

made Dr. Edinger's work more effective and his presentation much briefer, one cannot help feeling great satisfaction at seeing an eminent neurologist realize the value of comparative study by psychological as well as morphological methods. One must also admire the caution and thoroughness with which Dr. Edinger examines animal behavior. Above all one rejoices to see a piece of work in comparative psychology which presents facts without quarreling over the meanings of words.

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THE GERMAN CONSULAR SERVICE.

MR. RICHARD GUENTHER, Consul General of the United States of Frankfurt, writes to the Department of State that the 'seniors' of the Merchants Association of Berlin have addressed a memorial to the Prussian Secretary of Commerce, and at the same time to the Chancellor of the German Empire, which appears to be in response to an inquiry from the Secretary of Commerce, and states what reforms in the German consular service are deemed necessary. The following is a synopsis of the somewhat lengthy document: The main duty of the consul should be to make careful and detailed reports concerning economic occurrences in his consular district. These reports should give not only the figures of the exports and imports, but should also deal with the development of the commerce and the home industries of the country. The consul should be able to point out these conditions upon his own initiative, as well as in response to inquiries from home. He should be well informed about commercial matters at home, as well as in touch with the business world of his district. Means should be at his disposal for travel and he should be compensated for services rendered. Knowledge of the language of the country, as well as of the leading languages of the world, should be of prime consideration. The promotion system of Great Britain should be followed, whereby consuls are transferred between countries where the same languages and similar economic conditions prevail, so that transfers of a consul

from China to Russia and thence to Spanish America, for example, should be avoided. Reports concerning the commerce of the foreign country should give comparisons with previous years and be published at home in such a manner as to reach all interested. The letter says that these requirements are more or less realized in foreign countries. The consuls of the United States of America especially have rendered very useful services to the commerce and industries of their home country and have furnished proof that the establishment of commercial consulates bears rich fruit, in spite of the fact that a consul can hardly acquire such special knowledge of trade conditions in the several branches as an agent of some business house. The letter endeavors mainly to show the great desirability of substituting the large number of German 'Wahlkonsuln'—i. e., German merchants resident in some foreign country who act as consuls—by regularly paid consuls, who will give their whole time to their consular duties, and states that a reform is expected mainly from an increased and improved service in the regular consulates, recommending the appointment of commercial attachés to the important consulates, as has already been done at Chicago, Buenos Ayres and Constantinople. It is recommended that the qualifications for appointment as consuls should be of a more practical nature and not so much the mere knowledge of law. The letter also calls attention to the great usefulness of the Philadelphia Commercial Museum.

EDUCATION IN THE UNITED STATES.

THE United States educational exhibit at the Paris Exposition will include a two-volume work entitled 'Education in the United States,' which has been planned and edited by Professor Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia University.

The work consists of nineteen monographs, which, taken together, give a complete view of the present educational activity of the United States. It is proposed to present copies of the work to the leading governments, public libraries and educational institutions of the world, and the public will be given opportunity to purchase copies at a moderate price.