

as the exports to those islands during the year have aggregated about \$25,000,000.

THE St. Petersburg *Novoe Vremya*, as reported by Reuter's Agency, learns from Yeniseisk that Lieutenant Kolomütseff, in command of the steamer *Zaria*, which has on board the members of the Russian Polar expedition, under Baron Toll, has just arrived at that place to re-coal. Lieutenant Kolomütseff reports that the *Zaria* wintered in the Bay of Taimyr in 76° 8' north latitude, and 95° 6' east longitude, and that the winter passed fairly well except for some cases of scurvy among the crew. Lieutenant Kolomütseff twice endeavored to reach Kamchatka by land, but without success. He started on his first attempt on February 2, but was obliged to return at the end of 18 days, owing to lack of food for his dogs. His second fruitless attempt cost him 26 days, in the course of which he was able to explore the whole of the coast of Taimyr Bay. On April 18 he again left the *Zaria*, and arrived at Goldchik after a march of 40 days, during which he lived on the flesh of bears and reindeer. From Goldchik he proceeded with reindeer to Doudinki, and from there by boat to Yeniseisk. His present object is to establish coaling stations for the *Zaria* in Dickson Bay and on the islands of New Siberia.

PROFESSOR W. A. HERDMAN, as *Nature* learns, has received letters and natural history notes from Mr. Nelson Annandale and Mr. H. Robinson, who left Liverpool University College a short time ago for a year's exploration in the Siamese Malay States. Some of the observations made and material collected will be described at the forthcoming meeting of the British Association at Glasgow. Meanwhile, it is interesting to read the following notes from the naturalists: "We have obtained what is either a second species of *Periophthalmus* or a genus closely allied to it, and we have to-day ourselves collected a series of young specimens, which show that in extreme youth the eyes are normally placed on the sides of the head, and only migrate to the top later in life. We also got in water less than a fathom a most interesting case of commensalism, in which a small crab, with a very soft back, has the two last pairs of legs specially modified for holding on

a sea-anemone, which it grasps by the foot. * * * A good many cases of mimicry between different orders and families, principally between spiders and ants, homoptera and beetles, were noted—in at least ten cases the mimicked animal being an ant.

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MRS. CAROLINE STANNARD TILTON, of New Orleans, has given \$50,000 for a Tilton memorial library at Tulane University.

By the will of the late Herbert B. Adams, professor of history in the Johns Hopkins University, that University is made the residuary legatee. Amherst College is given \$2,000 for the library and the American Historical Association is given \$5,000.

WE are requested to state that in spite of the damage the building of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Chicago, the medical school of the University of Illinois, suffered recently from fire, the administration of the College has suffered no serious disturbance and the institution will in the autumn be housed and equipped better than ever before.

DR. CHARLES BURTON THWING, professor of physics in Knox College, has been called to the same chair in Syracuse University.

PROFESSOR W. S. McCORMACK, of University College, Dundee, has been appointed secretary of the endowment for the Scottish universities, established by Mr. Carnegie.

THE Council of University College, London, has appointed Mr. J. D. Cormack, B.Sc., of Glasgow, to the chair of mechanical engineering vacant by the resignation of Professor Hudson Beare on his appointment as regius professor at Edinburgh, and Mr. Edgar Walford Marchant, D.Sc., to the lectureship in electro-technics vacated by Mr. Alfred Hay's appointment to a professorship at Coopers Hill.

DR. R. T. HEWLETT, of the Jenner Institute of Preventive Medicine, has been appointed professor of general pathology and bacteriology at King's College, London.

MR. R. C. PORTER, now lecturer in engineering at the government school at Cairo, has been appointed lecturer of mechanical engineering at Birmingham University.