

It was the intention of Mr. Yerkes that the telescope should be erected on the grounds of the University, but astronomical experts advised against it. It was declared that the smoke and noise of the city would seriously interfere with astronomical observations. John Johnson, Jr., of Chicago, offered to donate fifty acres of land for the observatory at Geneva Lake. The site was inspected by a committee of the University officials and patrons and its acceptance is now announced. The Yerkes telescope will bear the distinction of being the largest in the world. The lens will be forty inches in diameter. In operating the telescope electricity will be the motive power.

—The *Russian* government imitates the Prussian example. In Dorpat the German teachers' seminary is closed, and the last resident students have departed. As Prussia Germanizes Lorraine, Alsace, Schleswig, etc., Russia Russifies the Baltic provinces. There is method in this. The following item shows the fine Italian hand of the Russian government:—The parochial schools (the Lutheran and Catholics are meant), though maintained independently of State aid, are being gently pushed to the wall. The government has decreed that its examination of their graduates is to be conducted in Russian, and that all compositions are to be written in Russian. This necessitates making the Russian the language of instruction. The Russian government evidently learned something from the Ohio legislature, which decreed that German might be taught, "provided, that the medium of instruction of all other branches be the English."—*Ex.*

—On Fordham Heights, overlooking the Hudson River, there has been established an academy and home for shipbuilders. The institution is the outcome of the founder's own experience in boyhood, when he found great difficulty in acquiring a theoretical, as well as practical, knowledge of shipbuilding. Education in marine architecture and steam engineering is provided, nor need a student spend a penny during the whole course. Attached to the academy is a hospital, and there are also free homes for aged and infirm shipbuilders and their wives. We cannot recall any English institution on so complete and liberal a scale, and recommend it to our wealthy shipbuilders as a model for imitation.