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SCHOOL OF FORESTRY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

THE 1927 State Legislature is to be asked to appropriate sufficient funds to establish a separate school of forestry at the University of Michigan, and if this is granted, Samuel T. Dana, director of Northeastern Forest Experiment Station, will be appointed dean. In making this announcement, Dr. Little made the following statements:

It is high time that the University of Michigan should assume its proper rôle in the program of work in conservation which the state is to undertake. The university always has attempted to do its share in this matter but now feels, as never before, the very great importance of placing all such work on a very much more firm and extensive basis than it has hitherto occupied.

The conservation, reproduction and economic utilization of forests for industrial, recreational and educational purposes is one of the cornerstones of a permanent program of constructive general conservation and economy for the state.

It is believed that the state rightly will demand and provide the opportunity for leadership in this field from its university. Conservation of natural resources will insure adequate raw products to stabilize economic conditions, investigation of the problems of tree reproduction both under controlled and under natural conditions, the reforestation of waste areas by planting the proper development of the forest with its wild life as recreational factors in a highly industrialized state, and the utilization of the forests as sites for summer camp and educational work, are all of them phases of conservation in which the university can and should serve the state. Research work and the training of leaders in these fields will be necessary. The utilization of wood and wood products should be made the object of further investigation and of instruction.

To do this the university hopes next September to be able to establish as one of its branches a new school with S. T. Dana, now director of the Northeastern Forest Experiment Station, as its head. Mr. Dana is splendidly

qualified as a scholar and executive to take charge of this work. He believes in service to the state and it is fair to assume that with adequate financial support the school, under his guidance, will set a standard for the state and I most earnestly hope for the country as a whole.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

WILLIAM HEALEY DALL, paleontologist of the U. S. Geological Survey since 1885 and honorary curator of the Division of Mollusks of the U. S. National Museum since 1869, died in Washington on March 27, aged eighty-two years.

PROFESSOR CHARLES SPRAGUE SARGENT, director of the Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University since 1872 and professor of arboriculture since 1879, has died on March 22 at the age of eighty-six years.

DR. WILLIAM H. WELCH, who resigned his position as director of the School of Hygiene and Public Health at the Johns Hopkins University to accept the chair of history of medicine, established last November by the General Education Board, will be in charge of a new library of medical history. This library, which is to contain 400,000 volumes, is being equipped with the aid of \$750,000 received by the university from the General Education Board.

PROFESSOR JULIAN LOWELL COOLIDGE, of the division of mathematics of Harvard University, has been appointed exchange professor to France. He will lecture on algebraic plane curves and conduct a seminar in the Sorbonne.

PROFESSOR VICTOR C. VAUGHAN, of the University of Michigan, has been chosen by a committee representing the Medical Corps of the Army, Navy, Public Health Service and the American Public Health Association as the lecturer of the Kober Foundation at Georgetown University, and delivered a lecture on "The Chemistry of Living Substances and its Adaptability to its Environment," on March 28.

DR. LIBERTY HYDE BAILEY, retiring president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, has been awarded the George Robert White medal of honor for 1927 by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society in acknowledgment of his achievements in horticulture.

DR. HUBERT WORK, secretary of the interior, was the principal speaker at the charter day exercises of the University of California on March 23. Dr. Work was accompanied by Dr. Elwood Mead, head of the United States reclamation service. They plan to go from San Francisco to Honolulu to attend the Pan-American Congress.