FACULTY LECTURE

Dr. H. V. Wilson Delivers Second of Series on the "Museums and Laboratories of Europe."

The second of the series of faculty lectures was delivered on last Thursday night by Dr. H. V. Wilson. His lecture was on the museums and laboratories in Europe, with which he was connected during his recent studies on sponges. Although of a scientific nature, the lecture was free from technicalities. and was enjoyed by scientist and literary man alike.

Dr. Wilson said in part:

"The point of view from which I shall consider laboratories and museums abroad, will not be that of a tourist but rather that of one who works in them, and who works on deep sea discoveries.

"It is only in recent years that deep sea explorations have been made. People for many ages have been familiar with only the fauna at or just beneath the surface of the sea. For this reason it was thought that no fauna existed at the bottom. In the last 30 years this idea has been abandoned. Deep sea dredging has shown that there is an abundant fauna at depths of one or even five miles. It was at first thought that this fauna was that of past geological ages, which still existed at these depths. This theory, however, proved to be premature, and the idea now is that this fauna has migrated from shallow waters.

"At these extreme depths the pressure is many tons. It is so great, in fact, that animals, on being brought quickly from them to the surface, often explode, by the force of the pressure of the gases which they hold within them. Sunlight never reaches them, and they may be said to live in absolute darkness. The bottom of the sea is light, consisting of microscopic cal-There are no careous animals. plants whatever at these depths. Animals sustain themselves by feeding on others. Though it is so dark, they usually have large eyes, which are of use to them in the light furnished by their own phosphorescence. It is improbable that we have obtained the largest of these sea animals, since they could more easily escape the fishermen than smaller ones.

"The greates twork on these deep ser explorations was done by the Challenger expedition sent out by the English. The specimens taken were given to the specialists for study. The reports from these are mostly in. The French, Germans and Dutch have also sent out expeditions. America has not been far behind, due largely to the efforts of Mr. Alexander Agassiz. He sent out the Blake along the Atlantic coast, the Gulf, and the Carribean sea. The best equipped vessel in the world for this sort of work is the Albatross, also sent out by Agassiz. Her work has been mostly along the west coast of Mexico. Much of this work was on sponges, some of which were given to me. It was necessary to go to Europe to study these in laboratories there. It was, therefore, from the point of view of one who when called back, he is used to dehad a collection of sponges on which fend the backs from the nearest end to work that I viewed the European while they alone hit the line belaboratories.

"One of the best institutions for this kind of work is the Museum for Knowledge of Organic Nature in Berlin. It is a very conveniently arranged museum. The function of such an institution is a double one, that of a museum and that of study. The collections are not so large but they are beautifully arranged. Besides the rooms for collections, there are laboratories for original work. The director of the museum is a highly trained specialist. He has spent thirty years in workon one group of sponges.

"There are also in Berlin institutions for other branches of work. Two of them, an anatomical and an embryological institute are especially good. In the latter studies are pursuedon the embryological development of all kinds of vertebrate animals.

"The Museum for the Knowledge of the Sea, also in Berlin, was established by the German government to help build up the commerce of the country. The large emigration of Germans to other countries has made Germany a great commercial nation. To facilitate this commerce a knowledge of the sea is necessary, and this institution supplies the demand. All sorts of marine animals are preserved here in almost lifelike appearance. In this museum are also numberless models of marine architecture.

"There is in Berlin an excellent aquarium, supplied daily with fish from a station on the Adriatic.

"The English museums and laboratories are inferior to to the German in many respects, especially in point of arrangement. The collections which they contain are, however, much larger. The British Museum collections are, perhaps, the best in the world. I had come especially to see the Challenger collection of sponges. The arrangement of these is but poor, they being crowded into one small room, in great contrast to the excellent arrangement in Berlin.

"In America we have much to learn about science and its study. "We do not choose to accept everything from the Germans, especially their intense specialization. But it is certain that there is much we can learn from them.

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