

staff and laboratories at Pusa will provide facilities for the application of higher science to those agricultural problems the importance of which to the welfare of India and its people can hardly be exaggerated. Mr. Bernard Coventry, manager of the Dalsingh Serai estate, has been appointed principal, and enters upon his new duties forthwith, but the college will not be ready to receive students until August or September of next year.

THE five-foot equatorial telescope, with Newtonian and Cassegrain mirrors, and many other astronomical and optical instruments belonging to the late Dr. Common, are offered for sale by T. A. Common, 88 Wigmore Street, London, W.

#### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

THE Drapers' Company, in addition to their previous gift of £10,000, have promised £5,000 to the building fund of University College, Cardiff.

THE secretary of state for India has vetoed the proposal to abolish the engineering college at Coopers Hill, the proposal having been warmly opposed by the government of India, and by the Departments of Public Works, Forests and Telegraphs, which are recruited from the college.

ACCORDING to *The British Medical Journal*, the total number of students attending the French universities is 30,405, made up as follows: Paris 12,985, Aix-Marseille 1,080, Besançon 333, Bordeaux 2,320, Caen 752, Clermont 299, Dijon 880, Grenoble 705, Lille 1,164, Montpellier 1,707; Nancy 1,327, Poitiers 863, Rennes 1,190, Lyon 2,069, Toulouse 2,291. The Arts Faculty has 4,384 students, of whom 3,873 are French. It has 613 women students. Law has 10,972 students, and of these 4,382 belong to the University of Paris and 1,021 to Toulouse. In the Faculty of Science there are 4,765 students, of whom 1,546 attend the Paris Faculty, 552 that of Lyon, and 476 at Nancy. There is a total of 6,686 students of medicine, of whom 6,115 are French. They are distributed as follows: Paris 3,496, Lyon 958, Bordeaux 654, Montpellier 552. There are 571 foreigners attending this Faculty, of whom

197 belong to Persia, 89 to Turkey, 63 to Bulgaria, and 57 to Roumania. To these must be added 202 French women students and 164 women students from abroad, together with 1,558 students who are taking the course of medicine and pharmacy. Besides these there are 3,014 students of pharmacy.

MR. J. G. JACK will conduct a field class at the Arnold Arboretum on Saturdays during the spring and early summer, to assist those who wish to gain a more intimate knowledge of the native and foreign trees and shrubs which grow in New England.

AT a meeting of the trustees of Columbia University, on April 11, the heads of the departments of civil, mechanical, electrical and mining engineering and of metallurgy were assigned to seats in the faculty of pure science. Dr. William T. Bull, professor of surgery, tendered his resignation, to take effect on June 30.

THE senate of London University has resolved to establish a degree in veterinary science in the faculty of science.

AT Harvard University Dr. C. L. Bouton has been appointed assistant professor of mathematics and Mr. G. S. Reyner, assistant professor of mining; Dr. H. W. Morse has been appointed instructor in physics.

MISS MARY PERLE ANDERSON, who had charge of the instruction in nature study in the summer session at Columbia University in 1903, has been appointed instructor in botany at Mt. Holyoke College for the coming year. Miss Anderson has recently received the first prize for an essay on the preservation of native plants awarded by the New York Botanical Garden.

MR. SIDNEY SKINNER, M.A., of the Cavendish Laboratory, and director of natural science studies at Clare College, Cambridge, has been appointed principal of the Southwestern Polytechnic, Chelsea.

MR. W. L. SYMES, M.R.C.S., has been appointed scientific assistant in physiology at London University. Mr. John Herbert Parsons has been awarded the degree of doctor of science in physiology as an external student.