

collection from British East Africa deposited by Mr. Geo. L. Harrison, Jr., and the Porter Philippine collection—have greatly increased the value of the ornithological department of the museum and the Tristram collection brings the total number of specimens up to nearly sixty thousand.

THROUGH the generous gift of Mrs. Russell, the library of the late Professor Israel C. Russell has become the property of the University of Michigan; and by her request it will be kept separate to form the nucleus of a Departmental Library of Geology. The regents of the university in accepting the gift authorized changes in the museum building—at present the home of the geological department—and in a few weeks the books will be arranged upon shelves in a new geological seminary room to be known as the 'Israel C. Russell Room' and prepared as a memorial to this distinguished geologist. The collection which thus comes into the possession of the University of Michigan is especially rich in the separate publications of geologists; and these, like the reports and bound volumes of the collection, are to be entered in the main library catalogue of the university. An appeal will be made to working geologists here and abroad in the hope that they will place upon their exchange lists in place of Professor Russell's name the name 'Russell Library,' continuing the old address, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich., U. S. A. Contributions to the collection will be acknowledged by the university librarian, promptly entered in the catalogue, and sent to the Russell Room, where they will at once be accessible to all students of geology. A similar request will be made of the directors of geological surveys and of other geological institutions, in order that the very valuable series of their publications may be kept complete. It is thought that means will be found to continue the subscription on behalf of the library to the important geological and geographic journals which were regularly taken by Professor Russell. Printed address slips for mailing or expressing publications will be supplied upon application either to the university libra-

rian or to Professor W. H. Hobbs, in care of the university. If notified in advance, the library will generally be willing to pay the charges upon express packages. A considerable number of separate copies of several of Professor Russell's shorter papers are still available for distribution. If geologists will indicate what papers they already possess, the attempt will be made to supply the deficiencies as far as is possible.

At a cabinet meeting held in Paris on October 30 a measure was approved providing for the abolition of the death penalty.

THE library of the late Dr. Willard Parker, containing 4,000 volumes, was formally presented to the Medical Society of the County of Kings, October 16. The presentation was made by Dr. Willard Parker, his son, who will be made an honorary member of the society.

THE Central Committee for Scientific Research on the Brain, appointed by the International Association of Academies, has recognized the Senckenberg Neurological Institute, Frankfurt on the Main, as an international institute for the purpose.

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By the will of Mr. John Daglish, Armstrong College, Durham, will ultimately receive a bequest of £30,000 and the residue of the estate.

At the University of Nebraska the wing of the new museum building is approaching completion. It is four stories high and is fire-proof throughout. The 'Temple,' intended for the use of the various societies of the university, is well under way. It occupies a quarter of a city block, being nearly 140 feet square, and is to have four stories. It is built of white sandstone and bronze brick.

New buildings for a mining and metallurgical department at the University of Leeds are about to be erected. Plans have been approved and tenders invited; and it is expected that the new buildings will be ready by next session. The capital fund raised for building and endowment purposes as part of the £100,000 required by the Privy Council now amounts to some £75,000.

THE old Harvard Medical School, which has the assessed valuation of \$596,000, has recently been sold by the university. The building will be demolished and an office building will be erected in its place.

THE eighth annual conference of the Association of American Universities will be held in Phillips Brooks House, Harvard University, on November 23 and 24. The following universities are members of the association: California, Catholic, Chicago, Clark, Columbia, Cornell, Harvard, Johns Hopkins, Leland Stanford, Jr., Michigan, Pennsylvania, Princeton, Virginia, Wisconsin and Yale.

THE fiftieth annual meeting of the Association of Colleges in New England was held in New Haven on Monday and on Tuesday, October 29 and 30. The subjects proposed for discussion at this meeting were:

Taxation of colleges, and the means of common action thereon by college authorities. (Suggested by Harvard.)

The relation of work for the degree of A.M. to the case of students whose work for the A.B. is slightly deficient. (Harvard.)

What should determine the amount and arrangement of college charges for tuition? (Yale.)

The correlation and cooperation of the departments of instruction in a college. (Brown.)

How can we prevent illiteracy in college graduates? (Brown.)

The honor system in examinations. (Williams.)

Religious organizations: their place in our colleges and universities. (Williams.)

Is hazing a thing to regulate or extirpate? (Amherst.)

What share, under existing conditions, should be allotted to the faculty in the government of a New England college? (Amherst.)

What should be the qualifications of a candidate for a special course in college? (Wesleyan.)

Is it advisable to offer a course in college to beginners in Greek? (Wesleyan.)

The abolition of material diminution of required mathematics in college, except for scientific students. (Wesleyan.)

How far can the responsibility be put upon the student body for the conduct and deportment of students. (Wesleyan.)

MR. FREDERICK A. GOETZE, superintendent of buildings and grounds at Columbia Uni-

versity, has been appointed dean of the faculty of applied science.

IN the department of biology, Purdue University, new appointments are announced as follows: Howard E. Enders, Ph.D. (Johns Hopkins), to be instructor in zoology; Oliver P. Terry, M.D. (Purdue, '02), to be instructor in physiology and anatomy.

WORK in sanitary and experimental biology has been introduced at Williams College under Lorande Loss Woodruff, Ph.D. (Columbia).

DR. T. C. STEPHENS, recent fellow in zoology, University of Chicago, has been elected professor of biology at Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa.

THE following appointments have been made in the scientific departments of George Washington University: Professor of botany, Albert Mann, B.A. (Wesleyan), Ph.D. (Munich) formerly professor of botany in Ohio Wesleyan University and expert in the Department of Agriculture; assistant professor of mathematics, Paul Noble Peck, A.B. and A.M. (George Washington), promoted from an instructorship; instructor in chemistry, Walter Otheman Snelling, B.S. (George Washington), B.S. (Harvard), M.S. (Yale), 1906; instructor in mathematics, George Albert Ross, A.B. (William Jewell), A.M. (George Washington); instructor in civil engineering, Oscar A. Mechlin, B.A. (Dartmouth), C.E. (George Washington), assistant engineer, District of Columbia; instructor in mechanical engineering, A. C. Willard, B.S. (Mass. Inst.), principal, University School, San Francisco; instructor in physics and electricity, Everett W. Varney, A.B. (Bowdoin), assistant of physics, Bowdoin College; instructor in electrical engineering, T. F. S. Maguire, B.S. (Mass. Inst.); professor of nervous diseases, Charles H. Clark, M.D. (Starling Medical College), clinical director of the Government Hospital for the Insane; professor of physiology, Shepherd Ivory Franz, A.B. and Ph.D. (Columbia), pathological physiologist at the McLean Hospital, Waverly, Mass.