

financial necessities of each case. The rest of the work of the field parties has been more of the character of investigations—as, for instance, the examination of the influence of forest cover on waterflow which was made on the watershed of the Arrowhead river in southern California, the studies of the habits of growth and reproduction of the two most important lumber trees of the Pacific coast—the Red Fir and the Redwood, and the survey of the results of tree-planting undertakings which have been carried on in the northern part of the Mississippi Valley. During the coming winter the agents of the Division will spend most of their time in working up the results of the summer's surveys and in preparing reports on them, although there will doubtless be some field work as well.

THE total exports from the United States during the month of October, as shown by the records of the Treasury Bureau of Statistics, were \$163,093,597. The total for ten months ending with October, 1900, is \$1,194,775,205, or practically double that of the ten months ending with October, 1894. Exports exceeded imports during the ten months ending with October by \$499,667,936, while in the corresponding ten months of 1894 imports exceeded exports by \$96,663,369. The exports of last month were far in excess of any previous month, exceeding those of March of the present year, which hitherto had the highest record, by nearly \$30,000,000.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

YALE UNIVERSITY has received \$68,152 from the estate of the late John De Kovey.

IN an address to the students of Colorado College, Dr. D. K. Pearsons, of Chicago, announced that on January 1, 1901, he would make the college a gift of \$50,000 toward the cost of completing the new scientific building now in course of construction.

UNDER the will of the late Dr. D. J. Leech, professor of *materia medica* and therapeutics in the Owens College, Manchester, that college will eventually receive £10,000, for endowing a chair of *materia medica* and therapeutics.

THE University of Wisconsin has received \$1,000 from Charles F. Pfister and a like amount

from Fred Vogel, both of Milwaukee, to be expended in the purchase of books for the School of Commerce.

THE Yale University treasurer has bought an additional piece of property on Cedar Street in New Haven, by which, with earlier purchases, a continuous front of about 200 feet opposite the New Haven Hospital is secured for a new site for the Medical School, at a total cost of about \$60,000.

DR. DE WILDE, minister from the Argentine Republic, is interested in the establishment of ten agricultural and mechanical colleges in that country after American models. To this end there are twenty-eight students of the Republic now attending colleges in this country, both in the East and the West.

IN a letter to the *Times* Mr. T. Clifford Albutt states that in spite of constant efforts during the last two years the Chancellor of Cambridge University has received no more than £62,500, one half of which amount comes from the Chancellor himself, Lord Rothschild and Mr. Astor. "These funds are now being expended on the laboratories and museums of geology, botany, and pathology, which are most needed; but they will not meet the cost even of these; the botanical and pathological departments alone will cost more. Again, among the offices still vacant here for lack of funds are twenty-three of the readerships prescribed by the Commission as necessary. The normal salary of a reader is £400 a year; I should be surprised to hear that the average income of our present readers is more than £200. Our revenue on paper seems large no doubt, but the bulk of it is in trust for specific purposes, some of which are and some are not of paramount importance; every penny, however, that could be set free for development was so freed by the Royal Commission. * * * Unless the public by donation or bequest be more generous, we can hardly hope to keep in the van of modern education; yet for Oxford and Cambridge to fall back would be a national misfortune."

J. SHIRELY EATON, the statistician of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, has been elected to a chair of domestic commerce and transportation at New York University.