

versity, then. At present, Dr. Murray believes that the best site for a university is "a rural locality . . . within easy access of a city." He ends his letter by a paragraph, which is the more striking since it comes from a man of mature experience in university affairs; he writes that "after the most convenient site, the most commodious buildings and the most elaborate equipment have all been provided for a university . . . these form but a lifeless machinery, the successful working of which depends entirely on the men by whom it is worked. The most essential condition, therefore, of a university's success must always be its ability to attract the highest educational and scientific intelligence into its work of teaching and research."

PROFESSOR DAVID STARR JORDAN, of Leland Stanford Junior University, has been connected with several institutions devoted to higher education, besides that of which he is now the head. As a result of his experience, he writes: "I am strongly of the opinion that a university should be from twenty to forty miles from some large city. It is close enough for the professors to have the advantages of a city and far enough away from it so that the students are certain to develop a spirit of interest in their university, which is one of the most important lessons a college education can teach." He believes that almost the whole of the law course and certainly the first two years of a course in medicine can be given by a university situated in the country.

PRESIDENT STANLEY HALL, of Clark University, Worcester, Massachusetts, is in favour of a rural site. He supports his opinion by a reference to the experience of his own university. Clark University was established twenty years ago on the outskirts of a city of 125,000 inhabitants. At the present moment, it is cramped on all sides by the lack of room for extension. He asks: "What is the use of a new institution unless, in establishing it, one can avoid, by anticipation, the defects of existing institutions?"

The HONOURABLE JAMES BRYCE, the present British Ambassador to Washington, has had a very distinguished