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Nearly three thousand English girls competed for the highest honors in the recent Cambridge University examination.

Edward A. Freeman, the historian has been appointed to a professorship of modern history at Oxford University, England.

Prof. R. C. Jebb, of Oxford, will deliver the annual oration before the Phi Beta Kappa society of Harvard, next commencement day.

President McCosh of Princeton and President Eliot of Harvard are in favor of making attendance at the public schools compulsory.

The Ontario Legislature has at last decided to open the doors of the Ontario Provincial University, the leading university of Canada, to woman.

The Jennette expedition has cost the government over a quarter of a million and has added but little to Science. It is not time that such unfruitful sacrifices of life should cease?

It is said that Henry George, who is lecturing in Ireland, has incurred the displeasure of the Land League because he does not agree with them in some of their views relating to land.

It is said that Henry George, the socialist philosopher when asked if he would run for Parliament from a Scotch borough, replied: "I guess not; I would then be ineligible to the presidency of the United States."

Prince Bismark has announced that he will soon retire from the government of Germany, by advice of his physicians. It will be a good opportunity for the Reichstag to attempt to secure a responsible ministry, somewhat like that of England.

The Pope contemplates leaving Rome, believing that his independence is threatened, and establishing his spiritual capital, so to speak, in some more friendly city. It is a great change from the time when the word of the Pope was law throughout the civilized world.

Prince Leopold, Queen Victoria's youngest son, who died March 28th, was unlike any other member of the royal family, distinguished for his love of literary and scientific pursuits. He was quite proficient in many branches and was the author of two books: "Travels in Italy" and "The Polarization of light." It is said that he was a fine speaker, and that he would undoubtedly have made his mark in Parliament.

The Wendell Phillips memorial services held in Tremont temple, Boston, April 18th, drew together many of the most notable personages in America. Many of the leaders of the old abolition party were there, together with a large number of the most eminent thinkers and writers of the day. George William Curts delivered an eloquent eulogy upon Phillips.

At the annual contest of the inter-collegiate oratorical association of Minnesota, James Bennett of the State University carried off the first prize and will represent that state in the inter-state contest to be held in Iowa City, May 1st. It is, of course, too late to think of sending a delegate to this contest, but Nebraska ought to be represented next year and it is the place of the University to take the lead in this matter.

The great work done in the cause of education by the Edinburgh University, whose graduates, many of whom are now among the most learned of our literary, scientific and professional men, have always ranked among the first, made the recent celebration of the three hundredth anniversary of its existence very interesting. It was made the occasion for the conferring of a large number of degrees upon noted men from nearly all parts of the world, the United States being well represented. During the exercises our countryman, James Russel Lowell was highly eulogized by Lord Northcote.

Mathew Arnold is said to have made nearly \$6,000. by his recent lecturing tour in America. In connection with Arnold's lecture on Emerson, which when delivered in Boston, naturally provoked much unfavorable criticism from the admirers of the poet philosopher, it is interesting to note that the same lecture, when delivered recently in London, was far more severely criticized there than on this side of the Atlantic. Arnold looks down from such lofty heights as to be unable to appreciate anything on this earth which is within reach of ordinary mortals.

The amount of moralizing and philosophizing that is being drawn from the press and from public men by the recent Cincinnati riots is very interesting. Various explanations are offered as to the real underlying causes of the outbreak, and much advice given as to policy to be adopted to prevent similar events in the future. But whatever the cause, such an outbreak should teach the people and especially the authorities, that it is not safe to tamper with the jury system, and, moreover, that there is always a class of discontented wretches, mostly foreigners, who are ever ready to take advantage of any such opportunity as that at Cincinnati.