

parts of the world, in search of valuable seeds and plants for introduction into America, has returned. He has employed on his various expeditions Mr. D. G. Fairchild, who now resumes his connection with the U. S. Department of Agriculture as one of its explorers. The countries visited this year with a view to more thorough exploration later by the department are Italy, Sicily, Tripoli, Tunis, Malta, Egypt, German East Africa, Zanzibar, Portuguese East Africa, Natal, Transvaal, Cape Colony, Grand Canary, Madeira, Portugal, Spain, Bohemia, Sweden, Denmark, Holland, Belgium and England. Such seeds and plants as were secured were given by Mr. Lathrop to the Department of Agriculture for propagation and distribution, and it is hoped that some of them may prove of great value to the country, repaying him for his patriotic and generous interest in increasing the variety of food and ornamental plants of America.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

AT Cambridge University 866 new students have been admitted, an increase of sixteen over last year. At the University of London the number is 1,016, an increase of 400 over last year.

THE London *Times* states that in connection with the Liverpool Institute of Comparative Pathology (Liverpool University), of which Professors Boyce and Sherrington are directors, a tropical veterinary department has been established. Its objects are to train veterinary and medical men in the tropical diseases of animals, to afford facilities for research in such diseases and organize expeditions, and to organize preventive measures in the tropics against diseases of animals. A memorandum on the subject has just been issued by the institute. It is pointed out that the advantages which Liverpool possesses for the study of tropical medicine are equally applicable to tropical veterinary medicine, there being an immense foreign cattle trade with the port. The Johnston Laboratory of Liverpool University, opened last May by Mr. Walter Long, M.P., contains the fully-

equipped laboratories of the Institute of Comparative Pathology, of the Tropical School of Bio-Chemistry and of the Cancer Research Committee, and is directly connected with the departments of bacteriology, pathology and physiology. These subjects, closely associated in the new Thompson Yates and Johnston Laboratories, it is pointed out, mutually help one another, and thus increase the thoroughness of training and greatly promote the opportunities for research. The secretary of state for war has approved of the course laid down by the institute, and in future officers of the Army Veterinary Department will be sent to Liverpool for their special training, the Army Department paying the fees. The Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine also trains officers sent specially by the government. In connection with the new department it is desired to establish a practical post-graduate class in veterinary medicine and also a school of veterinary medicine. Firms interested in the cattle trade have subscribed a considerable sum towards the expenses involved, but further funds are needed.

LORD GOSCHEN has been elected chancellor of Oxford University in succession to the late Lord Salisbury. Lord Strathcona, Canadian High Commissioner, has accepted the nomination to the chancellorship of Aberdeen University.

MR. HENRY SANGER SNOW has resigned the presidency of the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute.

AT Williams College, Mr. Lorande Loss Woodruff, A.B. (Columbia, 1901), A.M., 1902, has been appointed assistant in biology.

ARTHUR E. WADE, Cornell College, 1901, has been promoted to the head of the Chemical Department of the Medical College of Sioux City, Iowa.

H. J. TURNER, Ph.D. (Johns Hopkins), has been appointed instructor in chemistry at Tufts College.

DR. E. GRIMMICH, professor of anatomy, has been elected rector of the German University of Prague.

DR. W. WIRTINGER, of Innsbrück, has been called to a chair of mathematics at Vienna.