

members of the congress, to serve as a floating hotel.

WE learn from *The British Medical Journal* that the proceedings of the Pan-American Medical Congress, held at Panama in January, closed with a meeting of the executive committee at which the following resolutions, proposed by Guatemala and seconded by Peru, were carried: (1) That the next Pan-American Medical Congress arrange (a) for an international American pharmacopoeia; (b) for an international code of sanitation; (c) for an international code on temperance; and (d) as a sequel to the above, for the establishment of sanatoriums for the treatment of alcoholism; (e) for the formation of lectureships on medicine in the required studies of jurisprudence. (2) That there be formed at the next congress a section on tropical diseases. (3) That there be created Red Cross Branches, both civil and military. (4) Finally, it was resolved that encouragement be given to those engaged in the campaign against tuberculosis.

*Nature* states that after an interval of two years the fifth conference of West Indian agriculturists was held at Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, from January 4 to 13. It was attended by official, scientific, commercial and practical representatives from all parts. In his presidential address, Sir Daniel Morris gave an interesting survey of the great economic change which is in progress. Taken in the aggregate, sugar cultivation must still be regarded as the backbone of the colonial industries, but in some of the islands it has already become of comparatively little or no importance. Trinidad is now a cacao-producing island, its exports of this commodity having risen to the value of a million sterling per annum. Grenada's cacao exports are valued at £250,000 and Jamaica's at £80,000. Cotton growing, too, has been successfully re-established in several islands, and remunerative prices for the raw cotton are being obtained from Lancashire merchants. The exportations of fruit far exceed in value those of the staple industry. The development of the tobacco, rubber, sisal hemp, fish-curing, and other industries also came under review, and Sir Daniel dwelt upon the importance of

agricultural shows and on the provision made by his department for teaching elementary science and the principles of agriculture in the various colleges and elementary schools. Numerous papers were read and discussed, Professor d'Albuquerque, Dr. Watts, Professor Harrison and others supplying valuable information relating to sugar; Mr. Hart, Mr. de Gannes and others, on cacao; Mr. Bovel, Mr. Sands and others, on cotton; and so on. For practical purposes visits were paid to several cacao and sugar estates. Owing to its more than usually representative character the conference is declared to have been the most successful of the series.

#### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

THE *New York Times* states that Mr. Carnegie since 1900 has given \$2,000,000 for libraries and \$4,500,000 for other buildings and endowments for colleges. The following is a list of institutions to which the money has been given:

Pennsylvania State College .....	\$150,000
Upper Iowa University .....	25,000
Oklahoma University .....	30,000
Iowa College .....	50,000
Tuskegee Institute .....	20,000
Beloit College .....	50,000
Cornell College .....	50,000
Mt. Holyoke College .....	50,000
Yankton College .....	15,000
Talladega College .....	15,000
N. C. State Normal and Industrial..	18,868
Lebanon Valley College .....	20,000
Wilberforce University .....	15,000
Bucknell University .....	30,000
Berea College .....	30,000
Agricultural and Mech. College ...	12,000
Winthrop Normal and Ind. College.	30,000
Washburn College .....	40,000
Converse College .....	10,000
Benedict College .....	6,000
Park College .....	15,000
Atlanta University .....	25,000
Tufts College .....	100,000
Lawrence University .....	50,000
Marietta College .....	40,000
Oberlin College .....	125,000
Fairmount College .....	40,000
University of Maine .....	50,000
Bethany College .....	20,000

North Dakota Agricultural College.	15,000
Simpson College .....	10,000
Carson & Newman College .....	10,000
Central University of Kentucky....	30,000
Earlham College .....	30,000
Fessenden Academy .....	5,000
Fisk University .....	20,000
Furman University .....	15,000
State Normal School .....	10,000
Heidelberg University .....	25,000
Juniata College .....	15,000
Livingstone College .....	12,500
Pomona College .....	40,000
Syracuse University .....	150,000
University of Mississippi .....	25,000
University of Tennessee .....	40,000
Washington and Lee University ...	50,000
De Pauw University .....	50,000
University of North Carolina .....	50,000
Alabama Polytechnic Institute ....	30,000
Drake University .....	50,000
St. John's College .....	16,700

During the past week a gift of \$100,000 to Rochester University for the construction of a scientific building and \$50,000 to Norwich University, Vermont, half for a library and half for an engineering department, have been announced.

It is announced that a gift of \$250,000 has been made to Northwestern University by Milton H. Wilson, a resident of Evanston, and one of the trustees of the institution.

THE London *Times* states that further papers have been published by the government of India in respect to the late Mr. Jamsetjee N. Tata's offer of an endowment in the shape of properties valued at £200,000 for the creation of an Institute of Indian Research at Bangalore. Certain conditions in respect to government assistance were attached to the offer, which was first made six years ago, and these have been the subject of prolonged discussion and correspondence between the government, Mr. Tata during his lifetime, and his representatives. The papers now published show that the difficulties in the way of a settlement have been removed. Guarantees have been offered by the representatives of the donor to secure the full income estimated from the endowment properties, and the management of the latter is vested in a board whose chairman is to be an officer selected by the Bombay gov-

ernment. In addition to making a grant of 2½ lakhs of rupees (£16,666) towards the construction of the necessary buildings and provision of scientific apparatus, the government will make an annual grant to the institute of half the local assets up to a limit of 1½ lakhs of rupees, provided that the institute is conducted on lines approved generally by the government.

THE Barney Memorial Science Hall of Denison University was completely destroyed by fire at two o'clock A.M., March 30. The building was erected in 1894 at a cost of \$45,000, and the value of the equipment within it was also about \$45,000. The department of chemistry, in which the fire started, suffered total loss. The department of physics, which had installed several thousand dollars worth of new apparatus this season, lost most of its equipment, including the greater part of the manuscripts and instruments of the researches of Professor C. W. Chamberlain. The equipment of the department of geology, including about \$7,000 worth added this year, was nearly all saved. The departments of zoology and botany saved about half of their equipment. There is about \$40,000 insurance on the building and contents, and the hall will be rebuilt at once. The most serious loss is the scientific library which has been accumulated during the past twenty years, chiefly through exchange with Denison publications and which was one of the richest collections of society transactions and similar serials in the middle west. In making good, so far as possible, this severe loss the generous cooperation of authors and learned societies is requested. Authors' separates, duplicates, or society publications, if sent to the permanent secretary of the Denison Scientific Association, Granville, Ohio, will be gratefully accepted as a nucleus of a new library.

REV. FREDERICK W. HAMILTON, D.D., pastor of the First Universalist Church of Roxbury, has been elected temporary president of Tufts College, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of President Capen.

MR. R. P. GREGORY, M.A., of St. John's College, has been appointed senior demonstrator in botany at Cambridge.