

Colorado, but it was not until 1874 that the Legislature of the Territory made the first appropriation for its support. When Colorado was admitted to the union in 1876 the constitution provided that the university should become an institution of the state. Since that time the university has been well supported both by a regular portion of the tax levy and by special appropriations which have been made from time to time. The present year's enrollment is about 550 in the University while the State Preparatory school, managed also by the Regents, has 375 pupils. Last June 71 degrees were conferred.

THE new building of the Central High School of Philadelphia, erected at a cost of \$1,500,000, was dedicated on November 22. President Roosevelt and several members of his cabinet were present. The exercises, which were continued on the twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth, included addresses by Dr. W. T. Harris, commissioner of education, Dr. Thomas M. Drown, president of Lehigh University, and R. E. Thompson, president of the school.

THE Supreme Court has handed down an opinion sustaining the decision of Justice Truax in directing the New York University to reconvey to the Medical College Laboratory of the city of New York the premises which were deeded over to the university in 1897 in accordance with a plan for combining the laboratory and the university.

WE learn from *The British Medical Journal* that the Gordon Memorial College, at Khartoum, which Lord Kitchener opened on November 8, is now ready for the chemical and bacteriological research laboratories presented by Mr. Henry S. Wellcome during his recent visit to the Soudan. The fixtures and appliances made in England have already been shipped. The equipment for scientific work is said to be complete in every detail, and to be equal to any similar laboratories in Europe. The Sirdar has appointed Andrew Balfour, M.D., B.Sc., D.P.H., of Edinburgh, director of these research laboratories. The Soudan affords excellent opportunities for the study of tropical diseases, especially malaria, typhoid, and

dysentery, and it is hoped that the results of the investigations of Dr. Balfour and his staff will be of the greatest importance. Dr. Balfour will also assist the authorities in the investigation of the criminal poisoning cases which are very frequent in the Soudan. The nature of some of the poisons used by the natives is at present obscure, and it is possible that the work in these laboratories may considerably increase our knowledge of toxic agents. Apart from the original researches and general sanitary work, Dr. Balfour and his staff will devote their attention to the study of the cereals, textile fibers, and various matters affecting the development of the agricultural and mineral resources of the Soudan.

DR. HERMAN KNAPP has resigned the chair of ophthalmology at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University, and has been appointed emeritus professor.

PROFESSOR R. OGDEN DOREMUS has retired from the chair of chemistry in the New York City College, with which he has been connected for fifty-one years.

W. H. BOUGHTON, assistant professor of civil engineering in Denison University, has accepted the position of professor of civil engineering in the University of West Virginia.

DR. C. H. GORDON, superintendent of the city schools of Lincoln, Nebraska, has been appointed instructor in geology and geography in the University of Nebraska. Dr. Gordon retains his position at the head of the city schools and will, for the present, give a course in petrology and during the spring semester a course in geography, the latter designed especially for teachers or those having teaching in view. In addition to this work he will also, during the spring semester, repeat his course of lectures on school supervision and management given last year.

IT is announced that Dr. Martin H. Fischern, associate in physiology at the University of Chicago, and Dr. Charles D. Rogers, assistant in physiology, will go with Professor Jacques Loeb to the University of California.

Erratum: In the review of Professor Baldwin's 'Development and Evolution,' page 820 above, for *othoplasy* read *orthoplasy*.