

after looking at every possible site the committee strongly reported that no other site would answer the purpose so well as that which adjoined Kew Gardens. He agreed that nothing ought to be done which would interfere with the amenities of Kew Gardens, and this point had been considered in the selection of the site. The two buildings, one for machinery and the other for carrying on the more delicate scientific operations, were to be placed in positions which would not mar the views from the gardens or injure their amenities. The voting of the 7000*l.* would in no way prejudice the consideration of the case against the proposed site. Referring more particularly to the British School at Athens, Mr. Balfour stated that the only ground for the alarm expressed was that the original grant was for five years, and that this term was drawing to a close. The question of governmental subvention of scientific investigation was a very important subject, and there was no doubt that Great Britain had, from a traditional policy, lagged greatly behind other nations in respect. It never occurred to them to do what the Germans, the French, or the Americans did in making certain grants for investigations; and who was right he did not undertake to say. His own personal inclination was rather in the direction of governmental aid in cases where they could not expect private aid to come forward; but at the same time he confessed that he often thought how strange it was in a very rich country there were not found some people who, in a difficulty to find other and more profitable investments, did not attempt to earn glory for themselves by carrying on those investigations with the money that was required. He could only say that certainly the grant would not be discontinued without a generous consideration of the facts and interests involved.

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AN additional story will be added to the University Hall, Columbia University, during the present year. The basement of this Hall, containing the gymnasium and power house, erected at a cost of about \$1,000,000, has been in use since the University removed to its new

site. The superstructure is being erected by gifts from the alumni, and enough money is now available to construct an additional story which will contain dining halls, club rooms, an assembly room, seating 1500, and some of the offices of administration. The assembly hall for the religious and social life of students for which a gift was made last spring will be begun in the autumn. During the present summer, alterations are being made in Schermerhorn Hall in order to enlarge the laboratory of psychology. A private staircase is being built from the present laboratory to the floor above where seven additional rooms for research are being provided.

AT the University of Texas, Dr. S. E. Mezes has been promoted from an associate to a full professorship of philosophy and Dr. H. Y. Benedict, instructor in mathematics and astronomy has been advanced to an adjunct professorship. The regents have made provision for an instructorship in botany.

THOMAS NOLEN, professor of architecture in the University of Missouri, has resigned to accept a professorship in the University of Pennsylvania.

It is reported that Dr. A. Lincoln, assistant in chemistry at Cornell University, has been offered the chair of chemistry in the University of Cincinnati.

MR. JOHN H. MCCLELLAN has been reappointed instructor in zoology at the University of Illinois.

DR. PRECHT, of the University of Heidelberg, has been promoted to an associate professorship of physics, and Dr. Fritz Czeschka von Mährenthal, curator in the Zoological Institute of the University of Berlin, to a professorship of zoology.

PROFESSOR ORESTE MATTIROLI has been appointed professor of botany in the University of Turin, and Dr. Fridrano Carava associate professor in this science in the University of Cagliari.

DR. SCHMIDT, honorary professor of anthropology and ethnology in the University at Leipzig, has retired.