

the present plan, Dean A. R. Mann has the aid of three vice-officers as executives in the three main branches of the work of the college; resident instruction, extension, and research.

The geological department of the New York State Museum will send into the field this year a considerable corps of workers for the purpose of collecting the fossil terrestrial plants of the Devonian Period. The collections of the museum are already very rich in such plant material, but it has all been acquired incidentally to the study of the fossil faunas of the state, and the reports of the museum have given inadequate attention to this important field. The physical conditions under which the Late Devonian deposits were laid down in New York were distinctly favorable to the accumulation of terrestrial plants in the shallow water offshore sands and shales, and it was said by Sir William Dawson that the state museum possessed a more extensive representation of this early land flora than was to be found elsewhere. The standing tree ferns found many years ago in the sands of Schoharie county and which are exhibited in the museum, are the oldest representatives of a terrestrial forest growing in place; the unique *Archeosigillaria*, 18 feet in length, is another extraordinary plant from this flora and these striking objects, supplemented by much unstudied material, give promise that the field may be opened to a more adequate knowledge of the first great land flora of the earth.

#### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

DR. FREDERICK CHARLES HICKS, Sinton professor of economics, has been elected president of the University of Cincinnati, succeeding Dr. Charles W. Dabney, who retires on reaching the age of sixty-five. Dr. Hicks went to the University of Cincinnati in 1900 as head of the department of economics, having previously taught in the University of Michigan and the University of Missouri.

MR. HOMER P. LATIMER, professor of anatomy at the University of Nebraska, has been

granted leave of absence for the year 1920-21. He will spend this summer and next year in study at the Institute of Anatomy of the University of Minnesota. Mr. D. S. Brazda has been appointed instructor in anatomy to take charge of some of the classes during Professor Latimer's absence.

PROFESSOR S. ELIZABETH VON DUYNE, M.D., resident physician and professor of physiology and hygiene at Converse College, has resigned to accept a similar position at Goucher College, her alma mater.

DR. LINUS W. KLINE, formerly professor of psychology and education in the Duluth Normal School, who has been engaged in research at the Johns Hopkins University during the past year, has been appointed professor of psychology and education in Skidmore College.

DR. P. W. WHITING, in charge of biology at Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., has resigned to accept a position at St. Stephens' College, Annandale-on-Hudson, New York.

DR. RICHARD J. HARDING, McGill University, has been appointed professor of chemical pathology in the University of Toronto by the board of governors of the university.

#### DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE SCIENTIFIC WORK IN THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

HAVING recently returned from a tour of the Hawaiian Islands, and having familiarized myself with the scientific work that is being done there and which remains to be done in the Islands to the south, I am particularly interested in the success of the Congress so ably planned by Professor Herbert E. Gregory, of Yale University, who is now resident in Honolulu as director of the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum.

While the problems presented by the Islands are chiefly in geology, volcanology, and anthropology, there is also a great deal of interest in various fields of zoology and oceanography.

The cooperation planned by Professor