

country. Under the heading of businesses, professions, and employments, it appears that there were assessed 456,571 persons with gross incomes amounting to \$624,349,605; 57,244 firms with a gross income of \$420,244,765; 30,129 public companies with a gross income of \$1,204,046,240, and 9,582 corporations and other local authorities (assessed for profit or interest) with a gross income of \$99,068,330. The total gross income was \$2,347,708,940. Dealing with the incomes of individuals the report shows that there were assessed in Great Britain 6,137 persons with incomes over \$5,000 and not exceeding \$10,000; 1,405 with incomes of over \$10,000 but below \$15,000; 533 with incomes over \$15,000 and below \$20,000; 304 over \$20,000; 442 with incomes over \$25,000 but not exceeding \$50,000; 212 with over \$50,000 but not exceeding \$250,000; and 24 whose incomes exceeded \$250,000.

ACCORDING to a foreign journal, Dr. Erich Zugmayer, a young naturalist who has already gained some experience as a traveler during a journey in Western Asia, described in his book, 'Eine Reise durch Vorderasien,' has lately undertaken an expedition to Tibet, which he hopes to cross from north to south, returning through India. He had reached Polu, on the southern border of Chinese Turkestan, in June, 1906, having traveled by the newly opened trans-Aral railway to Tashkend, and thence proceeded *via* Kashgar, Yarkand, and Khotan. From the last-named place he had executed a route survey, making also astronomical and meteorological observations in addition to those relating to his more special subject, natural history. He had already sent back from Polu three cases full of the collections made during the earlier part of the journey. From Polu he hoped to cross the Shu-bashi pass, and to examine an area hitherto blank on the map before striking the route of Dutreuil de Rhins.

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#### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

THROUGH the recent death of the last child of the late John C. Frye, a Boston produce

merchant, Tufts College comes into a bequest of \$200,000.

It is announced that the late Dr. Gustave Schorstein bequeathed 500*l.* to the regius professor of medicine at the University of Oxford for the pathological department of the medical school to the London hospital, and a sum, which will amount to some 10,000*l.*, in trust to the University of Oxford, subject to certain life interests.

NATURE says: "The report of the Board of Education for the year 1905-6 is of an encouraging nature. There is plenty of evidence provided that our national system of technical education continues steadily to improve. The report points out that much attention has been paid throughout the country to the extension and improvement of the facilities provided for continuative education. There has been marked activity in the establishment of courses of instruction affording special technical training, and the effective character of the many courses organized under varied conditions shows that local circumstances have received the consideration necessary for success in this kind of educational work. Technical institutions affording whole-time training for those who can give two or more years to study after completing a secondary school course have improved and multiplied their courses of technical instruction. The multiplication of courses, requiring the whole time of students is a gratifying indication of the growing appreciation of the value of the work of the technical school; but this appreciation is not confined to whole-time instruction. The improved organization of the varied institutions engaged in supplementing the training which a youth receives in the office or workshop has borne fruit in many practical developments, demonstrating the extent to which such further education may become a recognized element in the lives of our youths. The report, which runs to 106 pages, deals fully with every department of elementary, secondary and technical education, and shows conclusively that, political controversy notwithstanding, valuable work is being accomplished in the schools."