

stimulus has been needed, as of late the number of university students has tended to decrease. The committee further presents an interim report on the decrease of students pending a fuller investigation which is to include the other Scottish universities and English and foreign schools. In Edinburgh the number of students continuously decreased from 3,576 in 1889-90 to 2,825 in 1895-96, above and below which figure they have fluctuated but slightly.

THE Royal British Commission on Tuberculosis is now sitting in London. The experimental part of its work will be carried out near Stansted, in Essex, on two farms that have been placed at the disposal of the commission by Sir James Blyth.

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MR. JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, has made a further gift of \$1,250,000 to the University of Chicago, making the total amount given by him \$10,251,000.

BY the recent death of Mrs. Anne Wentworth, of Lowell, Mass., Dartmouth College will, it is said, come into the possession of an estate worth about \$500,000, bequeathed to it by Tappan Wentworth.

WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY has secured \$100,000 which will be used for an administration building, and \$25,000 toward a fund for the building of an observatory and scientific laboratories.

It is reported that Mr. Carnegie will liberally endow the Carnegie Laboratory of Engineering of the Stevens Institute on the occasion of the dedication on February 6.

DR. PURDIE, professor of chemistry in St. Andrews University, has offered the University a gift of £5,000 for the purpose of building and equipping a small chemical research department at St. Andrews. In his letter to Principal Donaldson intimating the gift, Professor Purdie says that their universities are very poorly provided for research when compared with those of foreign countries, and that scientific industries suffer in consequence.

THE physical laboratory of the University of Michigan will be enlarged next year by taking in the third floor of the building, which has

hitherto been devoted to bacteriology, and possibly by the addition of a large lecture room to seat 300 persons. The present capacity of the building is insufficient to accommodate the 500 students who are taking courses in physics.

FIRE of unknown origin destroyed the main building of the University of Wooster. The loss is estimated at \$250,000, with insurance of about \$70,000. It is supposed that an explosion of chemicals in one of the laboratories was the cause.

THE registration at the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale University this year and last is as follows:

	1900-1901	1901-1902
Graduate Students	105	133
Seniors	134	128
Juniors	143	143
Freshmen	199	245
Special Students	29	26
	610	675

There is thus an increase of 65 students, especially noticeable being the increase in the number of graduate students and of the Freshman class.

The number of dental students in America from foreign countries is increasing every year. In the dental department of the University of Pennsylvania this year 80 of the 364 registered students are foreigners, representing a large number of nationalities.

MR. JOHN A. BRASHEAR has been elected Chancellor of the University of Western Pennsylvania. Mr. Brashear was last year vice-president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and chairman of the Section of Mechanical Science and Engineering.

DR. HENRY LEFAVOUR, professor of physics at Williams College, and dean of the faculty, has been elected president of the newly-organized Simmons College for Women at Boston.

PROFESSOR E. G. HARRIS, of the Missouri School of Mines, has been elected professor of civil engineering in the University of Pennsylvania.

DR. THEODORE W. RICHARDS has been elected full professor of chemistry at Harvard University. It will be remembered that Professor Richards was recently called to a chair of chemistry at Göttingen.