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THE PROPOSED NATIONAL UNIVERSITY.*

THE paper by Hon. Chas. D. Walcott, Director of the U. S. Geological Survey, published in SCIENCE for June 28, 1901, then issued in a separate pamphlet, and now kindly brought to my notice by the author, disposes of the National University movement in the following summary manner :

But Congress has always looked on the scheme with suspicion, and not one of the various bills offered was ever acted upon by the Senate and House of Representatives. The trend of opinion has been and is that the Government should not found a National University in the sense suggested by Washington and his followers.

At first I thought to let these statements pass without notice, believing that in course of time they would correct themselves. But on reflection I conclude to make a comprehensive review of them, as also some comments on the 'Memorial' scheme so fully set forth in connection therewith, and finally to point out some of the special functions of the proposed National University which so deeply concerned Washington, but which seem never to have been duly considered by those now engaged in promoting an enterprise which its projectors intend shall defeat the establishment of such university altogether.

* A review of Hon. Chas. D. Walcott's paper on 'Relations of the General Government to Higher Education and Research.'