

The building is by far the best constructed, not only of the University buildings, but of all the State buildings. The first floor is finished in hard pine, with two-inch hard maple floor laid in cement. One of the laboratory rooms is provided with three stone piers, extending directly into the ground with tops 20x24 inches. This same room has six windows, each $7\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$ feet. Double shades, white and black, regulate the light. One hundred and fifteen students are now taking work in psychology in the University of Nebraska.

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GROUND has been broken for the first of the four buildings of the new biological school of the University of Chicago, which is to be erected with part of the \$1,000,000 recently given by Miss Culver. It is proposed to erect special buildings for zoölogy, botany, anatomy and physiology, instead of one biological building, as planned before the receipt of Miss Culver's gift.

THE College of New Jersey, Princeton, will celebrate the 150th anniversary of its foundation in October next. It is proposed to hold an academic festival on October 20, 21 and 22, at which time it is said the name of the institution will be altered to Princeton University. An effort will be made to largely increase the endowment of the College, the money to be used chiefly in developing the University work.

ELIZA M. MOSHER, M. D., of Brooklyn, N. Y., has been appointed a professor of hygiene in the University of Michigan.

THE Fellows of the Royal College of Surgeons, London, on January 2, declared themselves, by a vote of 72 to 10, in favor of admitting women to the examinations and diplomas of the College.

VASSAR College has received \$8,000 from Miss Helen Gould for the foundation of a scholarship.

THE Senate of Toronto University has made a claim against the Province of Ontario, or the Dominion of Canada, for more than \$100,000.

THE University of Pennsylvania has received a gift of \$5,000 from Mr. Charles M. Swain and \$5,000 anonymously, the money to be used without restrictions.

THE will of the late Martin Brimmer, of Boston, to take effect on the death of his wife, bequeaths \$50,000 to Harvard University.

DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE.

THE METRIC SYSTEM.

EDITOR OF SCIENCE: I enclose a copy of House Bill No. 2758 in regard to the Metric System. This bill has been introduced by Hon. D. Harley, of Brooklyn, N. Y., after consultation with the Secretary of the American Metrological Society and officers of the U. S. Government (Gen. Duffield, Superintendent of U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey; Professor Newcomb, of the Nautical Almanac Office, and Mr. Tittmann, of the Coast and Geodetic Survey), and others. The Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures, of the House of Representatives, has the bill in charge. Hon. C. W. Stone is Chairman of the Committee.

It is hoped that those interested in the matter will urge on the Committee the great desirableness of a favorable report to the House.

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AMERICAN METROLOGICAL SOCIETY,
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The bill to fix the standard of weights and measures by the adoption of the metric system of weights and measures is as follows:

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the first day of July, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, all the Departments of the Government of the United States, in transaction of all business requiring the use of weight and measurement, shall employ and use only the weights and measures of the metric system, as legalized by Act of Congress approved July twenty-eighth, eighteen hundred and sixty-six.

"SEC. 2. That from and after the first day of July, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, the metric system of weights and measures shall be the only legal system of weights and measures recognized in the United States.

"SEC. 3. That the tables in the schedules annexed to the bill authorizing the use of the metric system of weights and measures, passed