

Frederick T. Hollis, Daniel H. McMillan, Judge Joseph Daly, William Kernan, Robert F. Wilkinson, and the Secretary of the Board of Regents, and the Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction. All were men of the highest standing, of trained capacity, and specially interested in the whole subject. I cannot too heartily thank them for their invaluable and wholly disinterested labor for the public welfare.

This commission, after careful consideration, has arrived at suggestions embodied in a report suggesting statutory changes which, if adopted by the Legislature, will give effect to the system which they recommend. What they propose is the creation of a Department of Education, including both the University and the Department of Public Instruction, of which a single officer, known as the Chancellor of the University, shall be the responsible executive and administrative head. The University is, of course, continued, and has its oversight extended to cover the entire field of education, so that its real authority and opportunity for public service will be much increased.

The plan proposed is simple, effective, and wholly free from political or partisan considerations. It deserves the cordial support of all friends of public education, and this means of every patriotic citizen of the State.

It is impossible to exaggerate the importance of the interests involved, or the importance of considering them solely from the point of view of the general welfare of the State.

INDIAN UNIVERSITY FOR RESEARCH.

CONSUL FEE writes from Bombay under the date of November 1, 1899, to the Department of State as follows:

The conference which has been sitting at Simla, the hot-weather capital of India, considering the scheme for a research institute, has about completed its labor. Its recommendations will be submitted to the government of India for sanction, and later will be put into legal being by proper legislation.

The inception of the idea of this institution is Mr. Tata's, a wealthy resident of Bombay, whose public spirit and munificence has made its creation possible.

It is to be named the 'Indian University of Research.' It will be unlike all other universities of India, in that it will neither be an examining body nor bestow degrees, but will grant fellowship to distinguished students and graduates, and afford them facilities for research and investigation in the broadest sense possible. It will have a university court, consisting of a chancellor, a vice-chancellor, one member to represent the supreme government of India, one to represent each of the eight local governments, one for each of the five existing Indian universities, one to represent Mr. Tata, and one to be added for any benefactor who may subscribe not less than 15,000 rupees.

The site, the question of which gave rise to no little discussion, was finally granted to Bombay, with Bangalore, the chief city of the native state of Mysore, as a second choice. The fact that the Mysore government had offered to donate a site and a handsome contribution to the building may have been an attraction.

It is recommended that this new university coöperate with existing institutions by giving assistance to original scientific research where this work is now in any way hampered or curtailed.

The conception of this institution is as broad as its ultimate development will be vast. It will give a livelier tone to higher education in India, and be a noble monument to its founders and promoters.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS.

MR. J. B. HATCHER has been appointed chief of the department of vertebrate paleontology of the Carnegie Museum, in place of Dr. Wortman, who has resigned. Dr. Wortman will undertake work on the collections made by the late Professor Marsh for the Peabody Museum, Yale University.

SIR ROBERT BALL, F.R.S., was elected president of the Mathematical Association for the ensuing year at the annual meeting of the Association at University College, London, on January 27th.

THE Prince Regent of Bavaria has conferred the order of St. Michael on Dr. Nansen.

THE address at the commencement exercises