

## UNIVERSITY WITHOUT PRESIDENT OR FACULTY.

Special Correspondence.

Boston, Aug. 20.—What will be the biggest university in the world a few years hence? Perhaps the donation of \$50,000,000 which Mr. Rockefeller is reported to intend bestowing on Chicago university will make the lakeside institution the largest ever created. Meanwhile, however, for a time at least, it is likely that the leading place in point of members will be held by a university that nobody has ever heard of—that has no legal existence, and yet which is as real a university in most essential respects as any other.

The constituent members of the unnamed university of the Fenway in this city already have attendance lists exceeding 6,000 students—more than any other in the land—and by the time occupation practically completes—say five years hence—will be represented there by more than 10,000. There will be in the newer districts of the Back Bay an aggregation of at least a dozen important higher schools with a student population of 16,000 or 12,000. This university should normally be the largest in the United States, perhaps the largest in the world. Several of its members are already in operation in the Fenway neighborhood, viz., the New England Conservatory of Music, the Emerson College of Oratory, Tufts Medical College, which the students in the one institu-

tion may have educational advantages in the other, besides sharing dormitory privileges. Again Simmons College, devoted to the domestic arts, has been giving popular lecture courses in connection with the school of the Museum of Fine Arts.

At any rate, here we get on and near the Fenway a lot of congenious schools,

with no common president or faculty, yet allied so emphatically as if they were brothers.

Most of the new schools which have so many schools of Illinois are affiliated under the leadership of the University of Chicago. Some of the schools

are parts of Harvard with headquarters Cambridge, or of Tufts in Medford, but they all conform to a certain

Standard and Simmons College for Women.

Others are to follow. This September witnesses the opening of the Fenway studios, a building for painters and sculptors, many of whom have private classes, and ground will be shortly broken for the new structure of the Museum of Fine Arts, which maintains one of the most important of American art academies. The Harvard Medical School heavily endowed by J. P. Morgan, J. D. Rockefeller and others, will shortly be completed, and the Harvard Dental School, now preparing to take up its abode nearby. Right in the district also will be the Boston Normal College and training school for teachers and the girls' Latin school. Several other institutions are planning to come later.

The components of this university will, unless some educational promoter disturbs their relationships, have the advantage of growing up independently, each in its own way, and yet necessarily, more or less influenced by the previous growth of the group.

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