

destructive of human life than are wild animals, but the reverse is true of the destruction of cattle. In 1899 no fewer than 89,238 cattle were destroyed by wild animals, and 9,449 by snakes. Of the former 37,986 fell victims to leopards, and 34,321 to tigers. The leopard is even more destructive to cattle than the tiger in Bengal. This province is the greatest sufferer from the ravages of wild animals and snakes, its loss being 30,539 cattle. Assam lost 17,010, Madras 15,592, Burma 11,016, and the Central Provinces 11,689. The number of wild animals destroyed was 18,887 and the amount paid for their destruction was 107,476 rupees. The number of snakes killed was 94,548, and the rewards paid for service amounted to 4,151 rupees.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

THE Washington State Legislature has adjourned after having made liberal appropriations for the support of education. The State University gets \$270,000, the State Agricultural College \$94,800, the three normal schools \$93,800, \$45,000 and \$40,000, respectively.

THE Indiana Legislature has appropriated \$100,000 for a science building for Indiana University.

THE Ontario Government, in addition to the aid contained in the Toronto University Bill now before the Legislature, which involves the payment of about \$20,000 a year for the science department, salaries and maintenance, has decided to erect a new building for the science department on the site of the old Wycliffe College, at a cost of about \$200,000.

By the will of the late George T. Bliss, of New York City, who died on March 24th, Yale University receives \$50,000.

MR. JOHN D. ROCKEFELER has offered to give Richmond College, a Baptist institution of Virginia, \$75,000, on the condition that the College shall collect \$25,000.

THE sum of \$12,000 per annum has been subscribed for the conduct of the experimental school of Teachers College, Columbia University. It will be remembered that a building is about to be erected for this school with a gift of \$100,000.

THE Lord Mayor of London presided at a meeting on March 21st, when the Earl of Roseberry delivered an address on commercial education. The object of the meeting was to call attention to the importance of higher commercial education in relation to the present position and prospects of British trade, and to take the preliminary steps to raise a fund for the establishment of additional higher commercial teaching in connection with the new London University. Toward this fund, Messrs. N. M. Rothschild & Sons have contributed £5,000.

AN influential committee has issued an appeal with the object of raising £150,000 in celebration of the jubilee of Owens College, Manchester. Fifty thousand pounds are needed to discharge debts that have been contracted and £100,000 for additional endowment. Among the objects the promoters have in view are the extinction of the debt of £22,000 on the building of the medical school; special endowments for existing chairs, including French, chemistry, education, anatomy and philosophy; the establishment of new chairs of English literature, Hebrew and architecture; the establishment of an institution for bacteriological investigation and for the study of hygiene, and of research fellowships; and the creation of a pension fund for members of the teaching staff.

FOLLOWING the action recently taken by the University of Michigan, the Faculty of the College of Science, Literature and the Arts in the University of Minnesota has voted to recommend to the Board of Regents that only one degree, that of bachelor of arts, be given hereafter. Under the present arrangement three courses are offered in the college, leading to the degrees of bachelor of arts, bachelor of literature and bachelor of science.

FOR the remainder of the college year, Mr. S. M. Coulter takes the position of instructor in botany in Washington University, vacated by the appointment of H. F. Roberts as professor of botany in the Kansas Agricultural College.

DR. V. L. LEIGHTON, instructor in organic chemistry at Tufts College, has been called to an associate professorship of chemistry at the College of Agricultural and Mechanic Arts, at Kingston, R. I.