

Heidelberg University will observe its quincentenary in August, 1886. It is the oldest university in Germany.

Materialism is on the wane. There is not a chair of Philosophy in Germany which now teaches this opponent of Christianity.

Oxford has suspended 80 students for playing pranks upon college officers. Rowdism is not confined to the New World.

The President of Columbia College says that five minutes is long enough time to wait for a tardy Prof before a bolt is indulged in.

There are forty-three million four hundred thousand dollars invested in colleges of the United States, together with their apparatus and grounds.

A Chinese girl is studying English branches at the Ohio Wesleyan University. She intends to become a physician for the sake of the women of her native country.

George Bancroft has given \$10,000 to the city of Worcester to found a scholarship in memory of his father and mother. The income is to be used to assist young men through college.

The McCormick Observatory at Charlottesville, Va., was dedicated April 14. It is attached to the University of Virginia, and costs \$30,000, while the telescope is worth \$46,000. It has an endowment of \$75,000.

A thousand dollar scholarship has just been given to Dartmouth, on the condition that no one shall receive the benefit of it who uses liquors or tobacco. There are only two aspirants to it, one of whom feels confident of winning as he eschews the weed altogether and was never known to be "tight."

Johns Hopkins University has in all its departments, one hundred and sixty-five students who are graduates from other colleges and universities, besides a number of undergraduates, making a total of two hundred and seventy-six on the catalogue of November.

Christ's Hospital, the school of the blue coat boys, is to be removed from London. It was founded by Edward VI. Its endowments yielding an annual income of over a quarter of a million dollars, now give a free education to 1,200 boys. Under the re-organization, about double the present number of pupils, and girls as well as boys, will receive its benefits.

Whitelaw Reid gives as the indispensable requirements of a journalist, a thorough familiarity with the party history of the country, and with the general history of the country and of the world, together with a knowledge of common, constitutional, international law, political economy, logic, principles of criticism, English literature, and the French and German Languages.

At the recent anniversary of Cambridge University, the first, second, and third in order of excellence in logic, were women.

Owing to the recent change in Harvard it is now possible for a student to obtain the degree of B.A. without having ever seen a Greek book. The new system is a compromise between the classicists and the scientists. No student is admitted who has not studied at least one dead language; no student can enter without having done some practical work in science. Greater importance is attached to modern languages, though between French and Greek there is still an option.

It has been intimated to the Minister of Education that for the scholarship hitherto offered by the Gilchrist trustees to the most meritorious of the candidates for the scholarship annually assigned to Canada, competed for at the seven centres by candidates at the June matriculation examination, there has been substituted a scholarship to be competed for triennially at two centres only. As Canadian examinations were originally instituted by the Senate, in compliance with the wish of the Gilchrist trustees, and in order to serve as a basis for the award of their scholarships, the withdrawal of these scholarships removes the main ground for the continuance of the examinations. The registrar of the London University accordingly intimates that the sending out of the examination papers as a matter of course to Quebec, Montreal, Kingston, Toronto, Ottawa, Halifax, and Fredericton each June Matriculation, will, however, be sent to Halifax and Fredericton in 1887, and thenceforward triennially, and it is intimated that at the request of the Provincial authorities at any time an examination could be held at any Provincial centre.

Johns Hopkins gave \$3,148,000 to the university which he founded. His gifts for benevolent purposes amounted to \$8,000,000. Judge Packer gave \$3,000,000 to Lehigh University. Cornelius Vanderbilt gave \$1,000,000 to the Vanderbilt University. Stephen Girard gave \$8,000,000 to Girard College. John C. Green and his residuary legatees gave \$1,500,000 to Princeton College. Ezra Cornell gave \$1,000,000 to Cornell University. Isaac Rich bequeathed the greater part of his estate, which was appraised at \$1,700,000 to Boston University. On account of the great fire and shrinkage in value, and other unfortunate circumstances, the University will realize less than \$700,000 from this magnificent bequest. Amasa Stone gave \$600,000 to Adelbert College by direct gift and by bequest. W. W. Corcoran gave \$170,000 to Columbian University in money and land. Benjamin Bussy gave real estate worth \$500,000 to Harvard University. Samuel Williston, William J. Walker and Samuel A. Hitchcock gave between \$100,000 and \$200,000 each to Amherst College. Whitmer Phoenix gave the bulk of his property, amounting to about \$640,000 to Columbia College. J. B. Trever gave \$179,000 to Roches-