

was far and away the most important journey he had ever made, and he expressed his gratitude to King Oscar, and to some friends interested in scientific research for placing the means at his disposal for the journey.

*The Geographical Journal* states that it has lately been announced that an expedition, under the command of Lieutenant Héron, and including several other officers on its staff, was to leave Marseilles for Indo-China on January 12. Its object is to complete our knowledge of the coasts of Indo-China by accurate surveys, and to study the distribution of terrestrial magnetism in that region, besides carrying out general investigations in matters relating to hydrography and navigation. It sails under the orders of the Minister of Marine.

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#### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

THE gift of Mr. John D. Rockefeller to the Harvard Medical School of \$1,000,000 was conditional on \$765,000 being collected to meet the sum required for the removal and rebuilding of the school. Of this sum about \$600,000 has been subscribed in two weeks.

THE executors of the will of the late Jonas D. Clark have agreed to transfer \$800,000 to Clark University for the establishment of a collegiate department.

BUCHTEL COLLEGE at Akron, Ohio, has received an unconditional gift of \$20,000.

THE directors of the Pennsylvania Railroad have given \$5,000 to the fund for the rebuilding of the University of Wooster, destroyed by fire on December 11.

A BILL is now before the New York Legislature, appropriating \$200,000 for new buildings for the College of Agriculture at Cornell University.

THE State Department has notified President Butler, of Columbia University, of the receipt of a despatch from Minister Conger at Peking, which gives full information regarding the gift of books and other material to illustrate the instruction in Chinese subjects to be undertaken under the new Dean Lung or Charpentier foundation at the

University. The collection selected by the Foreign Office of China for presentation to Columbia is known as the T'u Shu Chi Ch'eng, a standard collection of ancient and modern works. It is the most comprehensive ever made in China and consists of more than 6,000 volumes, divided into thirty-two classes in which all facts regarding China are recorded and classified, all sources of information and all authorities cited and discussed.

It is announced that hereafter students of the medical school of Yale University may complete the course in three years if they elect the necessary preliminary studies in the academic department.

DR. CHAS. H. JUDD, professor of psychology in the University of Cincinnati, has received a call to Yale University.

DR. J. W. MOORE, professor of physics, has been appointed dean of the Pardee Scientific Department of Lafayette College, succeeding the late Dr. T. C. Porter.

DR. W. F. SNOW has been made acting-head of the department of hygiene at Stanford University.

MR. S. E. BRASEFIELD has been appointed instructor in civil engineering in Lafayette College.

THE Universities of St. Petersburg, Kieff and Kharkoff have been closed, owing to the difficulties between the students and the authorities.

THE Government has dismissed all the European professors at the Imperial University of Peking, and Dr. Martin, the president, has been offered a subordinate position.

MR. F. T. TRONTON, M.A., F.R.S., has been appointed to the Quain chair of physics in University College, London.

MR. FREDERICK PURSER, fellow of the College, has been elected to the chair of natural philosophy in Trinity College, Dublin, lately vacated by Dr. Tarleton.

MR. GEORGE REYNOLDS, M.A., F.R.S., professor of engineering in the Owens College, Manchester, has been appointed to the office of Rede Lecturer at Cambridge University for the present year.