

foremost place. There were communications on sugar-cane experiments in Barbados, Antigua, St. Kitts, Trinidad and British Guiana. In Guiana an important feature has been the trials of canes on an estate scale, in addition to the necessary small plots. It is fully realized by the officials of the Imperial Agricultural Department that a strenuous attempt must be made to raise the general standard of intelligence amongst all classes; and it is in contemplation shortly to commence the publication of a fortnightly paper, the *Agricultural News*, containing hints and advice in regard to all points of interest in the islands.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

It is announced that Mr. James Stillman, of New York, has given \$100,000 for the establishment of a chair of anatomy in the Harvard Medical School.

THE University of Wooster, Wooster, O., successfully completed on February 21 a campaign to raise \$140,000 in order to secure two large conditional gifts, \$100,000 by Mr. Andrew Carnegie and \$50,000 by Mr. L. H. Severance, of Cleveland. In place of the building which was destroyed by fire on December 11, there will be erected a main building containing lecture rooms, a building for chemistry and physics, a building for biology and geology, an academy building and a heating plant.

It is proposed to establish in New York City a branch of the Catholic University of America, to be known as the Department of Pedagogy.

MR. JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER has given \$5,000 to Washington and Lee University, thus completing the fund of \$100,000 for a memorial to the late President William L. Wilson, in the form of an endowment for the chair of economics and political science.

THE trustees of the University of Pennsylvania have awarded the contract for the construction of the new Medical Laboratories. In the extent of the plan and in the cost of this addition to the facilities of the University, it is the most important agreement ever entered into by the corporation. Since the study of the subject was first begun, the scope of the

purposes to be attained has so widened that from the original projected cost of two hundred thousand dollars, three years ago, the cost of the completed undertaking now entered upon will be about six hundred thousand dollars. The study of the plans has covered all the scientific medical laboratories both in Europe and in this country; and the faculty of medicine feel, and the members of the medical committee of the trustees feel, that the result as submitted by the architects, Messrs. Cope & Stewardson, will repay all the attention and study and pains which have been taken. The building will be wholly fire-proof, and its extent may be understood when it is known that its front on Hamilton Walk is three hundred and forty feet, and the depth of its western wing, one hundred and ninety feet. Provision in respect of north light and of quiet and of freedom from dust has been made for original work in all three of the laboratories included in the building.

PROFESSOR JOSIAH ROYCE, professor of philosophy at Harvard University, and Professor J. Mark Baldwin, professor of psychology at Princeton University, will lecture before the summer school of the University of California during July.

AT Cambridge University Professor Tilden, F.R.S., has been appointed an elector to the chair of chemistry; Lord Rayleigh, F.R.S., an elector to the chairs of chemistry and of mechanism; Dr. Hill, to the anatomy chair; Mr. F. Darwin, F.R.S., to the botany chair; Dr. Hinde, F.R.S., to the geology chair (Woodwardian); Sir G. G. Stokes, F.R.S., to the Jacksonian and Cavendish chairs; Dr. D. MacAlister, to the Downing chair of medicine; Dr. Hugo Müller, F.R.S., to the chair of mineralogy; Professor E. Ray Lankester, F.R.S., to the chair of zoology and comparative anatomy; Professor McKendrick, F.R.S., to the chair of physiology; Lord Lister, F.R.S., to the chair of pathology; and Professor Marshall Ward, F.R.S., to the chair of agriculture.

DR. FRANZ WILHELM NEGER, curator in the Botanical Museum at Munich, has been called to a professorship in the School of Forestry at Eisenach.