

the lectures will be on various subjects in Physics and Mechanics. The lectures will be conducted by five different instructors, instead of by one, as formerly.

In Michigan University "a larger proportion of women than of men are taking by choice the full classical course," President Angell reports. Men are becoming scientific rather than classical, on account of the new openings in scientific professions, while women study Greek and Latin, to meet the requirements of teachers.

All the seniors at the Bordertown Female College, New Jersey, have withdrawn from the school on account of language used by the Principal, Rev. W. C. Bowen, at one of the recitations recently. The subject under discussion was the state of morals in England during the seventeenth century as compared with that of the present day.

In Germany, after a girl graduates, she is sent into the country to the house of some notable housewife, where she remains a year, learning the most approved method of household work. Some towns have started schools for this work, notably Hamburg. In England there is a training college for English housewives at "Goodrest," near Kenilworth.

The Gamma Delta, of Boston University had their annual reception to the friends, faculty and young men students of the 'Varsity, a short time ago. The blushing Gammas superintended everything themselves. Seven refreshment tables were presided over by different officers. The affair took place in the afternoon, and over a thousand people were present.

The centennial celebration of Georgetown University was held recently. The following telegram from the Pope was read to the assembled Alumni by Father Murphy: "Leo XIII sends congratulations and best wishes to the Rector, the Professors, and the Alumni." The University of Christiania, in Sweden, also sent congratulations, and letters of a similar character were received from Harvard College, Michigan, Vassar, Rutgers, and Lehigh Universities, and many other institutions of learning.

One of the latest developments of Western Ingenuity is the American Women's College of Practical Arts, inaugurated in Chicago by Mrs. Helen M. Mott, Mrs. Charles B. Smith and Miss Katherine G. Todd, well-known ladies of Albany, N. Y. It is designed to give women a practical insight into the avenues of business life, such as law, railroads, life insurance, journalism and general office work, its object being to enable women to manage their own affairs. It is evidently calculated to be of value to women of wealth as well as moderate means. It is the outgrowth of modern practical knowledge and has no counterpart elsewhere.

The following list of college colors has been compiled: Dartmouth, dark green; Rutgers, scarlet; Harvard, crimson; Brown, brown; Williams, royal purple; Bowdoin, white; Wesleyan, cardinal and black; University of Pennsylvania, blue and red;

Hamilton, rose pink; Vassar, pink and grey; Trinity, old gold and blue; Madison, orange and black; Amherst, white and purple; Lafayette, white and maroon; Central University, old gold and olive green; Cornell, cornelian and white; Rensselaer Polytechnic, cherry; Adelbert, Bismarck brown and purple; Tufts, blue and brown; University of Mississippi, blue and maize; Columbia, blue and white; Swarthmore, garnet; Union, garnet; Fordman, maroon; McGill, red and white.

The latest innovation at Princeton College is the foundation of a new magazine to be published quarterly, and to be edited by members of the Faculty. *The Princeton College Bulletin* is its name, and henceforth it will be one of Princeton's fixtures. The contents of the *Bulletin* will consist mostly of papers prepared in connection with the philosophic, scientific, and literary departments of the college not otherwise intended for publication; in addition there will be summaries of papers read or published, reports of public or special lectures, notes on recent original work or investigations, notes of current information, and notices of elective courses offered for the ensuing term. All the professors and fellows of the college will be contributors in the especial departments to which each belong.

Correspondence.

MR. EDITOR.—Going into the room of a second year student in Arts one day recently, I discovered on his shelves a book entitled "History of England for Beginners," by Arabella B. Buckley. On chaffing him about the possession of such a book, he gravely informed me that it was the work prescribed in English History for the Intermediate Examination of McGill. This aroused my curiosity, and I picked up the book and glanced hastily through it, and found it to be apparently what its name implies—a child's history. It is written mostly in words of two syllables, so as to be within the comprehension of *the little dears*. Its general style, too, is distinctly feminine. The authoress describes the color of the hair and eyes of almost every being. Almost every chapter begins with—"He was a tall, strong man, with dark hair and gentle eyes," or, "He was a strong, fierce man, with a red face, yellow hair, and keen gray eyes." This is no doubt well calculated to arouse the interest of the children of tender years who are making their first acquaintance with history under Miss Buckley's guidance; but to the average reader of maturer years such formulas after a time become monotonous.

Now, Mr. Editor, is it not somewhat of an anomaly that such a book should hold a place on a University Course? It seems to me that the study of the *outlines* of English History belongs anyway to the public school and high school rather than to the University; and that to place such a book as the above before undergraduates of second year standing, grave sophomores, is little better than adding insult to injury.

If I am wrong in this or in my estimation of the book, I will be very glad if you, Sir, or any of your