

for reclaiming the Rann of Cutch, a work which, if carried out, will be similar to that undertaken by the Dutch in the Zuider Zee. The Rann of Cutch is a waste, at some seasons water, at others land, and it is proposed to reclaim it by closing the inlets from the sea, which are narrow. The water, which is everywhere shallow, would then evaporate rapidly, leaving heavy saline deposits. These, it is thought, could be washed out and drained away by a great canal to be constructed from the Indus. The application of scientific agriculture to the reclaimed land and the construction of a railway linking Karachi and Bombay would complete the proposed scheme.

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FOREIGN journals state that the Grecian government recently received from St. Petersburg a legacy of about eight million roubles (over \$6,000,000), which was left in the beginning of the last century by a rich Grecian merchant, of the name of Dombolis, with the condition that after the lapse of a definite time a second Grecian university should be built in Corfu out of the capital and interest, and be called the Kapodistrias University.

WE learn from the *Journal of the American Medical Association* that the former professor of legal medicine and toxicology at Montpellier, France, Dr. Jaumes, who died recently, aged seventy-two, made the medical faculty his legatee. A fund producing an income of \$1,200 was left to found a chair of general pathology and therapeutics, and a prize in legal medicine was also endowed in both the medical and law departments. Another fund representing an income of \$2,000 reverts ultimately to the medical faculty, and \$6,000 was presented to the local medical and other scientific societies.

MR. ALBERT CRANE, of Stamford, Connecticut, has given \$100,000 to the Divinity School of Tufts College.

IMPROVEMENTS have been made during the summer at Cornell College which will greatly strengthen the scientific work. New and en-

larged quarters have been provided for the engineering department and the departments of geology, physics and biology. Quantitative and organic laboratories have been provided for the chemical department. A large amount of apparatus has been secured for the different subjects.

A NEW dormitory for men has been erected at the University of the Pacific to replace the one damaged by the recent earthquake. It will contain fifty-six sleeping rooms (all outside rooms) each supplied with hot and cold water, fixtures for electric and gas light, and steam heat. Each floor will have six bath rooms and four needle-shower rooms with tile wainscoted sides and floors. The Y. M. C. A., library and club rooms will be 25 x 25 feet each. The building is being constructed of wood, steel and cement, with metal tile roof, will be practically fire-proof, and practically earthquake proof. It will cost about thirty thousand dollars. The fourth story of East Hall has been removed, the roof lowered and the entire building bound securely by steel rods. North, South, East, West, Central and Music Halls have been replastered and decorated. A new athletic field is being laid out, and a large plunge bath will be put in back of the gymnasium. One of the heating plants, destroyed by the earthquake, is being replaced by a large plant of sufficient capacity to heat all the buildings in place of two plants as at present.

THE buildings of Groningen University were partly destroyed by fire on August 30. The natural history museum and the chemical laboratories were among the buildings destroyed.

It is reported that Zürich University will increase the lecture and laboratory fees chargeable to foreigners, with the idea of lessening their numbers.

DR. FRANCIS FRANCIS has been promoted to a chair of chemistry at University College, Bristol, vacant by the appointment of Dr. Travers to the directorship of the Indian Institute of Science, to be established at Bangalore.