

laid away for more recent inventions; these are of historical value. Medicine in the United States has so brief a history that it should not be difficult to represent in this museum its complete development in the instruments and appliances that have come and gone, that have been of great value, but have given place to better inventions as the art has progressed. The late Professor Fenger bequeathed his own instruments to this museum, and it was the wish of this thoughtful man that his gift should be but the foundation for a collection that would show the development of the art he loved and for which he did so much. Rush Medical College has set aside a commodious room in the newly-opened Senn Hall for the permanent use of this museum. Gifts will be inscribed with the name of the donor and any remarks as to their history, original owner, user, etc., that may increase their interest. All other objects that have any interesting relation to the history of medicine or to renowned physicians will be given place, such as original manuscripts, autograph letters, portraits, etc. Information may be had by addressing Rush Medical College, Chicago.

THE Berlin correspondent of the London *Times* states that the German government intends to have its customs officials instructed not only, as at present, in the superficial knowledge of the products of commerce and industry, but also in chemistry, physics and mechanical technology. It is also regarded as desirable that these officials should be acquainted with the elements of finance, of commercial policy and of commercial geography. At the most important customs offices in every province a laboratory, together with a library of technical books, will be established, where the minor officials will receive technical instruction from the customs officers of higher rank. These higher officials will themselves be trained in a great laboratory and auditorium which it is proposed to build at the chief customs office for foreign goods in Berlin. The teachers in this establishment will in part be professors of the technical colleges and kindred institutions in the German capital.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

THE daily papers state that the Lawrence Scientific School of Harvard University will receive a very large sum from the estate of the late Gordon McKay, but there is, as yet, no official confirmation of this report.

By the will of the late Miss Mary T. Ropes, Harvard University will ultimately receive the endowment of a chair of political economy and a scholarship. Money for a chair of modern languages and a scholarship goes to the New Church University, a Swedenborgian institution at Albano, Ohio.

By the will of the late Dr. George Haven, the Harvard Medical School will ultimately receive \$25,000 and half the residue of the estate.

MR. J. B. WHITTIER, of Saginaw, has given \$4,000 to the University of Michigan for a fellowship in botany.

It is announced that registration statistics for the year at Harvard show a total of 4,291 students in all departments, an increase of 65 over last year. The graduate school shows an increase of 83, while the college and scientific school show decreases of 37 and 19, respectively. The freshman class numbers 673, somewhat less than last year.

THE freshman class at Yale University numbers this year 707, an increase, as compared with last year, of 69 in the Sheffield Scientific School and 39 in the Academic Department.

FIVE Rhodes scholars from South Africa began residence at Oxford at the beginning of the present term. They enter as ordinary undergraduate students, reading for the B.A. degree.

DR. C. K. EDMUNDS, Ph.D. (Johns Hopkins), has been appointed professor of physics and electrical engineering at the Christian College in Macao, China.

AT Trinity College, Cambridge, fellowships have been awarded to Mr. J. E. Wright, senior wrangler, mathematical tripos, 1900, and to Mr. H. A. Webb, bracketed third wrangler, 1902.