

—A TIME of prosperity seems to have arrived in the history of Stanford University. After three years' litigation over the estate of the late Senator Stanford, Mrs. Stanford has at last been able to pay the bequest of \$2,500,000 which the senator left to Leland Stanford, Jr., University. The bonds transferred to the university draw interest at the rate of \$10,000 a month.

—IN his last annual report, Dr. W. T. Harris, the United States Commissioner of Education, shows that nearly a quarter of the entire population—an aggregate of fifteen million pupils—is enrolled in schools and colleges. There are 235,000 school-houses, valued at nearly \$4,000,000,000; 260,000 female teachers were employed, as against 122,000 male teachers; school expenditures during the year amounted to \$163,000,000.

—It is stated that the total amount given to churches, schools, colleges, libraries, and other public charities in America, during 1894, was \$19,967,116, and that in 1895, this was increased to \$28,943,549.

—ONE of our exchanges gives us to understand that Columbia College is making a new departure. After this year a knowledge of Greek will not be required for entrance to the college nor for the degree of bachelor of arts. We cannot vouch for the truth of this report.

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A PEN SKETCH OF THE IDEAL WOMAN TEACHER.

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A certain club sent me at one time a request for a description of the ideal teacher, to be given in about three hundred words. It occurs to me that some of my reader friends may care to know what I wrote in answer to the request. It was as follows:—Thinking that others may describe for you the ideal man teacher, I shall attempt the ideal woman teacher, although it is as difficult to describe her in words as it is in a photograph to do justice to a woman whose chief beauty is in her expression. In the first place, every characteristic of noble womanhood is hers, since we teach as much by what we are as by what we do. Good health, good common sense, tact, winning manner, a