

Whitaker Expedition to Tripoli. At Mr. J. I. S. Whitaker's expense Mr. E. Dodson had made a successful collecting expedition into Tripoli, and the specimens of mammals obtained had been presented to the National Museum. Twenty-one species were referred to, and, among others, a Hare (*Lepus whitakeri*), allied to *L. æthiopicus*, but of a bright pinkish buffy color, and a Gundi (*Ctenodactylus vali*) like *C. gundi*, but with much larger bullæ, were described as new.

WE learn from *Nature* that a meeting of delegates representing a number of natural history and photographic societies was held at Croydon on Friday, May 9, Mr. W. W. Whitaker, F.R.S., being in the chair, to consider and set in motion a photographic survey of Surrey. It was resolved that a society be formed to be called 'The Photographic Survey of Surrey,' and that its object be to preserve a record in permanent photographs of buildings of interest, antiquities, scenery, geology, natural history, anthropology, and of portraits of notable persons, representations of passing events of local or historical importance, and of old records, rare books, prints, maps, so as to give a comprehensive survey of what is valuable and representative in the county of Surrey.

At a meeting at the Mansion-house on May 18 the Duke of Devonshire, as reported in the *Times*, spoke as follows concerning the conditions which have to be complied with before incorporation of University College with the University of London can take place: The value of the site, buildings, and equipment to be transferred under the scheme provisionally settled between the authorities of the college and the senate of the university is estimated at £500,000, and in addition the administration of the income of certain trust funds, which amount to nearly £300,000, will pass to the university. In order to make the transfer effectual certain preliminary conditions were required: (1) The extinction of the debt upon the college, which has been accomplished by a gift of £30,000 from the Drapers' Company. (2) The removal of the University College School, an institution of a secondary type, in

order to obtain the needful accommodation for university teaching and research, the cost of which is estimated at £60,000. (3) An arrangement by which separate provision, including class-rooms, laboratories, and a pathological museum, can be made for advanced medical studies in order to place the school of medicine on a proper footing, which is calculated to cost another £40,000. Towards this sum of £100,000, which is the immediate object of the appeal, £30,000 have been given by an anonymous donor, and there are other sums promised to the extent of £15,000. On the remaining £55,000 being raised and the college placed at the disposal of the university, the £20,000 offered by Mr. Astor for the increase of the endowment of chairs becomes immediately available for university purposes, and the university will also assume direct administration of that part of the contribution of the Technical Education Board which it has hitherto entrusted to the college. Later and at far greater cost, as the funds at the disposal of the university increase, it is hoped that further advantage will be taken of the opportunities presented by the acquisition of the college for the development of higher education. Schemes for the completion of the west wing, to include the space required for engineering, applied mathematics, physiology and chemistry, are in contemplation, and other changes that would give sufficient accommodation to the departments of zoology, anatomy and physics and also provide a library of adequate dimensions. For the present, however, two great objects will be gained by the success of the appeal for £100,000: (1) A fuller utilization of the resources of the college as an establishment for the promotion of advanced studies; and (2) the provision for the university, which has as yet done little but create administrative machinery, of the means of entering fairly well equipped upon the two-fold mission of instruction and research.

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MR. ISAAC H. CLOTHIER, of Philadelphia, has offered \$100,000 to Swarthmore College on condition that an endowment fund of \$600,000 be

collected. It is reported that the further sum of \$250,000 has been subscribed.

WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY has received an anonymous gift of \$75,000 for the erection of a new science building.

IN addition to the gift of \$50,000 from Mr. D. O. Mills, noted last week, the University of California has received about \$20,000 for the purchase of books from Mrs. Phoebe Hearst, Mrs. Jane K. Sather and Mr. Claus Spreckels; \$5,000 for a lectureship in the College of Commerce from Mr. Henry Weinstock, and \$8,000 for a chair in physiology from Dr. M. Herzstein.

THE Secretary of the Navy was authorized in 1900 to complete plans for new buildings and improvements for the Naval Academy at Annapolis at an expense not exceeding \$8,000,000. We learn from the report of the House Committee on Naval Affairs that the armory and the boat-house are nearly finished and the foundations of the marine engineering building are being constructed, the expenditure so far amounting to nearly \$1,200,000. The contract has been let for the cadets' quarters, which will cost \$2,248,000, accommodating 1,200 cadets. The gymnasium and officers' quarters will be under contract by June 1, as will also be the building known as the officers' mess, and plans for the sea-wall work are now practically completed and will be advertised in a short time.

MISS MARGARET F. WASHBURN, Ph.D. (Cornell), has been elected to the professorship of psychology in the University of Cincinnati vacant by the removal of Professor Judd to Yale University. Miss Washburn is at present warden of the women's college at Cornell University and will occupy a similar position at Cincinnati.

DR. ARTHUR LACHMAN has resigned the chair of chemistry and the deanship of the College of Science and Engineering in the University of Oregon.

DR. JOHN H. WASHBURN has resigned the presidency of the Rhode Island College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts at Kingston.

PROFESSOR DAVID FRANKLIN HOUSTON, professor of political science in the University of Texas, has been elected president of the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College at Bryan.

THE board of governors of McGill University has appointed Dr. Wyatt Johnson, assistant professor of hygiene, to be professor of hygiene, in succession to Dr. Craik. The following appointments of demonstrators have also been made: Alfred W. G. Wilson, Ph.D., in geology; Mr. Howells Frechette, B.Sc., in metallurgy; Mr. K. M. Cameron, B.Sc., in civil engineering; Mr. H. A. Burson, M.Sc., and Mr. E. L. Franklin, B.Sc., in electrical engineering.

APPOINTMENTS at Yale University have been made as follows: L. F. Rettiger, to be instructor in bacteriology; Andrew L. Winter, instructor in organic analysis; and Arthur L. Dean, assistant in plant physiology.

DR. WILLIAM B. HUFF, now assistant in physics at Johns Hopkins University, has been appointed associate in physics at Bryn Mawr College.

H. L. RIETZ, assistant in mathematics at Cornell University, has been appointed to fill the chair of mathematics at Butler College.

THE following appointments have been announced at Cornell University: E. J. McCaustland, assistant professor in civil engineering; Herman Diedrichs, assistant professor in experimental engineering; Dr. Ernest Albee and Dr. Albert Lefevre, assistant professors in philosophy, and Dr. I. M. Bentley, assistant professor in psychology. In the department of Professor Wilder, Mr. Hugh D. Reed has been promoted from assistant to instructor in systematic and economic vertebrate zoology, and the graduate scholarship in neurology has been for the second time assigned to Mr. Thomas L. Hankinson.

PROFESSOR H. S. PRATT, of Haverford College, formerly a student in the Zoological Laboratory of Harvard University, is to be abroad next year on leave of absence. His place is to be filled during his absence by R. M. Strong, Ph.D. (Harvard University, 1901).