Rev. H. G. Torre, of Norton Curlieu, Warwickshire, has been presented to the Royal Botanic Society. It comprises some 1,600 specimens of the most ornamental of the class, such as agaves, aloes, echeverias, crassulas and mesembryanthemums. The rockery in the large conservatory has been reconstructed for their accommodation and display.

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The late George W. Catt, a civil engineer, has bequeathed his engineering books and half the residuary interest in his estate, which in all is estimated at \$110,000, to the Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts.

The trustees of Smith College, at a meeting in Northampton on October 20, voted to use the money donated by Mr. John D. Rockefeller for the erection of an assembly hall and a dormitory. The college register shows the freshman class to be the largest in the history of the college, having 404 members, an increase of 46 over that of last year.

The statement of the president of the University of Chicago for the quarter ending September 1 contains the following report of receipts and expenditures during the past eight years:

Fiscal Year.	Receipts.	Expenditures.	
1897-8	\$ 706,973.63	\$ 678,399.75	
1898-9	723,083.01	719,923.52	
1899-0	740,954.93	747,186.62	
1900-1	775,654.98	790,583.68	
1901-2	977,828.33	944,348.26	
1902-3	982,609.94	1,020,224 92	
1903-4	939,073.72	1,032,533.39	
1904–5	1,003,750.33	1,003,726 47	
Total.	\$6,849,928.87	\$6,936,926.61	
Net deficit.	\$ 86,997.74		

Emmanuel College, Cambridge, announces that a studentship of the annual value of £150 will be offered for encouragement in research in any branch of study recognized by the university, open to graduates of the university whose age does not exceed 28 on January 1, 1906. It will be tenable in the first instance for one year, but the student may be reelected for a second period of one year, the studentship not to be tenable with a fellowship or any similar studentship.

According to the New York *Evening Post* the registration of the University of Pennsylvania is as follows:

	1904-5.	1905-6.
College Department	946	1,089
Wharton School	226	271
Teachers' Course	181	208
Evening School	95	298
Summer School	131	214
Philosophy	213	287
Law	303	315
Veterinary	79	100
Dental	359	322
Medical	546	580
Spring Medical	17	19
Total	3,096	3,703

The first Servian University was opened on October 15 by the king in presence of the crown prince, the members of the ministry, invited guests and Servian delegates.

Mr. Ellsworth Gage Lancaster has been installed as president of Olivet (Michigan) College.

The chair of philosophy in Miami University, which was from 1888 to 1905 in charge of Dr. R. B. C. Johnson, now at Princeton, has been filled by the appointment of Elmer E. Powell, Ph.D. (Bonn).

Dr. Arthur Graham Hall, formerly instructor in mathematics at the University of Michigan and associate professor of mathematics at the University of Illinois, has accepted the professorship of mathematics in Miami University resigned by Edward P. Thompson.

Professor Walter M. Boehm will have charge of the work in physics at Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Ia., during the coming year, Dr. A. Collin having been granted a leave of absence. Mr. Boehm is a graduate of the State University of Iowa, where for three years he served as assistant in physics.

Dr. Oscar Veblen, of the University of Chicago, has been appointed preceptor in mathematics in Princeton University.

DR. WILLIAM FOSTER, JR., has been advanced to an assistant professorship of chemistry in Princeton University.