

our programme earlier. The dedicatory exercises proper were followed in the evening by a lecture by Dr. Jordan on "Agassiz and his Influence," and a Faculty reception to the invited guests.

The addresses and some accompanying papers will be published as soon as practicable, for general distribution, in a small illustrated book.

Sincerely yours,

S. A. FORBES.

The following is a list of some of the papers read on the above occasion :—

"Development of the Natural History Departments"—Prof. T. J. Burrill.

"Science and the American College"—Dr. D. S. Jordan.

"The Laboratory as a necessary part of the College equipment"—Prof. Wm. Trelease.

"The methods of Geology"—Prof. N. H. Winchell.

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### BOOK NOTICES.

#### 1. GRASSES OF THE PACIFIC SLOPE, including Alaska and the adjacent Islands.

Part I. By DR. GEORGE VASEY.

The above volume, consisting of 52 exquisite plates, has just been issued as Bulletin 13 of the United States Division of Botany. In the introduction, Dr. Vasey says: "The grasses which are known to grow on the Pacific slope of the United States, including Alaska, number not far from 200 species. These are all specifically distinct from the grasses growing east of the Mississippi River, and also mainly distinct from the grasses of the plains and of the desert, except in that part of California which partakes of the desert flora. A considerable number of the grasses of the mountain regions of California, Oregon and Washington reappear in the mountains of Idaho, Montana, and the interior of the Rockies." In this Bulletin are figured for the first time, and described, several grasses conspicuous in size and apparent utility. This fact gives the work great value, not only to botanists, but also to the large number in the west, now interested in the raising of domestic animals.