

such are far greater than those of any college. For more than ten years past the Cambridge University Association has been laboriously collecting funds for the reendowment of the university and its adequate equipment to meet the educational and academic needs of the modern time. Some four years ago, on the occasion of the opening by his majesty the king of four new university buildings, the erection of which was largely promoted by this association, we published three articles by a special correspondent in which it was shown that the needs of the university, all more or less urgent and yet evaluated at a strictly moderate estimate, could not be satisfied by anything much less than a capital sum of a million and a half. It was also pointed out that the buildings of the University of Strassburg had cost nearly a million; that the state endowment of the University of Berlin was nearly £170,000 a year; that private effort had endowed the universities and colleges of the United States with more than £40,000,000 in a few years; and that in two years alone the funds obtained from this source had amounted to nearly £7,000,000. Yet at that time the Cambridge University Association had only succeeded in collecting some £71,000 in the course of seven years, a sum less than the gross annual income of Trinity by more than the gross annual income of Magdalene, and only about a sixth of the stupendous windfall which has now fallen, unsolicited and unexpected—though we are far from saying undeservedly—into the lap of Trinity.—*The London Times*.

#### THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

At the meeting of the Board of Trustees, held on January 8, 1908, certain recommendations of President Needham, affecting the educational work of the university, were adopted.

1. The courses of instruction in the Department of Arts and Sciences were put in charge of two general faculties; namely, the Faculty of Graduate Studies and the Faculty of Undergraduate Studies. The latter faculty is composed of all professors, assistant-pro-

fessors and instructors who carry on instruction in the several undergraduate colleges and divisions.

2. In Columbian College, the B.S. degree was discontinued, and the requirements for the B.A. degree were changed so that it might cover the courses formerly embraced by both B.S. and B.A. English, mathematics and a foreign language (Latin, French or German) are specified as the required studies, constituting 9 out of 15 points for entrance, and 9 out of 60 points for the attainment of the B.A. degree.

3. In the Law Department beginning with the next academic year the requirements for the LL.B. degree are increased to fourteen hours per week, the full day work beginning at 9 o'clock in the morning. Beginning with the academic year 1909-1910, the requirements for admission to this course are two years of college work or its equivalent, with the provision that students who have not the required college work may be admitted as special students and if they obtain a record of B or better, they may be recommended for the degree. There has been established in this department for half-day students, a course of ten hours per week, covering three years, to be given between the hours of 4:30 and 6:30, and for the full course of thirty hours the degree of B.L. will be given. A four-year course of twelve hours a week will be open to students who received the B.L. degree and such students as complete the fourth year course and meet the requirements for admission and graduation will be entitled to the degree of LL.B.

4. In the Department of Medicine, beginning with the session of 1909-10, the requirements for admission will be two years of college work or its equivalent.

#### WILLIAM STRATFORD

PROFESSOR WILLIAM STRATFORD, for forty-one years a member of the teaching staff of the New York City College, died on January 24. He was born at Newtown, L. I., in 1844, graduated at the City College in 1865, and took the degrees of M.D. and Ph.D. at New