

soldiers of the Indian army have accompanied an expedition of this character. On reaching the Nile, Smith sent his men with Mr. Fraser, the naturalist, home by way of Uganda and Mombasa, while he himself stayed at the fort for six weeks, and returned with Major Peake's expedition, by way of Khartum to Cairo. In addition to important geographical observations Dr. Smith obtained a large and valuable collection of specimens of the fauna of Central Africa.

THE second meeting of the Latin-American Scientific Congress will be held at Montevideo from March 20th to March 31st, 1901. The work of the Congress will be divided among nine sections.

THE annual meeting of the Italian Botanical Society will be held at Venice on September 9th-15th, under the presidency of Sig. Sommier.

IN view of the great importance of the scientific publications of Messrs. D. Appleton & Co. we are glad to learn that plans for the reorganization of the company and for the continuance of the business have been announced by the reorganization committee, of which James G. Cameron, vice-president of the Fourth National Bank, is chairman. The valuation of the assets is placed at \$3,224,787.18. The liabilities are \$1,346,696.78. The plan of reorganization provides for the unifying of the title and ownership of the three business establishments into the new corporation of D. Appleton & Co. The capitalization of the new company will be negotiable gold notes, six per cent. for \$1,400,000, syndicate notes for \$250,000, and capital stock, \$3,000,000. General creditors are to be paid 25 per cent. in cash, and 75 per cent. in the six per cent. negotiable mortgage gold notes. The preferred obligations, such as taxes, wages, interest on mortgage, royalties, etc., amounting to \$176,698.78, are to be paid in full. A cash working capital of \$250,000 is to be provided. It is said that Mr. William H. Appleton will be made president of the new company and Mr. James G. Cameron chairman of the board of directors.

MR. P. STRICKLAND, United States Consul, writes from Gorée Dakar, under date of May

1st, that an exposition has just been held at Dakar which was of interest, as it was probably the first of its kind in the colony, if not in intertropical Africa. The exposition was opened with ceremonies and speeches appropriate for the occasion on the 15th of March, and closed on the 14th of April. There were exhibited, among other things, the animals of the country, including ostriches; specimens of rubber, gums, nuts, and most of the other products; fish and native gear for catching it; native jewelry, some of which is very fine; hides and skins, including bird skins for mounting on hats; furniture made in the country; native woods, etc. All the objects were artistically displayed in the beautiful park at Dakar, and, in order to encourage the natives to visit it, no entrance fee was charged. The exposition was very successful. It may be noted that the government is doing everything to encourage agriculture in the colony, and has imported seeds from the rubber trees of Brazil for free distribution among those willing to plant them.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

PRESIDENT FAUNCE announced at the commencement of Brown University that the amount needed to complete the million dollar endowment fund had been subscribed. The gifts received during the week immediately preceding commencement include one of \$50,000 from Mr. Frank A. Sayles, of Pawtucket, as a memorial to his mother and sister, and \$25,000 from Marsden J. Perry, of Providence. Numerous smaller sums were also received, bringing the total amount up to the sum of \$1,096,106.

THE reversionary interest of Harvard University, Williams College and the Public Library at Springfield, Mass., in the estate of David A. Wells will amount to about \$70,000 each.

AT the commencement of Mt. Holyoke College, it was announced that the amount collected for the second endowment fund had already reached the sum of \$75,000 of which \$50,000 is contributed by Dr. D. K. Pearson, of Chicago. A letter was received from Mr. John Dwight, of New York, offering to give \$60,000 for a memorial building to be built on the site

of the old Dwight House. Twenty-five thousand dollars of the endowment fund has been devoted to the establishment of a chair of psychology.

THE following gifts and bequests have also been announced during the past week: Edgar C. Brackett, a member of the State Senate of New York, has given \$30,000 to Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Ia. By the will of Alexander H. McFadden, who died recently in Philadelphia, Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa., receives \$10,000. At the commencement of Smith College President Seelye announced that \$32,000 had been given to the College from various sources. Ezra J. Warner, of Chicago, has added \$20,000 to a previous gift of \$50,000 for a science hall for Middlebury (Vt.) College.

PROFESSOR CHARLES A. YOUNG, of Princeton University, delivered the commencement address before Adelbert College. His topic was 'The Unities of Time, Space, Law and Substance in the Domain of Astronomy.'

THE Board of Regents of the University of West Virginia has refused to accept the resignation of President Raymond and has passed a resolution approving the policy he has pursued in regard to the faculty and the students.

DR. HENRY WADE ROGERS has resigned the presidency of Northwestern University.

AT Smith College, Dr. Arthur H. Pierce, of Amherst, has been appointed associate professor in mental and moral science, and Ralph Barton Perry instructor in ethics and pedagogy. The following assistants have also been appointed: Miss A. Bruere in physics, Miss F. C. Smith in botany and Miss A. P. Hazen in zoology.

THE following appointments to the position of instructor have been made recently: Dr. Lawrence E. Griffin, in biology and zoology, at Adelbert College; F. W. Kaffer, in civil engineering, at Princeton University; Dr. Walter B. Cannon, in physiology, in the Harvard Medical School; C. L. Bonton, in mathematics, and Mr. E. W. Morse, in natural history, in Harvard University.

THE following degrees were conferred at the commencement of Cornell University: There were fifty-three who received A.B., forty who received Ph.B., and sixty-two who received

B.S. This is the last occasion on which the two latter degrees will be conferred by the university. There were fifty-two LL.B.'s conferred, and six M.D.'s were added to the fifty-three already conferred at the Medical commencement in New York. Eight took B.S.A. (agriculture), seven D.V.M. (veterinary medicine), one (the first to receive such a degree in this country); B.S.F. (forestry), B.Arch. (architecture) was granted to ten candidates; C.E. (civil engineering) to fifty-two, and M.E. (mechanical engineering) to 100 of whom forty-three had specialized in electrical engineering. Fourteen were then given the degree of A.M., one of M.C.E., four of M.M.E. There were nineteen candidates for the Ph.D. degree of which thirteen were in the sciences as follows: William Chandler Bagley (psychology), Charles Edward Brewer (chemistry), Kary Cadmus Davis (botany), Stevenson Whitcomb Fletcher (horticulture), Charles Tobias Knipp (physics), Gertrude Sharb Martin (social science), William Fairfield Mercer (entomology), Wilhelm Miller (horticulture), Vida Frank Moore (ethics), Edward Charles Murphy (civil engineering), William Alphonso Murrill (botany), Guy Montrose Whipple (psychology), and Ambrose Paré Winston (political science).

AT Cambridge University Mr. L. R. Wilberforce has been appointed university lecturer in physics; Mr. G. F. C. Searle a university lecturer in experimental physics, and Dr. G. H. F. Nuttall university lecturer in bacteriology and preventive medicine.

THE sixteen wranglers of the Cambridge Mathematical Tripos this year are headed, says *Nature*, by Mr. J. E. Wright of Trinity, Mr. A. C. W. Aldis of Trinity Hall being second wrangler. An Indian student, Mr. Balak Ram of St. John's is fourth; and Miss W. M. Hudson of Newnham College, sister of the senior wrangler of 1898, is bracketed eighth wrangler. Miss E. Greene, also of Newnham, is equal to tenth. St. John's claims five of the wranglers, Trinity four, Clare two. In Part II., the bracketed senior wranglers of last year, Mr. Birtwistle of Pembroke, and Mr. Paranjpye of St. John's, are placed with two others in the first division of the first class.