

NOTES ON EDUCATION.

Roanoke College is said to be very prosperous. The new Harvard Library building will be finished in January.

The year's cost of instruction per pupil in the Nashville schools is \$21.

Iowa State University has opened with 260 students in the Academic Department, and 50 in the Law Department.

Philadelphia has 445 schools, with an attendance of 80,552. The expenditure of the department during the past year was \$1,034,653.26.

The registration of pupils on the opening day of the present term of the Richmond schools was 3,772, of which number 1,042 were colored.

Trinity College has 35 freshmen this year. Prof. Hart has decided the office of the presidency of Kenyon College, and will remain at Trinity.

Prof. Sanborn of Dartmouth says he considers reading of fiction far better than no reading at all—the reading of a poor tale better than idleness or time spent in questionable amusements; for frequently such reading leads to the formation of a taste for a higher class of literature.

Cornell University has 215 new students. Of these are ladies, 23 are from other colleges and universities, 32 enter the scientific course, 17 the course in literature, 22 the course in art, 18 in engineering, and the remainder are distributed among the minor courses or are optional students.

Dartmouth College in the past 13 years has received the following donations, about one-half of which are available: Academic Departments, \$329,815; Scientific, \$26,000; Agricultural, \$205,000; Engineering, \$70,000; Medical, \$17,000; Moor's Charity Fund, \$3,151; for a Law Department, \$120,000; total, \$915; for a Law Department, \$120,000; total, \$915.

Williams College has a Freshman class of 45 members, with additions to the three upper classes of the whole attendance is now about 185. The Junior Class is the largest in college. Prof. Reesman's place in Chemistry is filled by Prof. Southworth, and in Physics by Prof. Sanford, who also takes the Department of Astronomy. Prof. Pratt, who was provisional Professor of Electricity during last year, has been chosen as permanent Professor.

The whole number of children of school age in Vermont for the year ending March 31, 1876, was 92,577, of whom 69,013 attended the common schools, not quite 77 per cent of the whole number. The average daily attendance is less than 50 per cent. The State Superintendent thinks there is need of some plan that will set every delinquent child to school. He does not recommend a compulsory law, but suggests that when the period for a institutional admission arrives it might be well to introduce an educational test as a qualification for voting and holding office. Returns are published from 26 incorporated academies for the year 1875, which exhibit a fair condition of prosperity. The figures give 122 teachers, and 3,150 different students, of whom 454 were in preparation for college, and 60 had graduated from college or preparatory courses.

The Freshman Class at Yale will probably number near 200. The new elective system goes into operation this term. In the Senior Class 40 have chosen American History, about 50 German, 12 "Romance," 5 Greek, and 1 Latin. A few juniper recite with the seniors in history. The studies of the term are as follows: Seniors—Psychology, under President Porter; Geology, Prof. Dana; Political Economy, Prof. Sumner; Chemistry, Prof. Wright; Optical-German, under Prof. Norton; Physics, Mr. Thacher; German, Mr. Wilcox; French, Mr. Dana; Optional-French and Celine, Sophomores—Demosthenes, under Mr. Taft; Trigonometry, Prof. Roberts; Eccehylia, Mr. Foss; Freshmen—Latin, Alcibiades, Cebes, and Odysseus.

Smith College has begun the first term of its second year with an unexpectedly large number of students that the institution will be obliged to erect another cottage. In the administration of students the college adhered strictly to its original high standard, admitting only those fully prepared to pursue the course of study prescribed. The college has no preparatory school. The new art gallery has been given with 600 autotypes from original paintings of the masters in the Italian, Flemish, German, and French schools, arranged chronologically so as to give an idea of the progress of painting in these schools. A series of plaster casts of the most noted statues have been erected for the gallery; also oil copies of the paintings of the different masters, to illustrate the style of the different schools. Several thousand dollars' worth of apparatus has been ordered for the chemical laboratory. Palaeontological apparatus has also been ordered.

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