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## {PRESIDENT NICHOLAS MURRAY BUTLER.}

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**P**RESIDENT Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia University has made his annual report. The same suggests the thought—What a magnificent educational institution would not Columbia be if it at last secured a scholar for President! Fact is that, with the exception of old President Barnard, Columbia has staggered under the load of a succession of mis-presidents. Even Barnard, who was fit enough when appointed, outlived his usefulness. The University outgrew him. Since Barnard, Columbia went bumpity-bumping, as far as its presidents were concerned. It fell into the hands of a Seth Low, a man of pure commercial ideals; and, after Low, it fell into worse hands, the present incumbent, an ideal foreman for a gang of convict laborers.

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