

About ninety runs were made, the course being laid out on the Riverside Drive. The technical committee of the club reports that the impression produced was that eight miles an hour is a very slow pace and that the evidence that the automobile can be stopped much more quickly than any other vehicle and can be manœuvred with much greater ease and convenience is positive and ample. They are said to be a much safer conveyance than the horse-drawn vehicle.

REUTER'S agency has received despatches announcing the safe arrival on March 23, at Gildessa, on the Abyssinia frontier, of Mr. W. Fitzhugh Whitehouse, Jr., the American explorer, and Lord Hindlip. The explorers left England at the beginning of the year with the intention of making a journey from Zeila to the Upper Nile. When the despatches were written, the travelers were in good health and had been able to secure ample camel and other transport. At Jibuti they were joined by Dr. Victor Bell. The party expected to reach the Abyssinian capital, and after making a stay with Colonel Harrington, the British agent, proposed to resume the journey either *via* the Sobat or the Blue Nile. On leaving Adis Abeba it was Mr. Whitehouse's intention to spend a month in the 'devil-infested' region of Walamo in order to investigate the cause of the native belief that the country is possessed by demons.

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OVER \$800,000 have been subscribed towards the endowment fund of \$1,000,000 for the Johns Hopkins University. This fund will be used to support and enlarge the work of the University, not for the construction of buildings on the new site as has been stated in some of the newspapers.

BRYN MAWR COLLEGE has secured \$200,000 toward the \$250,000 needed to meet the conditional gift of \$250,000 from Mr. John D. Rockefeller.

PRESIDENT WHEELER, of the University of California, has announced that gifts aggregating \$80,000 have been made to the Uni-

versity. One of the largest is that of D. O. Mills, of New York, who gives \$50,000 to be added to the fund of \$100,000 given by him twenty-one years ago for the establishment of the Mills professorship of moral philosophy and civil polity.

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE has received \$32,500 from the estate of the late F. W. Daniels of Winchester, Mass. Mr. Daniels was a member of the class of 1868.

MR. FRANCIS E. LOOMIS has established a fellowship in physics at Yale University, open to graduates of the academical department, and the Sheffield Scientific School.

AN institution has been established at Milan by M. Ferdinand Bocconi with an endowment of \$200,000 to give scientific training for commercial work.

THE regular work of the Gordon Memorial College at Khartoum in the Soudan will be started next year. It will be remembered that on the initiative of Lord Kitchener about \$1,600,000 was subscribed in memory of General Gordon.

PROFESSOR FREDERIC S. LEE will next year offer a course in physiology to students of Columbia College, the work in physiology having hitherto been confined to the Medical School. Mrs. Lee has given \$500 toward equipping the laboratory.

PROFESSOR S. W. WILLISTON, now of the University of Kansas, has been elected head professor of paleontology at the University of Chicago.

DR. HERMAN SCHLUNDT has recently been elected instructor in physical chemistry at the University of Missouri. Dr. Schlundt took his degree at the University of Wisconsin last June. At Missouri he will have sole charge of the work in physical chemistry.

DR. JOSEPH SWAIN, president of Indiana University and formerly professor of mathematics there and at Stanford University, has been offered the presidency of Swarthmore College.

LORD ROSEBERRY has been elected chancellor of the University of London, in succession to the late Earl of Kimberley.