

LELAND STANFORD JUNIOR UNIVERSITY :

To the Friends of Stanford University :

The undersigned, members of the University Council [professors and associate professors] of the Leland Stanford Junior University, in view of the numerous publications following upon the resignation of Professor Ross, which reflect on the University and its founder, and on our connection with it, deem it wise to issue the following statement.

In doing this we do not impeach the good faith of those who have interested themselves in this matter because of the question of university policy involved, but we wish to affirm our confidence in the University, its founder and its president.

We have examined all records, letters and copies of letters in the possession of the University bearing upon this case, and are agreed :

1. That in the dismissal of Professor Ross, no question of academic freedom was involved.

2. That in the dismissal of Professor Ross, President Jordan was justified.

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CURRENT NOTES ON PHYSIOGRAPHY.

TOPOGRAPHIC ATLAS OF THE UNITED STATES.

THE second folio of this atlas, prepared like the first by Gannett, includes some striking topographic types. The Dismal swamp (Norfolk sheet, Va.) is given as an example of a coast swamp; discharge of its waters is prevented by the abundant vegetation on the flat uplands of a low coastal plain whose surface has been somewhat dissected and whose shore line has been extended inland by a slight submergence which has drowned many valleys. A number of the branching bays are headed by valley swamps of a different type from those of the plain. The lower Missouri is given as an