

in Normandy, he emigrated to Canada in 1833. Here he graduated in Arts and Medicine at our own University. He was appointed meanwhile to the English mastership in Upper Canada College, which position he held, giving entire satisfaction, for about thirty years, first as second, and afterward as first master. From the time of its first organization to the time of his death, Dr. Barratt has been a professor in the Toronto School of Medicine. Highly spoken of by all, he was regarded by most medical men as one of the most fluent medical lecturers in the schools. Another position held by the deceased for the last two or three years was that of Dean of the Woman's Medical College, Toronto. The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon.

GENERAL COLLEGE NEWS.

There are 210 Y.M.C.A. Associations in American Colleges.

Five colleges have been established in Dakota during the past year.

The Hasty Pudding Club of Harvard will soon build a club house at a cost of \$25,000.

Prof. T. W. Hunt, of Princeton, is shortly to publish a new work, entitled "Representative English and Prose Writers."

A dime novel has just been published in New York, the scene of which is laid in New Haven, and whose principals are Yale students.

The students of Bryn Mawr (female) College have decided, on recommendation of the Faculty, to wear the Oxford or "mortar-board" cap and gown.

Chicago University is about to be established on a non-sectarian basis. Several wealthy citizens have signified their willingness to assist.—*New York College Journal*.

The University *Beacon* of Boston, says a class in Gothic is in a flourishing condition in the College. There are seven members in the class which is conducted by them in turn.

Egypt has a college that was 900 years old when Oxford was founded, and in which 10,000 students are now being educated, who will some day go forth to spread the Moslem faith.

A new college for the higher education of women is to be built almost immediately in Montreal. It is the result of a bequest of nearly \$400,000 by the late Mr. Donald Ross of that city.

Yale, Harvard, Johns Hopkins, Cornell and Princeton are the only American Colleges which provide fellowships for graduate students desiring to pursue studies beyond the regular academic course.—*Ex.*

Chicago university is a thing of the past. On account of a \$300,000 debt which has long been accumulating, there being no prospect of its liquidation, the college authorities felt compelled to close the doors.—*Portfolio*.

There is preserved in the archives of Trinity College, Cambridge, a catalogue of the library which was brought to England by her first missionaries, St. Augustine and his companions. The manuscript closes thus: "These are the foundation or beginning of the library of the whole English Church," A. D. 601.

Of the one hundred and seven Y. M. C. Associations in the United States, the one connected with Colby University is the only one in the New England states. A large majority of these associations are in the middle and western states.—\$45,000 has been subscribed by the members of the Cornell Y. M. C. A. for the purpose of erecting a building for the association.

"Nature" states that during the present summer a university will be opened at Tomsk in Siberia, the first of its kind in the Russian Empire. At first it will consist of two faculties—an historical—philological and physical—mathematical. It already possesses a library with fifty thousand books, a very valuable palæontological collection, presented by Duke Nicolaus of Leuchtenburg.

The winter games at Yale will take place in about a month, al-

though the date has not yet been definitely settled. The following is a list of the contests: Horizontal bar, parallel bar, rope climbing, running high jump, vaulting, fencing, boxing and wrestling. The last-named event is divided into four classes as follows: Heavy weights, over 158 pounds; middle weights, between 140 to 148 pounds; light weights, between 120 to 140 pounds; feather weights, under 120 pounds.

The proof-sheets of the new year book give 177 as the total number of students in the college, (Boston University), distributed as follows: Seniors, 34; juniors, 26; sophomores, 28; freshmen, 39; specials, 34; graduate students, 16. Of the graduate students, four are from the Ohio Wesleyan University and one each from the National Normal, Iowa State, Wesleyan, Hamline, Clark, Syracuse, Illinois Wesleyan, Northwestern and Claflin universities; also one each from Albion and Oberlin colleges, and one from the Andover Theological Seminary.—*The Beacon*.

The new system of marking at Harvard is thus described: "In courses which are given mainly in the form of lectures, short theses will be frequently called for. This plan will necessitate a closer attendance upon lectures than has been demanded heretofore. Secondly, instead of having the marking of examination books and the year's work by percentages, the men will be put into four different degrees of excellence, as excellent, good, fair and conditioned. In the awarding of honors a finer line will be drawn, of course.

The following is a list of the Canadian and American College colors: Toronto University, navy blue and white; Trinity, red and black; Upper Canada, light blue and white; Victoria, red and black; Queen's, red, yellow and navy blue; Harvard, crimson; Cornell, cornelian; Columbia, blue and white; Princeton, orange and black; University of New York, violet; Dartmouth, green; Brown, brown; Amherst, white and purple; Bowdoin, white; University of California, pink; Hamilton, pink; University of Pennsylvania, blue and red; Williams, royal purple; Lehigh, brown and white; Lafayette, maroon and white, and we may add our own buttercup yellow and brown.—*Portfolio*.

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