

by New Zealand naturalists, and the material obtained will be the property of the Canterbury Museum. The committee for biological and hydrographical study of the New Zealand coast, appointed by the Australasian Association for Advancement of Science, will provide certain equipment for use in the deeper waters. The *Nora Nevin*, a new steam trawler just from the stocks at Grimsby, England, built to the order of the Napier (N. Z.) Fish Supply Company, has been chartered by the New Zealand government, and it is anticipated that operations will extend over a period of three months.

#### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

THE town council of Aberdeen has agreed to give £15,000 towards the erection and equipment of a technical college in the city.

WE learn from the *Experiment Station Record* that at the last session of congress an appropriation of \$1,000 was made for the purpose of continuing and extending the school-garden work which has been carried on for a number of years in a cooperative way by the public schools and the Department of Agriculture. Beginning four years ago with a few gardens on the department grounds and a little improvement work around a single school, the movement has grown until this year 700 children have gardens on the department grounds, 124 school buildings in the district have gardens, and 160,000 packets of seeds have been sold for home gardens.

THE registration in the summer session of Cornell University is 745, an increase of more than 100 over last year.

PROFESSOR W. F. M. GOSS, dean of the Schools of Engineering and director of the Engineering Laboratory of Purdue University, has accepted the position of dean of the College of Engineering in the University of Illinois.

AT a special meeting of the trustees of Union College, Schenectady, N. Y., on July 18, the resignation of Dr. A. V. Raymond as president was accepted, and Dr. George Alexander, pastor of the University Place Presby-

terian Church of New York, was elected temporary president in his place. Dr. Alexander is a trustee of Union College, from which he graduated in 1866.

AT the University of Virginia, members of the faculty have been elected as follows: Dr. Stephen H. Watts, of the Johns Hopkins University, to be professor of general surgery and director of the hospital; Dr. Thomas Leonard Watson, of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, to be professor of economic geology, and Dr. Robert Montgomery Bird, to be collegiate professor of chemistry.

PROFESSOR J. B. JOHNSTON has resigned the professorship of zoology in the University of West Virginia to accept the position of assistant professor of anatomy of the nervous system in the department of histology and embryology, University of Minnesota.

PROFESSOR F. G. MILLER, of the chair of forestry in the University of Nebraska, has resigned in order to accept a similar position in the University of Washington. He withdraws from Nebraska on September 1, on which date his connection with the Washington University begins. His successor has already been chosen—Mr. Frank J. Phillips, of the United States Forest Service. Professor Phillips will assume his new duties on September 1, after which his address will be at Lincoln. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan School of Forestry, and has been connected with the U. S. Forest Service for the past four years, during which he has been assigned to forest problems in many places in the western states and territories.

GEORGE D. GABLE, Ph.D., Hunt professor of mathematics and secretary of the faculty, Parsons College, Fairfield, Iowa, has accepted a call to the Johnson professorship of mathematics in the University of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio.

DR. GEORGE DREYER, lecturer in pathology in the University of Copenhagen, has been elected professor of pathology in Oxford University.

DR. CHARLES SPEARMAN has been appointed reader in experimental psychology in University College, London.