

A university will be opened in Iceland next year.

Amherst has the finest gymnasium in the world, costing \$88,000.

Owing to the judgment secured against the Chicago University, it is feared that its doors will have to be closed.

The well-known astronomer, Simon Newcomb, has been elected to fill the vacancy in mathematics at the John Hopkins University.

Some (not many) of the American colleges are seeking to draw students by giving them, younger as well as older, an almost unlimited choice of subjects through all the years of their course. This in my opinion is a fundamental mistake.—*President McCosh.*

A judgment of about \$350,000 has been secured against the Chicago University. The entire property of the institution is valued at only \$400,000.

The class for the study of the Spanish has been started at Princeton. Spanish has for some time been a very popular elective at Columbia as well as at Notre Dame.

The Baptists of Iowa have \$246,000 invested in buildings and endowments, and thirty-one instructors are engaged in teaching 345 students in the four institutions under their patronage.

Matthew Arnold has declined the Merton professorship of English Literature at Oxford; he wishes to be free to devote himself to literary occupations.

The Alabama University is so crowded that the Faculty refuses to admit any more students until the buildings have been enlarged.

The legislature of Texas has set apart a million of acres of land, in addition to that already given, for its University. It also voted forty thousand dollars for the erection of buildings.

A dispatch from Rome says the offer of Miss Caldwell of Virginia, to give \$300,000 to found a Catholic University at New York, similar to the College of the Propaganda Fide at Rome, has been submitted to the Pope. His Holiness intends to confer a signal mark of distinction upon the lady. The university will be opened shortly with an endowment of \$1,000,000.

The editors of the Syracuse University *Herald* appear to have been considerably agitated, recently, upon the subject of "cranks" in general, and commercial traveller cranks in particular. Notwithstanding this, however, they managed to get out a very creditable number of their paper. There would seem to be rather a superfluity of local matter, as compared with the extent of the literary department, but this might be considered an excellence, if looked at from another point of view.

It may interest some to know what a few rich men have done for the cause of education. John Hopkins gave \$1,143,000 to the university which he had founded. His gifts for the benevolent purposes amounted to \$8,000,000. Judge Parker gave \$3,000,000 to Lehigh University, Cornelius Vanderbilt gave \$1,000,000 to the Vanderbilt University, Stephen Girard gave \$8,000,000 to Girard College, John C. Green and his residuary legatees gave \$1,500,000 to Princeton College, Ezra Cornell gave \$1,000,000 to Cornell University, Isaac Rich bequeathed the greater part of his estate, which was appraised at \$1,700,000, to Boston University.

PERSONALS.

An old friend of Queen's now residing in Toronto has sent us the following items concerning some of our graduates in that city:

FRANK MONTGOMERY is reading hard, and is occasionally seen decorating an opera box at the Grand.

The manly form of Mr. H. W. WESTLAKE, '82, may now be seen on the streets of Toronto. He has given up school teaching and political economy and is turning his attention to the study of the healing art.

Mr. JOHN McLENNAN, '55, father of R. J. McLennan, '84, has been appointed sheriff of Victoria county.

Mr. H. H. WRIGHT says he is getting tired of Toronto, and talks of spreading his wings for flight to new pastures.

At the recent conversazione of Toronto University Queen's was represented. H. C. F., '81, and D. A. G., '78, purchased unto themselves tickets of admission, and wended their way thither on the appointed evening. D. A. G. says his companion pompously upheld the dignity of a Queen's grad. He also says there was no dancing, no refreshment rooms and no dark and inviting class rooms. There was, however, the usual jamming and failing to hear the music. In fact the whole thing compared unfavorably in point of hospitality and entertainment with those held by the students of Queen's.

One day D. A. G., '78, was called to the telephone. On going to the instrument he was told to come down to the Queen's Hotel and to bring the Revised Statutes with him. One of the members of his firm lives at the Queen's, and thinking that some important consultation was about to take place, D. A. got ready. He was proceeding out of the office door with the two ponderous volumes under his arm when R. J. M., '84, met him and wanted to know where he was going. At the same time D. A. spied his man who lives at the Queen's coming up stairs. Then it dawned upon him that somebody had put up a job on him, and immediately he made an undignified retreat into the office.