

schools in all the large towns and cities of the empire for the teaching of the English language and Western sciences.

—NINE thousand students are registered at the University of Paris. No other educational institution in the world has as many names on its rolls.

—FOUR years ago Tufts College began to admit women on equal terms with men. President Capen is well satisfied with the results produced by this change of policy of the college. He writes: "Speaking negatively, I am constrained to say that the admission of women has not had a tendency to reduce the number of men entering the several departments. On the contrary, there has been a constant and steady, and in some departments a very marked increase in the attendance of men. The presence of women, moreover, has not diminished the interest in the activities or sports which are supposed to belong peculiarly to men's colleges. There has been no friction arising from their presence in the class-room, and they have not increased materially the difficulties of administration. On the positive side it may be said that their work has been as well done as that of the men. The general testimony of the teachers is that they have raised the tone of the class-room, and quickened the serious efforts of student life. Their presence has also brought an element into the social atmosphere of the college which is very agreeable and very wholesome. The medical school has been co-educational from the start. Women have shown excellent capacity for medical training. The teachers, moreover, assert that they have found no embarrassment from the presence of both sexes in the lecture-rooms and laboratories."

—THE state superintendent of Kansas, U. S. A., has drafted a text-book bill which is very favourably received by educators of the state, and it is likely that it will be presented to the legislature and adopted. The bill provides that school boards, including boards of education in cities, shall purchase the necessary text-books, making contracts for terms of five years. Each publisher making contracts shall file with the governor a bond in the sum of \$50,000 for the faithful performance of the conditions of such contracts. No school board shall contract for books not approved by the state board of education, and a maximum price for school books is fixed by the proposed law. When the state board of education approves of a certain line of