

Clippings.

It is stated that England has four universities; France, fifteen; Germany, twenty-two; and Ohio, thirty-seven!

MACAULAY'S MORAL CONSCIOUSNESS.—Macaulay possessed that genuine historical spirit which approximates to a moral consciousness. It would have been impossible for him to have described Marathon as Grote described it, or written of Constantinople as Gibbon wrote of it. Rest he could not until he had seen with his own eyes, and gone over with his own feet the important places and battlefields of his narratives. For this purpose Holland, Belgium, Scotland, Ireland and France were all visited by the indefatigable historian. The notes he made during his tour in Ireland were as long and elaborate as his article on Bacon. He visited Killiecrankie that he might walk up the road which runs by the Garry, and so estimate the time the English army took to defile through the pass. He made a journey from London to Glencoe that he might write little more than a dozen sentences.—*"Masters in History," by the Rev. P. Anton.*

THERE is nothing like exactness. An officer having to proceed on duty from one station to another, in making out his claim for travelling expenses put down the item, "Porter, 6d;" an item struck out by the War Office. Not being inclined to be defrauded of his sixpence, the officer informed the authorities that the porter had conveyed his baggage from one station to another, and that had he not employed him he must have taken a cab, which would have cost eighteenpence. In reply came an official notification that his claim would be allowed, but instructing him that he ought to have used the term "portage" instead of "porter." He was determined, however, to have the last word, and wrote back that he was unable to find any precedent for using the word "portage," but for the future would do so; and at the same time requested to know if he was to use the term "cabbage" when he meant "cab."

A COPY of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary was offered, at a Teacher's Institute in Pennsylvania, to any teacher who would read the following paragraph and pronounce

every word correctly. No one succeeded in earning the dictionary, although nine teachers made the attempt: "A sacriligious son of Belial, who suffered from bronchitis, having exhausted his finances, in order to make good the deficit, resolved to ally himself to a comely, lenient and docile young lady of the Malay or Caucasian race. He accordingly purchased a calliope and a coral necklace of chameleon hue, and securing a suite of rooms at a principal hotel, he engaged the head waiter as his coadjutor. He then despatched a letter of the most unexceptionable caligraphy extant, inviting the young lady to a matinee. She revolted at the idea, refused to consider herself sacrificable to his desires, and sent a polite note of refusal; on receiving which, he procured a carbine and bowie-knife, said he would not forge fetters hymeneal with the queen, went to an isolated spot, severed his jugular vein, and discharged the contents of his carbine into his abdomen. The debris was removed by the coroner."

THE first lady who has passed through the full curriculum at the London School of Medicine for women has recently started for South Africa to take up her post at Livingstonia, Lake Nyassa, as a medical missionary in connection with the Presbyterian Church. Miss Jane E. Waterston was working as a missionary in South Africa for some years. She found, however, her usefulness so much lessened by the want of medical knowledge, that she returned to England in 1874, to qualify herself as a medical practitioner. The foundation of the London School of Medicine for Women gave her the opportunity she needed. She presented herself in due course at the examination for the license to practice medicine, of the King's and Queen's College of Physicians in Ireland which are now open to women. Having passed all these examinations most satisfactorily, she is now on the register of the General Medical Council of Great Britain and Ireland as a fully qualified medical practitioner. Her great object in going through this arduous course of study and hospital practice, which occupied nearly five years, was to prepare herself for increased usefulness in her missionary work, and she started early in the summer for her distant sphere of action.—*Sunday at Home.*