NOTES ON EDUCATION

The University of Minnesota has 304 students.

Prof. J. W. Mears of Hamilton College has been elected President of the New-York State Teachers Association.

It is suggested in Great Britain that Government might make payments for practical instructions in cookery in the same manner as for the teaching of elementary science; and Sir John Lubbock has asked in Parliament, "Why should not boys learn about cleanliness and ventilation, the management of income, expenditure and saving?"

In the Grand Duchy of Baden a new State law ordains the establishment of Middle Schools for Girls, with a seven years' course of tuition. The very best teachers will be employed. These new Higher Schools for Girls are to receive subvention from the State Exchequer, like the corresponding institutions for boys. Seminaries for the training of lady preceptors are to be founded in connection with these new educational establishments.

The laboratories for women which were established six months ago at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology appear to be successful. Some of the pupils are fitting themselves to teach; two have made special study of some subject, for the purpose of assisting their husbands in business; others take the course as a part of their education, without definite plans for applying their knowledge, and others still take some subject that will enable them to understand and to make collections at home, and to give their children an intelligent interest in some form of science.

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The average teaching in the higher schools does not please the editor of *The National Teachers' Monthly*. He says: "If to sit behind a table, and ask convenient questions year after year in almost the same way, is teaching, we confess our ignorance of its science and art. The writer of this article happens to be a graduate of a New England college, and he will say, if any one wishes to find hearing recitations, delivery of stereotype lectures, assigning set lessons, and a rigid marking system, put in place of genuine teaching, let him go to our best old-fashioned colleges. How many undergraduates ever perform half a dozen chemical experiments! How many are taught to become independent investigators and thinkers in either the physical or mental sciences! Our college courses of study are rigidly inflexible. This requiring all pupils to pursue exactly the same course is scarcely bearable in a graded school, but it is unbearable in the highest schools."

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The Standing Committee of Convocation of the University of London has adopted by a vote of fifteen against seven the following motion relative to the question of the admission of women to medical degrees in that University: "That the annual committee request the chairman to summon an extraordinary meeting of Convocation at as early a date as may be convenient, with a view of considering how far the constitutional privileges of Convocation have been superseded by the Senate in adopting a permissive Act of Parliament by which the constitution of the University would be materially altered without consultation with Convocation." A large number of the graduates contend that by the charter of the University the Senate are not entitled to make any decided change in the constitution of the University without the sanction of Convocation; and that the Senate have acted contrary to the spirit of the charter in avoiding themselves of the permissive Act of last year, under the provisions of which any of the medical licensing bodies might, if they think fit, admit women to examination; but were in no sense compelled to do so. The question in dispute between the Senate and Convocation will not be not that of the admission of women to degrees, but the wider one of the privileges of Convocation.

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Proposals

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
WASHINGTON, July 26, 1877.

SEALED PROPOSALS, indorsed "Proposals for Flour, Corn," &c. (as the case may be), and directed to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, care Major W. B. Hughes, Q. M. U. S. A., Sioux City, Iowa, will be received until 12 m. of Wednesday, August 22, 1877, for furnishing at New-York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Chicago, Sioux City, St. Paul, or Yankton, the following supplies for the Indian Service, viz.:

2,670,000 pounds of Flour,
1,430,000 pounds of Corn,
20,000 pounds of Wheat,
90,000 pounds of Salt,
250,000 pounds of Sugar.

Also a variety of other articles, consisting of carpenter's and smith's supplies, hardware, stationery, farming implements, means of transportation, wood, hay, etc., etc., lists of which can be had on application to E. M. Kingsley, 30 Clinton Place, New-York; Major Hughes, Sioux City; Captain W. H. Nash, Cheyenne; Captain Charles McClure, St. Paul; Major John P. Hawkins, Omaha, and the Indian Office.

The bids will be opened in the presence of the purchasing committee of the Board of Indian Commissioners, and read publicly, beginning at the hour above named. Bidders are invited to be present.

Each bid must give the names of all parties interested in or parties to it, and must have a copy of this advertisement attached. No bids will be considered from persons who have in any respect defaulted in any bid heretofore. Any or all bids, or any part of any bid, will be rejected, if deemed for the best interests of the Government.

Every bid must be accompanied by a certified check or draft, payable to the order of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, to be held by him until the execution of the contract, upon some U. S. Depository, when check or draft shall not be less than five per centum of the amount of the proposal; and shall be forfeited to the United States in case any bidder receiving an award shall fail to promptly enter into contract, or to furnish a sufficient bond therewith; otherwise to be returned to the bidder.

The Flour must be fresh ground, of sound wheat, equal to the best New-York XX quality, and delivered in strong double sacks. Samples of not less than 25 pounds must accompany each bid, said samples to be distinctly marked with the name of the bidder, and number, if more than one sample is submitted.

The Corn must be sound, dry and clean, to weigh not less than 56 pounds to the bushel, and delivered in strong gunnies, re-sewed.

The Wheat must be of the Fall crop, sound, dry and clean, to weigh not less than 60 pounds to the bushel, and delivered in strong gunnies, resewed.

The Salt must be dry, and packed in barrels ready for shipment.

No prices named must be "net." In no case will any allowance be made for sacks, boxes or barrels.

All articles furnished under contract must be delivered at the places designated for their reception, and will be subject to strict inspection.

In executing the contract, the right will be reserved to increase or diminish the quantity of any of the articles embraced in the foregoing schedule; and the further right will be reserved to increase or decrease the amount specified in any contract to an extent not exceeding twenty-five per cent.

A joint and several bond, in the full amount of the contract, duly executed, with two or more sureties, and conditioned for the faithful performance of the contract, will be required of the bidder whose bid shall be accepted. The sufficiency of the sureties must accompany the same. The sufficiency of the sureties must be evidenced by their affidavit as to the value of their property.

No contract, or part thereof, will be permitted to be sub-let or assigned to, or filled by, any other party, without the written consent of the Secretary of the Interior.

J. Q. SMITH, Commissioner.

Steamboats and Railroads.

ALBANY and TROY BY DAY BOATS.—Leave WHITEHALL and DANIEL DREW leave Vestry-st., N. R., at 8:30 and 24th-st. at 9 p. m., landing at Nyack Ferry, West Point, Newburgh, Poughkeepsie, Rhinebeck, Saugerties, Catskill, and Hudson. Close connection with New-York Central Railroad for the West, and with express trains for Saratoga, Montreal and other points North. To West Point and Newburgh, excursion tickets at Sixteen cents single trip. Baggage checked from Albany Hotels and Depots by Express Men. Tickets over Hudson River Railroad are received on board for passage. FREE TRANSFER from foot of Brooklyn by steamboat. Leaves Jewell's Wharf (Fulton-st.) at 8:45 a. m. Tickets over New-York Central and for Saratoga on the wharf.

BALTIMORE AND OHIO RAILROAD.—Leave New-York from foot of Desbrosses and Cortlandt-sts.
8:20 a. m. for Washington and the West, Richmond, Charleston and the South, making close connections for Columbus, Chicago, &c.
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JOSEPH CORNELL, Superintendent.

CENTRAL RAILROAD OF NEW-JERSEY. Ferry Station in New-York, foot of Liberty-st. Commencing May 21, 1877.—Trains leave as follows:
6:30 a. m.—For Freehold, Eatontown, Keyport, Matawan, Keansburg, Red Bank, Long Branch, Ocean Grove, Wilkesbarre, Elmira, &c.
8:45 a. m. For Easton, Harrisburg, Mauch Chunk, Tamaqua, Williamsport, &c.
10:45 a. m. and 1:30 p. m. For Somerville and Flemington.
3 p. m.—For Flemington, Easton