autumn with the co-operation of the Mediterranean, Adriatic, and Sicilian Railway Companies, the Società per gli Studi della Malaria will make experiments on a large scale as to the prevention of malarial fever among railway servants in malarious districts in Italy. At all the stations which bear the worst name in regard to this scourge the huts in which the men and the families live will be protected with

mosquito netting in the way which proved so successful last year in the Prenestina-Cervara and Magliana-Pontegalera lines. Similar experiments will be made on the Foggia-Barletta and Battipaglia-Reggio lines, on the Pontine Marshes, and in Sicily. Systematic examinations of the blood of sufferers from malaria will also be made in the hospitals of Milan and Crema, with the object of studying the course of the fever in Lombardy. Research stations will be established at Cumignano on the Naviglio in the province of Cremona for the study of malaria in its relation to rice fields, and in the province of Ferrara for the study of the disease in its relation to brackish waters and the maceration of textile plants. Another station will be established at Trinitapolis in the province of Foggia for the study of malaria in the south of Italy, and probably one in the Venetian district. Similar investigations will be pursued in Sicily and Sardinia. By this combination of research it is hoped to gain an accurate idea of the regional distribution and local characteristics of malaria in Italy, and to find means of prevention adopted to the condition of the different parts of the country.

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By the will of Edmund Dwight \$125,000 has been left to Harvard University after the death of persons who receive the income during life.

It is said that over \$900,000 have now been subscribed towards the endowment fund of Brown University, and the completion of the million dollars will probably be announced at the commencement exercises.

SOME months ago Mr. Rockefeller offered \$100,000 to Denison University upon the condition that \$150,000 additional be raised before July 1st of this year. At the commencement exercises, June 14th, it was announced that the required amount has been subscribed, and, in addition, enough more to bring the total of the present increase in the productive endowment up to \$300,000. It was announced, at the same time, that Shepardson College for Women, also located at Granville, O., has been formally incorporated into Denison University, making the latter practically co-educational. As thus

reorganized, Denison University includes the following schools: Granville College, Shepardson College, The Conservatory of Music, The School of Fine Arts, The School of Military Science, Doane Academy.

MR. MORRIS K. JESUP has given \$25,000 to Princeton University for an object not specified.

MR. R. M. STIMSON has given to Marietta College his library containing about 20,000 volumes.

MR. W. S. STRATTON has given \$50,000 to Colorado College.

MESSRS. PHELPS, DODGE & Co. have contributed \$10,000 to a special fund for the endowment of the departments of mining and metallurgy at Columbia University, and smaller sums have been contributed to the same fund.

A gift of \$25,000 to Lombard College in Galesburg, Ill., by William G. Waterman of Galena, Ill., and another gift of \$8000 by Judge Sylvanus Wilcox of Elgin, nearly complete the \$100,000 semi-centennial fund of the college.

THE opening of Rochester University to women seems now practically assured, as of the \$50,000 required for that purpose \$40,000 have already been secured.

LYMAN C. SMITH, a citizen of Syracuse, and a trustee of Syracuse University, will build and equip a civil engineering building for that institution.

THE department of geology, of Harvard University, offers, in connection with the work of the summer school, an advanced course in geological field-work in New York and Connecticut. The work in the corresponding course last summer was in Montana and the Yellowstone Park. The summer excursion for practical observations of mining will begin as soon after the final examinations as possible, and will last six weeks. Instead of the usual trip to the Lake Superior iron region, the tour this summer will be to the anthracite coal mines of Pennsylvania and the iron mines of the Lake Champlain district.

THE degrees conferred by the University of Toronto at its recent commencement were as

follows: Ph.D., 1; M.A., 17; LL.B., 2; M.B., 45; B.A., 134; C.E., 2; Mg.E., 1; Mech.E., 1; B.A.Sc., 10; D.D.S., 68; Ph.M.B., 34; Mus. Bac., 3.

AT the recent meeting of the Regents of the University of Nebraska, Dr. Bessey, acting chancellor, reported the enrollment in the several colleges as follows:

The Graduate School,.....	148.
The College of Literature, Science and Arts,.....	923.
The Industrial College,.....	585.
The College of Law,.....	161.
The College of Fine Arts (Schools of Art and Music),.....	366.
Summer School,.....	282.

After deducting duplicate names, the total enrollment for the college year is 2205, of which 1229 are men and 976 women.

AT the commencement exercises on June 7th, degrees were conferred as follows:

Bachelor of Arts,.....	89.
Bachelor of Science,.....	34.
Bachelor of Law,.....	65.
Master of Arts,.....	28.
Doctor of Philosophy,.....	1.

Certificates of graduation from the School of Music, 9; University Teachers' Certificates, 31; Certificates in Mechanic Arts, 2; Certificates in Physical Training, 2.

AT the University of Nebraska the following appointments have been made: Carl Christian Engberg, Ph.D. (Nebraska), to be instructor in mathematics. Clarence Aurelius Skinner, Ph.D. (Berlin), adjunct professor in physics, in place of Dr. Louis Trenchard More, resigned. John Edwin Almy, M.A. (Nebraska), and Ph.D. (Berlin), to be instructor in physics, in place of Dr. Skinner, promoted. Dr. John White has been advanced to the professorship of general and analytical chemistry. The twenty-five appointments to fellowships include the following:

Botany.—George Grant Hedgcock, William Titus Horne, Cora Frances Smith, John Lewis Sheldon.
Electrical Engineering.—Herbert Silas Evans.
Geology.—Cassius Asa Fisher, A.B.
Mathematics.—Louis Siff.
Pedagogy.—William R. Hart.
Philosophy.—Frederick Henry Kuhlmann.
Zoology.—Frank Elbert Watson.