

College World.

GYMNASTICS will be compulsory at Princeton next term.

AMHERST Art Gallery has been the recipient of a \$5,000 gift.

THERE are 104 college graduates in the Michigan House of Representatives.

THE average salary of all the college professors in the United States is \$1,530 per annum.

THE widow of the late Ezra Abbott has presented to the Harvard Divinity School her husband's theological library, comprising nearly 4,000 volumes.

THE Dartmouth sophomores and freshmen had a cane rush lately. After a struggle of twenty minutes, the sophomores succeeded in getting the cane into Reed Hall and were declared the victors.

It is reported that a "Shakespeare Club" is to be formed at Harvard, to promote both the advanced study of oratory and of the classical drama. Lectures will probably be given by Henry Ward Beecher, Henry Irving and others, and a series of readings by other gentlemen.

THE literary fertility of some of the students of the Presbyterian College has been displaying itself in the production of two very creditable journals called *Phoenix* and *Earnest*, which contain many racy articles as well as many items that have called forth free comment on the unknown authors.

THE *Harvard Crimson* says, there are but three persons in the United States, who have received the three honorary degrees of Doctor of Divinity, Doctor of Laws, and Doctor of Literature, they being Professor Wilson, of Cornell, President Barnard, of Columbia, and President McCosh, of Princeton.

ALTHOUGH German colleges maintain such a reputable educational standing, yet there is but one periodical published by their students; and even this, strictly speaking, is not an undergraduate paper. The paper referred to is the *Allgemeine Deutsche Studentenzitung*; and appears monthly in Berlin.

CANADA'S representatives at the Gilchrist examination stood as follows:—Honors Division—No. 1. A. W. Duff, of the University of New Brunswick; 41, John Albert Bell, Dalhousie College, Nova Scotia; 49, Frank W. Nicholson, Mount Allison College, New Brunswick. 1st Division—A. G. Reid, Dalhousie College.

WITH the exception of the dean of Christ Church and Professor Jowett, master of Balliol, there is not now a single head of a college in Oxford who has any reputation as an author in the world of letters. Oxford indeed, seems nowadays to be vying with the silent sister in Dublin. To what end, asks the irreverent, is all this learning and the pecuniary rewards thereof.

THE number of Freshmen at Oxford this term is unprecedentedly large. Students of narrow means are much more numerous than twenty years ago; in fact, in this respect, Oxford seems to be returning to the sixteenth century, when the sons of persons in what in England is called the lower middle class—yeomen, shopkeepers, etc.—made up much of the university.

EIGHTY boys at Adelbert College, Cleveland, have refused to attend the recitations because of the action of the board of trustees in deciding to extend to ladies the privilege of the college. The action of the board has met with very general favor, but has so stirred up the boys in the Adelbert that they have been rebellious. Many promise to leave, but the faculty believe that the college will gain by the action. The young ladies of the city held a jubilee in honor of the occasion Saturday night.

THE trustees of Middlebury (Vt.) College seem to be having trouble with their presidency. Nothing is said about President Hamlin's having resigned, yet the place has been offered to and declined by E. H. Higley, of Worcester, Mass., formerly professor of Greek and German at the College, and the presidency has now been offered to Rev. Dr. Kerr C. Anderson of the First Presbyterian Church at Troy, N.Y. Rev. C. S. Murland of Chicopee, Mass., has also declined a professorship in the college.

THE freshmen of Cornell University have passed the following resolution: That we, class of '88 of Cornell University, considering cane-rushing as pernicious and dangerous, do hereby pledge ourselves not to challenge the future class of '89 to participation in a cane rush. Moreover that the influence of this class shall be exerted to the overthrow of such practice of cane-rushing in this university. The junior class adopted resolutions upholding the freshmen in their efforts to put down rushing.

A wasp went madly to his work,
And various things did tackle,
He stung a boy and then a dog
And made a rooster cackle.

He settled on a Freshman's cheek
And labored with a will.
He probed there for half an hour
And then he broke his drill.

'Tis said the wasp then quickly rose,
And settled in his hair,
And though the drill was short and dull
It penetrated there.

—*Liberal*

THE Yale College professors have adopted a new system of examinations since the elective system of study has been made so general. The old annuals are done away with, and an examination at Christmas and one at the end of the year substituted. Some of the senior professor are assigning special branches of the studies to the different students and requiring them to prepare full papers to be read and criticised before the class. The examinations will then embrace a thorough knowledge of the points covered by all the papers.

EDUCATION appears to be making great strides in the Madras presidency. During the year 1882-3 the number of children attending schools in the presidency rose from 393,683 to 446,324. These figures show an advance of 66 per cent. as compared with those of 1879-80, the year which marked the close of the famine. There is an increase 17 per cent. over the previous year in the number of girls under instruction, but the proportion of girls at school to girls of school-going age is still only 1 to 54, compared with 1 to 50 in Bombay. The number of Mohammedan pupils increased by 12 per cent. among males, and 35 per cent. among females.