

THE Chautauqua University has 4,000 members of the class of 1885, who have pursued its course of study for four years and of these 200 were present at the commencement day at Chautauqua. The oration of the day was by one of the counsellors, Edward Everett Hale, and addresses were made by Senator Warner Miller and others. Greetings were sent to a class of 800 Japanese and to the South African branch. Diplomas were given to 200 who were present, and will be sent to 800 more. It is said that nearly 100,000 persons in all parts of the world are now pursuing the Chautauqua course of study.—*Independent*.

OBERLIN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY announces the adoption of the elective system. The completion of the course required attendance on 1,050 hours of instruction, of which 515 are in required studies. There is provision for 1,087 hours in elective studies. The course offered by the professors vary from year to year, but all the courses are given in each period of three years. Nearly all of both Old and New Testaments may be read in class. A course in Chaldee, in which there are at present 12 students, one in Septuagint Greek and one in Biblical Theology of the Old Testament have been added. The complete course in History of Doctrine occupies 120 hours. Some new courses in History have been added, among them one on Modern German Theology, from Semler.—*Independent*.

PROF. GEORGE J. LAIRD, a graduate of Victoria University, and for two years science professor at Mt. Allison University, N. B., has gone to Germany to complete a course in science at Breslau University. He will likely be absent about three years, when he hopes to attain to the standing of a Doctor of Philosophy. Chemistry will be his chief subject. Our best wishes go with him for a successful career. He is the fourth Victoria graduate who has sought the halls of Breslau. Of the others, Dr. R. B. Hare has just died while actively engaged in work at the Agricultural College, Guelph; Dr. A. P. Coleman fills one of the chairs of Victoria University, Cobourg; Mr. P. T. Pilkey