

nearly all organs. The substance of the brain is particularly well preserved, areas of softening, hemorrhages, and pus in the pia mater being very well demonstrated.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

THE fourth annual report of President Schurman, of Cornell University, has been presented to the trustees at an early date. The report extends to 79 pages with appendices of about the same length and gives a full account of the recent progress and present condition of the University. We have already noted the new appointments and other enlargements such as the establishment of the State Veterinary College. The total number of students in the university last year was 1,702. The absolute and relative increase in those taking scientific courses is shown to be as follows:

	1891-92	1892-93	1893-94	1894-95	1895-96
Arts.....	142	141	138	133	146
Philosophy..	100	110	121	136	153
Science	82	89	89	115	144
Letters.....	94	82	85	65	50

There has, however, been a decrease in the number of students attending the technical courses, owing to the fact that the requirements for admission were advanced in 1894.

IN view of the destruction of the main building of Mt. Holyoke College by fire, the trustees are considering the removal of the College from South Hadley. Springfield and Worcester have been mentioned as possible locations for the College.

THE councils of University College and King's College, London, have inaugurated a series of lectures and demonstrations of university character for the benefit of students unable to attend in the day time. The program for the present session includes courses on mechanical engineering, on electrical engineering and on practical chemistry by the professors at University College, and courses on civil engineering, on architecture, on experimental and practical physics and on pure mathematics by the professors at King's College.

THE Woman's College of Baltimore has recently received, as a gift from the Rev. George C. Stull, of Butte, Montana, a collection of

about 200 Montana ores and minerals. The specimens are carefully determined, labeled and catalogued, and are accompanied by chemical analysis. Gold, silver, copper and antimony are well represented, and the whole collection makes a nearly complete series of the ores and useful minerals from Montana.

THE Enoch Pratt Free Library, of Baltimore, has just completed the building of its sixth branch library. It is situated near the Woman's College, and will be largely used by the students. The librarian, Dr. Steiner, has requested lists of desired books from the professors of the College. Lists of scientific books have been sent by Dr. Metcalf and Miss Bunting, of the biological department.

BISHOP J. J. KEANE, rector of the Catholic University of America, in Washington, has resigned at the request of Pope Leo XIII.

WILLIAM S. EICHELBERGER, PH. D., for the past four years instructor in mathematics and astronomy at Wesleyan University, has resigned, to accept a position in the Nautical Almanac Office in the Naval Department at Washington, D. C.

AT the New York University Dr. T. W. Edmondson has been appointed associate professor of physics, and Mr. J. H. MacCracken instructor in philosophy. Prof. W. M. Warren has been promoted to a full professorship of philosophy in Boston University. At Williams College Dr. H. M. Knowler has been appointed instructor in biology and Mr. J. R. Congdon assistant in physics.

DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE.

THE GEOLOGY OF BLOCK ISLAND.

AN article with the above title by Prof. O. C. Marsh, in the *American Journal of Science* for October, 1896 (pp. 295-298), is chiefly remarkable for the manner in which the work of previous observers is ignored and the ingenuous way in which well-known facts are stated as if they were original discoveries by the author. The structure of the Island was described by both Upham* and Merrill,† and the parallelism be-

* *Am. Journ. Sci.*, xviii. (1879), p. 92.

† *Trans. N. Y. Acad. Sci.*, xv. (1895), pp. 16-19.