

some measure of the amount of denudation which has occurred, as marks of higher-ground levels may be seen at many places. These suggestions are offered in the light of limited observations; satisfactory answers to

the questions must await more complete inspection of all the evidence.

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QUOTATIONS

MR. KEPPEL'S ACHIEVEMENT

THERE are men to whom the finality of the word "retirement" does not apply, even when they relinquish a post which they have long held. They continue to be active in the world and to wield an influence, regardless of the particular title which may be given to their new work. Such a man is Mr. Frederick P. Keppel, who on November 18 next will relinquish his administrative duties at the Carnegie Corporation of New York, of which he has been president for nineteen years. He is to remain as educational adviser to the corporation.

The spending of millions of dollars—wisely—is far from an easy task, even when, as in the case of the Carnegie Corporation, the purposes for which the money may be used are clearly defined and restricted. Despite these limitations, the number of educational and other institutions clamoring for aid is enormous, as is the number of individuals in the field of education worthy of help. The task is, therefore, to weigh conflicting claims and decide where the money can be spent with the best hope of fruitful returns to society. For such a large task a man of wide interests and background, as well as of sound judgment, is needed. Mr. Keppel possesses, in addition, the capacity of saying "no" as if he were conferring a favor.

Shrewdness and hard-headedness, coupled with a gentle manner and engaging modesty, are other valuable personal weapons of Mr. Keppel. A keen observer and a good listener, he has familiarized himself with the problems of the institutions which he has been called upon to help, and he has done this with a minimum of hard feeling. This, in itself, is an achievement and bears testimony to the wisdom of

those who persuaded this man, who had been eight years dean of Columbia, and who had been Assistant Secretary of War and done important work for the Red Cross in Europe, to enter an even wider field of usefulness. Being still well under the Biblical three-score years and ten, the presumption and hope are that Mr. Keppel will continue in public or semi-public work for many happy and useful years.—*The New York Herald-Tribune*.

In November Dr. Frederick Paul Keppel will give up the presidency of the Carnegie Corporation, which he has occupied with such distinction for nineteen years. For aid from the income of that foundation innumerable applications have been made. To choose from even the most meritorious is a labor of copious knowledge and delicate judgment. Dr. Keppel has distributed that income wisely and productively. He has had the advice of experts. His annual reports have become classics.

His modesty and his gift of sympathetic cooperation had been shown in other fields. Colleges and universities, the fine arts and the sciences, research and scholarship here and abroad have been encouraged and advanced. Concrete and definite rather than general objects have been sought. Dr. Keppel has been a persuasive advocate of adult education. He has talked sense and he has written it. Those Columbians who had the good fortune to be undergraduates when he was dean of the College of Arts remember and prize him as the friend, the gay associate, the student and the former of character. He has handled many a hard job ably, and when he leaves his present post, there will still be plenty of work for him to do.—*The New York Times*.

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