

A SUBSCRIPTION of \$23,000 has been raised at Yale for a Young Men's Christian Association building, to be erected on the campus.

BOTANY must be a favorite study with the professors of Harvard, for it is said that two of them are preparing works on the subject.

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY will be represented at the Tercentenary of Edinburgh University by its chancellor, Mr. Sandford Fleming, C.E., C.M.S.

JAMES RUSSEL LOWELL will represent Harvard University at the Tercentenary celebration of the University of Edinburgh in Easter week.

PRESIDENT BARTLETT, of Dartmouth College, announces that \$250,000 has been given the college within the last three years.—*Ex.*

A JAPANESE student has been selected for the important position of assistant to the professor of anatomy at Berlin University.

The catalogue of the University of Vermont shows that there are in the institution 271 students, of whom 86 are in the department of arts and science.

The class of 1829 of Harvard College has many surviving members. At the recent annual dinner Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes, Rev. James Freeman Clarke, Judge Townsend, and about twenty others were present.—*Ex.*

The American colleges derive two-fifths of their income from tuition fees, which is four times the proportion which the English Universities get. Students furnish them with only one-tenth of their yearly resources.—*Ex.*

The De Pauw University, in Greencastle, Ind., is to have eight more buildings—a law college, a medical college, a theological college, an observatory, two dormitories, and other structures—to be erected without delay.

In Colonial times, absence from prayers at Harvard was punished by a fine of 2*l.*; absence from public worship, a fine of 9*l.*; tardiness 2*l.*; for going to church before the ringing of the bell, 6*l.*; for "profane cursing," a fine of 2*s.* 6*d.*; for playing cards, 2*s.* 6*d.*; lying, 1*s.* 6*d.*; sending for beer, 1*s.* 6*d.*; fetching beer, 1*s.* 6*d.*; for going into the college yard without the proper garb, 9*d.*—*Ex.*

A FIELD of about three-fourths of an acre in extent has been added to the Botanical Garden at Harvard College for the special purpose of illustrating Professor Gray's "Manual," which comprises the plants which grow east of the Mississippi and north of North Carolina. The field will be transformed into a miniature country of mountain, marsh and plain, with the design of securing the varied conditions of shade, moisture and temperature demanded by the different plants.

The faculty of Kenyon College have imitated somewhat the example of Amherst College, and have passed regulations with regard to the discipline of the College. For the future, any student who obtains a term grade of 75 per cent. in any study need not be examined in that study at the end of the term. The system of hearing excuses for absence has been abolished, and the whole object of the faculty (unlike that of the faculties of many institutions) seems to be to encourage the students to govern themselves as far as possible, without abusing their privileges.—*Ex.*

The University of St. Andrews is not alone in honouring American scholarship. Dr. Charles Waldstein, a member of the junior year of the class of 1875 at Columbia College, who has been delivering, during his brief visit to New York, three lectures on Greek art and archaeology before the Columbia Alumni Association, is the newly-elected director of the Fitzwilliam Art Museum, Cambridge University, England. There were six competitors for the place left vacant by Professor Sydney Colvin's transfer to the British Museum, and the cry against the choice of a foreigner was raised in this case as with Mr. Lowell.

THE *Undergraduate* in its February number has an article on Canada and the Canadians. The writer evidently thinks that

we are all waiting anxiously for the moment when we shall be able to overthrow our present form of government, and either become independent or ask to be annexed to our powerful neighbour. Mr. Blake's motion last session seem to have given strangers the idea that we are pining to make commercial treaties with foreign nations, but are not allowed to do so by the wicked British Government. The article referred to is written in a nice spirit, and refers in eulogistic terms to the extent and resources of our country.

We understand that Messrs. Justice Hensley, A. A. Macdonald and Malcolm McLeod, have consented to act as trustees of the funds of the Daniel Hodgson Scholarship. The trustees met on last Saturday, and drew lots to decide the rotation in which the scholarship should go to the three Universities, with the following results: (1) King's, Windsor; (2) Laval, Quebec; (3) McGill, Montreal. They also requested the Rev. G. W. Hodgson to act as Honorary Secretary.—*Charlottetown Examiner*. [The scholarship thus comes to this Province for the next three years, the holder being required to pursue his arts studies at the University of King's College. The value of the scholarship is \$125 a year, tenable for three years.—*Hatifax Chronicle*.]

EXTRACTS from the report of the trustees of Columbia College, to the regents of the University of the State of New York, which was adopted on December 3, 1883, have been printed by order of the trustees and distributed among the alumni and friends of the college. They show that for the year ending September 30, 1883, the total number of students was 986. The grounds and the several buildings used by the institution are described at length, and the grounds are estimated to be worth \$400,000; the buildings and furniture, \$1,015,000; making a total valuation of \$1,415,000. The number of volumes added to the library during the year was 1,212, making the present number of volumes 50,320, whose estimated value is \$170,672.56. The value of apparatus and collections is placed at \$209,284.46, and of the herbarium at \$26,300. The net property of the institution is valued at \$6,195,027.03. The total revenue derived from various sources was \$342,301.73, and the total expenditures \$555,691.61.

NEW HAVEN, February 1.—At the meeting of the senior class of Yale College to-day a most unusual proceeding took place. W. M. Spear introduced the following resolution:

Whereas, the present senior society system creates a social aristocracy, exercises an undue influence in college politics, fosters a truckling and covering disposition among the lower classes, creates dissensions and enmities in every class, alienates the affections of the graduates from the college, stifles the full expression of college sentiment by its control of the college press;

Resolved, That we believe this system detrimental to the best interests of Yale College and injurious to ourselves; that we request the college press to publish this resolution of the senior class; that the chairman and two others, to be appointed by him, be a committee of three to lay this resolution before the president, faculty and the members of the corporation.

This resolution was supposed to voice the sentiment of a large number of the class, which has been growing ever since the class was in its freshman year. Its introduction created a great uproar. About 140 were present, among them a large number of Skull and Bones and Scroll and Key men. It was thought that the discussion would drive them from the room, but in this the non-society men were disappointed. While they did not take a particularly active part, they voted a strong negative and had sufficient influence to squelch the non-society men by a vote of 60 to 49. This vote does not by any means express the sentiment of the non-society men in the class. The society men themselves openly demonstrated this morning that, when occasion requires, they can talk about their societies or listen to discussions concerning them as freely as any other persons. Nothing else is talked about on the campus to-night, and the bad feeling already existing is likely to increase, for the non-society men say that they do not propose to let the matter drop.—*Boston Globe*.