

the San José scale for months in German papers. It has not yet made its début in a live condition in Germany, thus confirming the opinion of experts that the climatic conditions of Germany are not suited to its perpetuation; but, while the false alarm concerning the introduction and ravages of the San José scale has vanished, its ill effects in the nature of administrative measures against the import of American fruit have continued, and the hardship of these proscriptive ordinances are making themselves so acutely felt that German trade circles and consumers are beginning to protest. The chamber of commerce of the city of Hamburg (one of the most important trade bodies of Germany), in its lately published annual report, says on this subject: "The station which last year was opened in this city for the purpose of investigating the presence of the San José scale on American fruit has a laboratory where two scientifically trained experts, with fourteen assistants, have steadily pursued these investigations in the most circumspect manner. While there may not be any objection to examining 'raw fruit,' the continuation of investigations in regard to 'dried fruits' must be considered an utterly unnecessary hindrance to trade. The sanitary experts, whom the imperial German department of health, as well as the Belgian Government, sent last year to California, have fully confirmed the statements made by German fruit importers that the drying methods in use in the United States effectually kill the insects. Therefore, the scales found on dried fruit from America were dead. The trade suffers great damage from the examination, stricter here than elsewhere, and this chamber of commerce regrets that this unnecessary annoyance and harmful practice was not at once discontinued when the facts became known."

#### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY has received a gift of \$100,000—it is reported from Miss Helen Gould—for the erection of a 'Hall of Fame for Great Americans.' Colonades overlooking the Harlem river will be erected containing 150 panels on which will be engraved inscriptions commemorating eminent Americans.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY has received from

Mrs. Robert Goelet the gift of a bronze statue to cost about \$25,000. It will represent 'Alma Mater' and will be erected in the court before the library.

OBERLIN COLLEGE has received a gift of \$50,000 from Dr. and Mrs. Lucien C. Warner, of New York, for a men's gymnasium.

A BEQUEST of £20,000 has been made to the New College, Hampstead (now a constituent college of London University), under the will of the late Mr. Henry Vaughan.

A DAUGHTER of the late Professor Hughes Bennet, of the University of Edinburgh, has offered the University a sum of money to establish an addition to the physiological laboratory for the purposes of research.

THE Chicago College of Physicians and Surgeons was three years ago affiliated with the University of Illinois. An agreement has now been made effecting a more complete consolidation which is to last 25 years, and allowing the University of Illinois to secure complete control of the College.

DR. HARRIS HANCOCK, A.B. (Virginia and Johns Hopkins) and Ph.D. (Berlin), has been elected professor of mathematics at the University of Cincinnati to fill one of the chairs recently declared vacant by the Board of Directors. Dr. Hancock has published papers on the Abelian functions, on the calculus of variation and other subjects. He is at present at Paris.

AT Oberlin College, Simon F. MacLennan has been appointed professor of psychology and pedagogy, and Frederick O. Grover, professor of botany.

PROFESSOR R. S. LAWRENCE, of Emporia College, Kans., has accepted the chair of mathematics in Hanover (Ind.) College.

PROFESSOR JULIUS HANN, of Gratz, has been called to the professorship of cosmical physics, at Vienna. Dr. August Gutzmer has been made full professor of mathematics in the University of Jena. Dr. v. Schmidt, of Dorpat, has qualified as docent in histology and embryology in the University at Jena.

DR. TH. M. FRIES, professor of botany in the University of Upsala, has retired.