

of the hen's egg during the development of the chick.

INQUIRIES as to the schools in which leading men in various professions were educated have been made by *The School World*, and the results for men of science are abstracted in *Nature*. Of 250 representative men of science—mostly Fellows of the Royal Society—chosen for the present inquiry, one-fifth received their early education either in private schools or at home under tutors. The schools which claim the greatest number of old pupils in the selected list are Edinburgh High School, Edinburgh Academy and Aberdeen Grammar School. The Scotch schools are followed, as regards the number of old pupils of distinguished eminence in science, by the City of London School and King's College School. Eton, Harrow and Rugby succeed these, and are in turn followed by Liverpool College, Royal Institution School (Liverpool) and St. Paul's. The remarkable point brought out by this comparison, says *Nature*, is the small part the great public schools have taken in training the leaders in science of the present day. When the men who are now in the foremost rank among philosophers were receiving their early education science was almost, if not quite, omitted from the public school curriculum, with the result that comparatively few boys from such schools have become eminent in the scientific world. The neglect of science in comparison with other subjects is shown by the fact that Eton, Harrow, Rugby, Winchester, Westminster and one or two other public schools, though comparatively poor in their scientific record, are shown to have furnished the greatest number of leading men in Parliament, the church and the law, Eton leading the way as regards numbers in each of these classes.

THE Regents of the University of the State of New York have voted that the Secretary be authorized to sell any of the University publications at half price to any university institution or to any teacher or officer of such institution, and to give such publications outright to such depositories as shall be registered as entitled to such consideration because they agree to preserve and catalogue the publications and make them

available for public use. Pamphlet editions of the reports giving administrative details and information as to the workings of the department may be given away; but scientific contributions of the museum staff and other valuable matter printed as appendices to the reports, and the bound volumes containing such matter, shall not be for free distribution, but shall be sold at a nominal price approximately covering cost of paper, presswork and binding.

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IN addition to Professors Picard, Mosso and Ramón y Cajal, whom we have already announced as lecturers at the decennial celebration of Clark University, to be held July 5th to 8th, we are informed that Dr. Ludwig Boltzmann, professor of theoretical physics at the University of Vienna, and Dr. August Forel, formerly professor of psychiatry at the University of Zurich, will give short courses of lectures.

MR. B. H. DUKE has made an additional gift of \$50,000 to Trinity College, at Durham, N. C.

THE degree of Bachelor of Science has been given to 170 candidates by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

IT is reported that nine professors at St. Petersburg University have resigned as an expression of sympathy with the grievances of the students.

THE Rev. William H. P. Faunce, D.D., pastor of the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, New York, has accepted the presidency of Brown University.

DR. D. J. BIEHRINGER and Dr. Tröger have been promoted to assistant professorships of chemistry in the Institute of Technology at Braunschweig. Dr. Abegg has qualified as docent in physical chemistry in the University of Breslau; Dr. Schultze in zoology in the University at Jena; Dr. Kowalevsky in mathematics in the University of Leipzig; Dr. Feitler in physical and theoretical chemistry in the Institute of Technology at Vienna; Dr. von Oppolzer in astronomy and astrophysics in the German University at Prague, and Dr. Relstab in physics in the Institute of Technology at Braunschweig.