

## Correspondence.

## OUR IRISH LETTER.

DUBLIN, December, 1883.

The year just closing has not seen many changes in educational matters in Ireland. The public schools are in much the same state as they were this time last year—struggling hard to keep themselves alive. During the last few years those Irish public schools which do not happen to be blessed with large endowments, have suffered much from the state of general depression in the country. Kingstown School for example, which was established nearly a century since, and which had for many years been recognized as the first school in this country, in the year 1875, had on its roll 80 boarders and 120 day boys whereas now it has only 20 boarders and about the same number of day boys. English schools receive a large number of Irish boys, while many read with private tutors, or at grinding establishments. It is difficult to say exactly what the reasons are for so many parents sending their children to England, but many assert that they receive a certain polish and a nice English accent, and that this takes the fancy of their fond parents. Certainly the solid educational advantages to be derived are not greater on the other side of the channel.

At last a new Lord High-Chancellor for Ireland has been appointed. The distinguished post has been conferred on Sir Edward Sullivan. He obtained the appointment because of his adherence to Mr. Gladstone, and his really great legal talent. Mr. Porter has been appointed to succeed him as Master of the Rolls, which has given general satisfaction.

Plans for a new theatre for Dublin have just been published. Since the burning of the Theatre Royal some years ago, we have not had any first-class theatre, in fact we have had none fit to bring the Queen's representative to.

Mr. Oscar Wilde delivered two lectures lately in Dublin, but, sad to relate, his audiences were very small, and those who did honour him with their presence paid no attention to his lecture. Nevertheless before he quitted his native city he succeeded in finding his better half, a charming young lady with a charming fortune.

Football is now at its zenith in Ireland. It commences in October and continues generally until late in March. The International Match, England vs. Ireland, will be played in February. So far Ireland has never beaten England at football, but let us hope that that day is not far off, and that February, 1884, will see our efforts crowned with success.

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## College World.

## GENERAL.

A SHORT-HAND class has been organized at Yale.

A MOOT COURT has been organized at Dalhousie.

THIRTY-FIVE per cent. of the students of Dartmouth are said to be sceptics.

Two of the students of the Harvard Annex are to be married to professors.

H.R.H. PRINCE SWASH SOBHOW, brother of the King of Siam, is studying at Oxford.

In the United States there is on an average a university to every hundred miles of territory.

SOME Illinois college students are wearing knee breeches and silk hose.—[So are some McGill students.]

THERE are five papers published at Johns Hopkins University, all devoted to original scientific investigations.

THERE are 186 students taking classes in the different departments of Dalhousie University.

THE various Colleges conducted by the Jesuit Fathers in the United States have 331 professors, and 4,844 students.—*Ex.*

WE are always glad to receive the *King's College Record*. The November number contains an interesting article on Robert Bloomfield.

THE *Knock College Monthly* shows an improvement in its second number. The articles on general subjects are good, and the editors on the whole deserve praise for their efforts.

THE Hartford *Courant* says the sickness at Yale College this fall has been no more than usual, and traces the newspaper scare to an exaggerated "special" to the New York *Sun*.

THE admission of females into Delaware College does not, according to the *Review*, seem to have been beneficial to that institution.—*Queen's College Journal*.

THE Skinners' Company have offered a scholarship of the value of \$250 a year for three years, to be held at Girton College, Cambridge.

THE *St. Mary's Sentinel* of the 15th December, contains a rather silly poem entitled "Two Maidens." The *Sentinel* has a habit of copying into its exchange columns what other papers say about it, which is not very good form, to say the least of it.

THE November number of the *Richmond Literary Miscellany* contained some pretty verses entitled, "Song of the Lighthouse Girl." A good deal of space is devoted to clippings and selections.

HARVARD graduates in Washington are to form a club similar to those in Boston and New York. Hon. George T. Hancock will be the first president, and a series of dinners will be given during the winter.

THE *Pot Pourri* (Yale University) for 1883-84 is excellently got up. The cuts are very amusing, while the printing and whole mechanical work is tastefully executed. Pictures of the superb buildings of the University grace the front pages.

PRINCE NAPOLEON'S eldest son has been for some time a pupil at Cheltenham College, in England. His studies have, however, been suddenly cut short, as he has just been summoned back to France in consequence of his having been drawn in the conscription.—*St. Mary's Sentinel*.

PROFESSOR W. GARNETT, Mathematical Professor at the Nottingham University College, and organizer of the technical school which has just been successfully started in that institution, has been nominated by the Dean of Durham as Professor of Mathematics and Principal of the College in that city, at an income of about £800 a year. Professor Garnett follows Mr. Aldis, who has resigned.

A FEW days since Dr. Anderson, demonstrator of anatomy in Queen's College, Belfast, was appointed to the Chair of Natural History in Queen's College, Galway. The vacant lectureship has been conferred on Dr. Thomas Sinclair, of Belfast. Dr. Sinclair's academic career was one of exceptional brilliance, and terminated with the highest University honours. His present appointment will no doubt prove highly satisfactory.

THE question of allowing students the option of substituting modern languages for Greek is approaching a decision at Harvard. The battle appears to be between the faculty and overseers, and in the anti-Greek party are President Eliot, Rev. Dr. James Freeman Clarke, Superintendent Seaver of the Boston public schools, and of course Charles Francis Adams, Jr. Prof. Agassiz favors the reform party.

A DENTAL institute is to be added to the Berlin University, and plans for its organization have been submitted to the medical faculty. The consideration in which American dentists who have established themselves in European cities are held, and the prices which they are able to charge, furnish sufficient proof that such an institution is needed in other countries besides Germany.

THE *Morrin College Review* has entered upon the second year of its existence. The first number exhibits an improvement in the general appearance of the paper, which was much needed. The articles, however, are nearly all marred by an evident effort after wit. We think it would be better for the *Review* to condense the fun into a separate column, and preserve a