

for it a place among the institutions which shall contribute largely to the real advancement of science. Let me add, with respect to the lectures to be delivered by the curators, that, while they would be a means of progress for themselves in their studies, they would also learn the difficult art of teaching, and prepare themselves to occupy higher situations in this or other Universities.

“While we must wait until the means are secured for founding professorships in the different departments of zoology, I believe that it will be easy to enlist the sympathy and co-operation of all the men in the country, who have acquired for themselves a high position as original investigators in the various departments of Zoology. Honorary degrees are conferred, all the world over, by learned institutions on men distinguished for their attainments. It would be equally honorable to our university, and to the distinguished naturalists of the country, if it should please the corporation to grant to such men the title of honorary professors of this university. Until we can have a faculty of resident professors, we can at least have one of honorary professors; and I know those who, gratified by such an honorable distinction, would not hesitate to come to Cambridge annually for a short time, and give to our students the benefit of their knowledge, by delivering short courses of lectures in their respective departments.”

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TWENTY-EIGHTH MEETING OF THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE.—GEOLOGICAL SECTION.

*The Ossiferous Cavern at Brixham.*—A paper on this subject was read by Mr. W. Pengelly, but not published in the Athenæum from which our extracts are made. Fortunately W. A. Bovey Esq., Advocate of this city, has a letter from his father, who lives upon the spot in which the following passage occurs, which he has kindly permitted us to copy.

“I must not forget to mention a discovery recently made in our town, resulting from the Commons Inclosure Acts. We sold a portion of Windmill Rea Common, immediately over Mrs. Francis to a Mr. Philp for building purposes. On blowing out the rock for a foundation, they came in upon a cavern; the floor of which consisted principally of calcareous stalagmite, very solid and compact. On exploring it, a very large stag's antler was found imbedded in it, and several bones of the elk, fox, &c. &c.

A party of scientific gentlemen from Torquay subsequently explored it, and obtaining a grant of money from the Geological