

cent. only meant getting an income of £480,000 a year. That sum of £480,000 was just about half the sum which the German government passed over every year to the German universities. Could it be said that half the sum that Germany gave to her universities was 'grandiose'? Was it not rather mean? Another objection to his Southport address was that he began at the wrong end—with the universities instead of with primary education. But surely, when the British government had in the last thirty years spent 420 millions sterling on primary schools, primary education could be regarded as the affair of the government and very properly left in its hands. He at any rate did not wish the stream of education to be dammed in any way by anything. Let every British child begin at the best primary school it could get, and end, if it was capable, at the best university it could get.

THE Government of India reports, according to an abstract in the London *Times*, that in 1901 more human beings were killed by wild animals than in any year since 1875 except one, and reached a total of 3,651, while last year it was 2,836, and the number of deaths from snake-bite was 23,166. Tigers killed 1,046 persons, of which 544 occurred in Bengal, 65 being in a single district. This was due to the depredations of a man-eater, for the destruction of which a special reward was offered without avail. In another district where 43 persons were killed most of them fell victims also to a man-eater. Wolves slew 377 persons last year, of whom 204 were killed in the United Provinces. A campaign was undertaken against these animals in Rohilkhand and the Allahabad division, and they have been almost exterminated in Cawnpore district, where they used to abound. 80,796 cattle were killed by wild animals last year, and 9,019 by snakes. Tigers killed 30,555 of these, leopards 38,211, and wolves and hyenas most of the remainder. On the other hand, rewards were paid last year for the destruction of 1,331 tigers, 4,413 leopards, 1,858 bears, 2,373 wolves, and 706 hyenas, while the number of snakes killed for reward was 72,595.

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MR. ATWOOD MATTHEWS has bequeathed £5,000 each to the general funds of the university and of Trinity College, Cambridge, and the Hon. George Charles Brodrick has bequeathed £4,000 and his pictures and engravings to Merton College, Oxford, of which he was warden.

MARSH HALL, occupied by the Yale Forest School was injured by fire on December 11, the loss being estimated at about \$10,000.

THE College Entrance Examination Board of the Middle States and Maryland, which was organized three years ago to direct the entrance examinations of the principal colleges and universities in the east, has extended its influence to such a degree that it has now dropped the qualifying phrase and is now 'the College Entrance Examination Board.' The examiners for the current year include the following: *Mathematics*—Chief Examiner, Professor Frank N. Cole, Columbia University; Associates, Professor Thomas C. Esty, University of Rochester, and Dr. Arthur Schultze, De Witt Clinton High School, New York City. *Physics*—Chief Examiner, Professor Edward L. Nichols, Cornell University; Associates, Professor Francis C. Van Dyck, Rutgers College, and Frank Rollins, Morris High School, New York City. *Botany*—Chief Examiner, Professor William F. Ganong, Smith College; Associates, Professor Henrietta E. Hooker, Mount Holyoke College, and Louis Murbach, Central High School, Detroit, Mich. *Chemistry*—Chief Examiner, Professor Leverett Mears, Williams College; Associates, Professor Charlotte F. Roberts, Wellesley College, and Albert C. Hale, Boys' High School, Brooklyn, N. Y.

MR. LEWIS BURTON ALGER, Ph.B. (Michigan), A.M. (Columbia) has been appointed junior professor of education at the University of Michigan.

MR. W. C. FLETCHER has been appointed to the newly established post of chief inspector of secondary schools in Great Britain. Mr. Fletcher was 'second wrangler' at Cambridge in 1886.