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THE International Institute of Intellectual Co-operation issues quarterly a Bulletin of Scientific Relations. The issue of August last contains notices of recent and formcoming international congresses, newly constituted scientific organisations, activities of the scientific relations branch of the Institute, and several special articles and reviews. A description is given of the new "Fondation Edmond de Rothschild," the object of which is to establish at Paris an institute of biology for the investigation of the physicochemical basis of life. For this purpose a sum of thirty million francs has been placed at the disposal of a council of twenty-four, comprising delegates nominated by learned societies and members co-opted by the already existent Rothschild foundation for physics and chemistry. The founder holds that of late years the study of micro-organisms has tended to distract the attention of biologists from pursuing the lines of research in physico-chemical reactions associated with the name of Claude Bernard. The new institute will afford facilities for the resumption of research on those lines.

The place of university extension work in State universities in the United States is thus defined in the 1927 "tatalogue" of the University of Colorado: the University's first duty is to teach the students upon its campus, the second to foster and develop the spirit of research on the part of the members of its faculties, the third to render to the State at large such public service as may lie within its power. This third function is exercised through the extension division which is the official representative of the university to its constituents, the whole citizenship of the State. The work of the Colorado University extension division is organised in two departments, those of instruction and of public service. The former has bureaux of correspondence instruction, of class instruction and of visual instruction (chiefly for schools and churches), home-reading courses, and lecture courses. The 'class instruction' is for teachers, club members, business men, industrial workers, and any other group having a common interest. It is comparable with the university tutorial classes of England. The department of public service has bureaux of business and government research, community organisation, library extension, and research and extension in journalism, and it conducts high school visitations and helps to operate a high school debating league. The business research activities include the making of industrial surveys and retail cost surveys, and the conduct of research on various problems connected with public utilities. 'Community organisation' stands for services in connexion with such matters as public health, child welfare, recreation, and juvenile delinquency. The University Library serves as a reference library for the people of the entire State. The journalism bureau is operated jointly by the Extension Division and the editorial association of the newspapers of Colorado and serves as a common clearing house of information for them.