

The University of London has taken an important step in resolving to confer a new degree, to be called the "teacher's diploma." It is to be under the seal of the university, and signed by the chancellor. No one will be examined, however, who has not already graduated. The examination will test the practical ability as well as the information of the candidates, and will combine a close scrutiny into their knowledge regarding the theory of the art of teaching. These diplomas will be certificates of merit of the highest order.

EX-GOVERNOR B. F. Prescott of Epping, N.H., a distinguished alumnus of the class of 1856, is making an effort to secure for one of the alcoves in the library building now being erected at Dartmouth College, as far as possible, a complete collection of copies of all books and pamphlets that have been written or published by the graduates of the institution, as well as from those who have received honorary degrees from the college. This gentleman has been largely instrumental in obtaining pictures from the portrait galleries at Phillips Exeter Academy, the State House and at Hanover.

The following list of subjects for the Townsend prize orations has been given to the Yale seniors: 1. Corruption in our Elections; its Prevalence, its Dangers and its Remedy. 2. The French Conquests in Italy and their influence on French Civilization. 3. The Future of the English House of Lords. 4. Development of the American Political Creed as shown by the New and Revised State Constitutions since 1789. 5. Michael Angelo at the Florentine Fortifications. 6. Charitable Works: Institutions as Judged by Political Economy. 7. The Origin and Duration of the Solid South. 8. Prometheus. 9. Parliamentary Institutions in the German Empire. 10. Sainte-Beuve.

Edmund Gosse, who has lately succeeded Leslie Stephen as Clark lecturer on English literature at Cambridge, is on his way to this country to give a course of Lowell lectures at Boston the first three weeks of December and at John Hopkins University in January. The title will be "From Shakespeare to Pope," and the subject broadly stated, will be the rise and development of the classical school of English poetry in the seventeenth century. The separate lectures will be: "Poetry at the Death of Shakespeare," "Waller and Sacharissa," "The Exiles," "Davenant and Cowley," "The Reaction" and "The Restoration." There will be a shorter supplementary course at Baltimore on "Gray, and the Recent History of his Writings," a subject to which Mr. Gosse has lately been giving special study.

THREE weeks ago some of the students of the Worcester County Free Institute led a horse belonging to one of the professors up two flights of stairs to the school chapel, where they left him over night. The faculty got the animal down with considerable difficulty and have since indulged in a still hunt for the perpetrators of the outrage. They discovered that the boys at a school meeting held the day following the horse scrape, signed a paper agreeing not to answer questions about the affair, and Thursday they called up one by one each member of the school and asked him

if he wanted to stand by his action in signing that paper. The majority backed down at once, but twenty-eight members of the senior and middle classes stood firm and were suspended. The boys say they had help from outsiders in their adventure with the horse.

The annual catalogue of Dartmouth College and the associated institutions for the year 1884-85 was published recently. The faculty numbers forty-two. The new members are: Charles P. Chase, A.M., instructor in political economy in the Chandler scientific department; Rev. Theodore C. Pease, A.M., Chandler instructor in evidences of Christianity; Owen H. Gates, A.B., tutor in Latin; George H. Whitchee, B. S., instructor in the agricultural college. The summary of students is as follows: College, 244; Chandler scientific department, 74; agricultural college, 28; medical college, 44; Thayer school of engineering, 12; total, 402. In the academic department 19 are from Maine, 98 from New Hampshire, 54 from Vermont, 33 from Massachusetts. Outside of New England, nineteen States and Territories are represented.

The sixty-fifth annual catalogue of Colby University shows a list of 116 students, of whom 15 are seniors, 35 juniors, 33 sophomores and 33 freshmen. Rev. Dr. George D. B. Pepper is president and there are nine professors. The number of young women in the college does not increase. There are now two each in the two upper classes and four each in the two lower. At the last commencement three ladies received the degree of bachelor of arts, and one was made master of arts, which sounds a little strange. Commencement in 1885 comes Wednesday, July 1. In the sixty-two years since the first class completed its course there have been 739 graduates from the college. Of these, 219 are ordained clergymen, 158 lawyers, 44 physicians and 120 teachers, of whom seven have been presidents of, and thirty-four professors in, colleges. In 1874 it was voted to admit young women to the course of study, and fourteen have graduated.

ANOTHER step has been taken in the formation of the new Engineering School at Firth College, Sheffield, in the appointment of Mr. W. H. Greenwood to be Professor of Metallurgy and Mechanical Engineering, and Mr. Ripper to be assistant Professor of Engineering. It may be in the memory of our readers that the City and Guilds of London Institute made a grant about eighteen months ago of 300*l*. a year to the Firth College in aid of the establishment of a Chair of Engineering. Since then additional subscriptions have been promised for five years to the amount of 550*l*., together with a capital sum of over 10,000*l*. A site for laboratories and shops has been obtained, and these will be proceeded with as soon as possible. It is hoped that the special advantages of Sheffield will make it the central school of metallurgy, especially for iron and steel, in the kingdom, and the Committee intend to spare no efforts in rendering it a complete and effective one.

PRINCETON, N.J., Nov. 22.—The reason that only four of the fourteen colleges which are now in membership and supporting the School of Classical Studies, at Athens, Greece, were represented at the meeting held here yesterday, was that the managing committee