

medical teaching in France. The minister added a few words of thanks to Dr. Jean Charcot for his abnegation in the higher interests of science and of the university, and hoped that his example would be followed in others. After the distribution of medals to some of the nurses and the gardener of the Salpêtrière, the library was visited by all present.

A COMMITTEE appointed to advise the senate of London University on the course to be pursued in regard to the proposed Institute of Medical Sciences has reported as follows: (a) That, owing to the lack of adequate financial support, the scheme for the establishment of an Institute of Medical Sciences, as set forth in the original appeal, and (in a modified form) in the appeal of June, 1905, has proved abortive; (b) that, apart from the money difficulty, which, in the opinion of the committee, is of itself fatal, the scheme has also become impracticable for other reasons. The medical faculty, which formerly reported in favor of the scheme, has now reported against it. Several of the medical schools have changed their opinions in the same sense, and some of them have made arrangements involving considerable outlay for providing more efficient instruction in preliminary and intermediate medical studies; (c) that, in the above circumstances, the university has no claim to the money which has been already paid by subscribers, or to the fulfilment of promises by subscribers who have not yet paid their subscriptions; and (d) that, in the absence of any special directions in any particular case all subscriptions already paid ought at once to be returned to the donors (including in that term the executors or legal representatives of deceased donors) without any suggestion as to any possible application of the money to any other purpose.

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THE main building of Monmouth College, including the science laboratories, was destroyed by fire on Thursday morning, November 14. All the science work has suffered much. The loss to the biology department

was the greatest, as the laboratory was on the third floor under the roof, where the fire started. The collections and apparatus of that department, which were of much value—and the laboratory—were almost completely destroyed. Plans are being made for rebuilding and carrying on the work meanwhile.

RICE HALL, housing the biological and chemical departments of Washburn college, Topeka, Kansas, was partially destroyed by fire on December 6. The loss, estimated at \$30,000, is covered by insurance; the building will be restored in the spring.

PENNSYLVANIA Day at the State College was celebrated on November 22, when the new agricultural building was dedicated. Addresses were made by Governor Edwin S. Stuart, Senator Bois Penrose, Mr. James A. Beaver, president of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Nathan C. Schaeffer, superintendent of public instruction, Director Thomas F. Hunt, of the School of Agriculture, and Director Whitman Jordan, director of the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station, Geneva, N. Y.

ACCORDING to the New York *Evening Post* foreign countries are represented at Harvard University as follows: Canada, 42; China, 24; Japan, 8; England, 5; Mexico, 4; Republic of Argentina, 4; Germany, 3; Italy, 3; Australia, 2; Costa Rica, 2; France, 2; Ireland, 2; New Zealand, 2; Russia, 2; Bulgaria, 2; India, 2; Asia Minor, 1; British West Indies, 1; Korea, 1; Peru, 1; Siam, 1; Colombia, 1; Sweden, 1; Turkey, 1; Syria, 1; Rumania, 1; South Africa, 1.

PRESIDENT NORMAN PLASS, of Washburn College, Topeka, Kans., has resigned to go into business, his resignation to take effect at the close of the academic year.

DR. LOUIS COHEN has been appointed assistant professor of mathematics and Dr. Perley G. Nutting, assistant professor of physics at the George Washington University.

MR. E. T. CAMPAGNAC has been elected professor of education at Liverpool University to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Professor Woodward.