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#### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

PROFESSOR WILLIAM TRUFANT FOSTER, who holds the chair of education at Bowdoin College, has accepted the presidency of the Reed Institute, a college to be established at Portland, Oregon, through a fund given by Mrs. Amanda Reed, now amounting to about \$3,000,000.

THE board of regents of the University of Texas has approved the plans submitted by the faculty of the medical department for building and equipping a laboratory of preventive medicine and public health.

ACCORDING to statistics of attendance at the University of Chicago for the year ending in June, 1910, which have just become available, an increase is shown over that for the preceding year, the actual figure being 6,007 students for the year 1909-10, as against 5,659 for the year 1908-9.

THE London County Council has made a maintenance grant of £8,000 to the Imperial College of Science and Technology, South Kensington, and in return it secures the privilege of nominating 25 students for one year's free instruction at the college.

MR. H. O. ALLISON, for a number of years connected with the department of animal husbandry of the University of Illinois in beef cattle investigations, has been elected to the position of assistant professor of animal husbandry in the University of Missouri. His special work will be the development of the breeding herds of beef cattle and the cattle feeding experiments in the experiment station.

MR. C. M. HILLIARD (Dartmouth and Massachusetts Institute of Technology) has been appointed assistant tutor in biology at the College of the City of New York.

MR. HENRY LEIGHTON, of the New York State Museum, has been appointed instructor in mining geology in the University of Pittsburgh School of Mines.

PROMOTIONS at the Johns Hopkins University have been made as follows: Charles K.

Swartz, Ph.D., collegiate professor of geology; John B. Whitehead, Ph.D., professor of applied electricity; Edward W. Berry, associate in paleobotany; Rheinart P. Cowles, Ph.D., associate in biology; Knight Dunlap, Ph.D., associate in psychology; William W. Holland, Ph.D., associate in chemistry; Carroll M. Sparrow, A.B., instructor in physics; Donald R. Hooker, M.D., associate professor of physiology; Carl Voegtlin, Ph.D., associate professor of pharmacology; George H. Whipple, M.D., associate professor of pathology; Eliot R. Clark, M.D., associate in anatomy; Herbert M. Evans, M.D., associate in anatomy; John H. King, M.D., associate in pathology; Arthur H. Koelker, Ph.D., associate in physiological chemistry; Milton C. Winternitz, M.D., associate in pathology; Charles R. Essick, M.D., instructor in anatomy; Thomas P. Sprunt, M.D., instructor in pathology.

#### DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE

##### THE PROFESSORIAL QUESTION

IT seems unfortunate that so important a contribution as that of Mr. Chapman's should appear at a time when professors, on vacation bent, are trying to dismiss the professional aspects of their vocation. Yet the charge of timidity and weak concern for their closest interests, which is made with incontrovertible pertinence, is pertinent at any time. Mr. Chapman devotes his article particularly to calling attention to the unjust and unwise set of scruples that seem to stand in the way of the proper assertion of his rights on the part of the professor. I am similarly convinced that a combination of timidity and a distorted scruple is responsible for the reserve in question. Indeed, I agree so cordially with each one of the positions assumed that I find little to add except by way of enforcement of detail. In my opinion Mr. Chapman has not alone pointed out one of the most serious menaces in the educational situation, but so far as he goes, indicates correctly a few of the steps which seem promising in "unwinding this boaconstrictor" which is strangling scholars and their interests. The first step is to make it good form and a meritorious and generously commended act when a professor speaks of his