

though it suffered badly from the cold during the latter part of the passage, and footwarmers were used to provide artificial heat for it on the train journey. Short as the life of this example was in captivity, it exceeded by some days that of others kept by a private aviculturist in Gray's-inn, who a few years ago purchased eleven, and lost them all within as many days. The humming-birds which arrived on Monday have been placed in the insect-house, one end of which is now occupied by two large glass cases specially prepared for them, and quite large enough to allow of somewhat extended flight. On their passage to England the birds were fed, as they will be at the gardens, on meat extract mixed with honey, the former being intended to make up for the insects which they obtain in a natural condition, but which are difficult to supply in captivity. Even in South America native-born aviculturists reckon themselves successful if they keep a caged humming-bird for a couple of months. This period, however, was doubled by Captain Pam, who had one of these birds for four months. These newcomers have not yet been identified, but it is believed they are closely allied to the violet-eared humming-bird exhibited last November. The insect-house was closed to the public on Monday, but it will soon be open again, and the tropical birds kept there should prove a great attraction. Much more numerous was the other part of the collection, which has been deposited for the present in one of the inner rooms of the western aviary. The only one that has yet been turned out of the traveling cage is a sun-bittern, none the worse for its journey. The other species, of which there were in all over eighty examples, consisted of maroon and blue-shouldered tanagers, golden-crowned harynests, mocking birds, a small woodpecker (new to the collection), hooded siskins, buntings and finches.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

By the will of Edward H. Dunn, president of the corporation of Boston University, \$120,000 is left to that institution, one half for the establishment of a professorship and one half for general purposes.

WE learn from the *Medical Record* that the Medical College building in connection with Queens University, Kingston, was destroyed by fire recently. Although there was an insurance of only \$22,000 steps were immediately taken to erect a new building, which it is expected will be ready for use early in October. The fire, it is thought, originated from a gas jet kept burning in an oven where paraffine molds were made. The destruction of the bacteriological and public health laboratories in connection with the college will for the present cause considerable inconvenience.

At the last meeting of the regents of the University of Nebraska, Dr. F. E. Clements was promoted from the associate professorship of plant physiology to the full professorship.

ENSIGN C. A. HARRINGTON, U.S.N., who graduated from the Naval Academy two years ago, has been assigned to give a course in naval architecture at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

MR. FRANK F. GROUT, A.B. ('04, Minnesota), has resigned from the Illinois Geological Survey to accept a position as instructor in mineralogy at Oklahoma State University.

APPOINTMENTS in philosophy and psychology are announced as follows: Mr. Rowland Haynes, assistant in philosophy at Columbia University during the winter of 1905-6, has been appointed associate in philosophy at the University of Chicago for the ensuing year. He is to have courses in philosophy, ethics, psychology and logic during the absence in Europe of Associate Professor A. W. Moore. Dr. Harvey Carr, of the University of Chicago, has been appointed instructor in psychology in the Pratt Institute of Brooklyn, to succeed Dr. Irving King, who goes to the University of Michigan. Dr. W. K. Wright, of the University of Chicago, has been appointed instructor in philosophy and psychology in the University of Texas, to succeed Dr. Warner Fite, who has accepted a call to the University of Indiana. Dr. Percy Hughes, instructor in philosophy at the University of Minnesota, will give the courses at Tulane University during Professor W. B. Smith's absence in Europe.