

greenish-brown color, perhaps derived from the neighboring moorland. Like other visitors to the range, Dr. David attempts to define the zones of vegetation met with, of which he distinguishes six or seven, though the uppermost four, above the zone of bamboos, all form moorland of one sort or another. The *Senecio Johnstoni* was found up to 12,800 feet. There was a striking absence of flowers, and of the lush dwarf vegetation characteristic of the Alps. Trees ascend higher on the wall-like sides and slopes of the mountains than on the crests and ridges, but no distinction could be traced between slopes exposed to wind, rain or sun, and the reverse. The vegetation observed on the glacier-tongues on which 3 feet of new snow was lying was of interest, the *Senecio Johnstoni* growing with its base almost in the ice, and its roots embedded in the ground-moraine, which was frozen at the surface, though of a higher temperature below. Dr. David hopes to continue his researches in this region.

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THE daily papers state that about \$300,000 is left to public institutions by Mrs. Elizabeth Green Kelly, including \$100,000 to the University of Chicago.

THE increased appropriations for Miami University by the legislature of the state of Ohio at its last session have rendered it possible to enlarge the Science Hall, given by Senator Brice, '63, to about three times its present capacity. The new Brice Hall will be occupied by the departments of chemistry, physics and biology of the Liberal Arts College and by the natural history department of the State Normal School. The \$40,000 dormitory for women, also authorized by the legislature, is in process of construction.

THE will of Mrs. Sarah B. Potter, of Boston, contains public bequests aggregating over \$1,000,000, including \$150,000 to the Boston Medical Library, \$100,000 to the Kindergarten for the Blind, at Jamaica Plains, and \$50,000 to Harvard University.

A NEW building, to cost \$100,000, is to be built on the campus of the University of

Southern California at Los Angeles. It will be devoted to the science departments.

G. C. FRACKER, A.M. (Iowa), professor of psychology at Coe College, has been granted leave of absence to take the assistantship in psychology at Columbia University, vacant by the call of Mr. Henry A. Ruger to the chair of psychology at Colorado College. Mr. Frank G. Bruner, assistant in psychology at Columbia University, has been given leave of absence until the close of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, where in the absence of Dr. R. S. Woodworth, instructor in psychology, he has charge of the Anthropometric and Psychometric Laboratories. Mr. F. L. Wells, A.B. (Columbia), has been appointed acting assistant for this period.

THE following appointments have been made in the Albany Medical College: Dr. Richard Mills Pearce has succeeded Dr. George Blumer as professor of bacteriology and pathology; Dr. Spencer L. Dawes, adjunct professor of materia medica; Dr. Wilfred S. Hale, demonstrator of anatomy and assistant curator of the museum; Dr. Edwin McD. Stanton, lecturer on histology; Dr. Howard E. Lomax, instructor in anatomy; Dr. Charles K. Winne, Jr., instructor in bacteriology; Dr. George G. Lempe, instructor in anatomy; Dr. Donald Boyd, demonstrator in anatomy of the nervous system; Dr. Edward F. Sibley, instructor in clinical microscopy, and Dr. Silas L. Filkins, prosector of anatomy.

ACCORDING to the London *Times* Mr. Ernest Shearer, M.A., B.Sc., Kirkwall, has been appointed lecturer on agriculture at the Pusa Imperial College, Bengal. This agricultural college for all India, with a farm of 1,300 acres attached, is one of the developments resulting from the appointment two or three years ago of another Scotsman, Mr. James Mollison, as inspector-general of agriculture in India. Mr. Alexander Sangster, Montrose, has been appointed junior assistant with the Abukir Land Reclamation Company, near Alexandria, Egypt, and Mr. John C. Leslie, B.Sc., has been appointed assistant conservator of Forests in Southern Nigeria.