

lishing and developing the professional school of the university. By the will of the late Henry C. Warren, of Cambridge, Harvard University will receive property valued at a million dollars. It includes all Mr. Warren's real estate in Cambridge, which is near Harvard College, and which will probably be used for college purposes. Mrs. Phoebe Hearst is to give to the University of California new buildings costing 25 millions, and has offered \$25,000 in premiums for the best plans. Miss Cora Jane Flood has also given 3 millions to the university, consisting of her mansion and grounds at Menlo Park and four-fifths of the capital stock of Bear Creek Water Company.

—NINE years ago there were in the city of New York, as then constituted, 129 school buildings, in which 3,473 teachers and principals were employed. The interests of these schools were administered by twenty-four separate local boards of trustees and a board of education consisting of twenty-one commissioners. There was a superintendent and seven assistant superintendents. Now, these boards of trustees have been dispensed with and there is a single board of education. In the boroughs of Manhattan and Bronx there are 175 school-houses, in which 5,396 teachers and principals are employed.—*Education.*

—It is interesting to note what *Primary Education* has to say regarding the experiment of admitting college graduates to the public schools for professional training, which is being made at Brookline under Superintendent Dutton. This class is open only to college graduates or those who have received the equivalent of a college training. The students are admitted to the class-rooms for observation, and after a period take charge at times of the class under the class teacher and the director of the training class. So successful has been this experiment in professional training that it is now put on a firmer foundation, and is more directly recognized as a part of the city's educational work. The superintendent says that a college graduate can acquire mastery of a subject much more quickly than can an untrained observer. The effect on the children has been good. It has accustomed them to recite to and before strangers, until an outsider's presence in the room passes almost unnoticed.

—In the State of Maine a league has been formed which has for its object:—(1.) To improve school grounds and