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#### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

THE Court of Appeals at Albany, N. Y., has handed down a decision in which the efforts of the next of kin of Josephine Louise Newcomb, widow of Warren Newcomb, who died in New York City in 1901, to set aside her will, executed in Louisiana, and to secure a portion of her estate, are nullified and her bequest of her entire estate of about \$2,000,000 to the H. Sophie Newcomb Memorial College of New Orleans, a department of Tulane University, is sustained.

AT the commencement exercises of the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy it was announced that the college had acquired an endowment fund amounting to \$150,000 by the terms of the will of Warren D. Potter. Mr. Potter, who was a wholesale druggist, died a number of years ago, and by the provisions of his will a residue of his estate reverted to the college two years after the death of his wife.

GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY has received a gift of \$5,000 from the alumni association of Colorado.

IN the period from 1893 to 1899 the funds of Stanford University, including the estate of Mrs. Stanford herself, were completely tied up by litigation, leaving the university no income save the sum annually allowed by the Probate Court to Mrs. Stanford for the maintenance of her personal service. During this period Mrs. Stanford devoted all funds accessible to her to the maintenance of the institution. Among other things she possessed a very valuable collection of jewels, the gift of her husband, many of them being of historic interest. These were held by her in reserve for the use of the university, about half of them being sold in London by her at the time of the queen's jubilee, and the proceeds were made available to the university at a time when they were sorely needed. By the

terms of her will the rest of these jewels were to be sold and a "Jewel Fund" constituted, the proceeds of which were to be devoted in perpetuity to the purchase of books for the University Library. By the act of the trustees of the university this fund has now been segregated as a library endowment. The fund as at present constituted amounts to \$500,000, the interest annually being \$25,000.

THE report of the syndicate appointed to superintend the provision of buildings for the Department of Agriculture, at Cambridge, states that the university has provided a suitable site adjoining the Botany School, and that a sum of nearly £13,000 has been subscribed or promised by the Drapers' Company and by a number of prominent landowners towards the cost of the building. Plans have been prepared which meet with general approval, but the building can not be begun until a further sum of at least £2,000 has been subscribed.

DICKINSON COLLEGE, Carlisle, Pa., is this week celebrating the hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of its foundation. Oberlin College celebrates its seventy-fifth anniversary.

DR. JOSEPH BARRELL has been promoted to a professorship of geology at Yale University.

DR. S. R. WILLIAMS, tutor in physics in Barnard College, Columbia University, has been appointed associate professor and head of the department of physics at Oberlin College.

AT Harvard University Mrs. Wilfred MacDonald has been appointed instructor in mathematics, and Mr. D. C. Rogers, assistant in applied psychology at Harvard University.

WARNER BROWN, Ph.D. (Columbia), assistant in psychology in Columbia University, has been appointed instructor in psychology in the University of California.

AT the Northwestern University Medical School, Dr. Prentiss, of Harvard University, has been appointed assistant professor of anatomy, and Dr. S. Walter Ransom, associate in anatomy.

DR. WOLFGANG OSTWALD has qualified as docent in physiology in the University of Leipzig.