



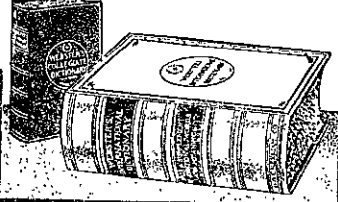
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RESEARCH WORK.

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has recently been much greater than the supply. This special demand is owing to the rapid increase of mining enterprises in Mexico, South America, Alaska, the south-western States, and South Africa. Some of our graduates have become teachers in colleges, others have gone into the United States Geological Survey, but most of the men start out at the bottom of the ladder in a mine and work up. Work as assistant on the United States Geological Survey is desirable, but only the men exceptionally well trained in geology can hope to be recommended for such positions. The Survey wishes men who take such positions to stay in government work for some years, as the government authorities cannot spend all their time in training men only to lose them as soon as they are trained. A man in the Survey sees a variety of fields, comes in contact with all phases of economic geology and learns how to write scientifically and make good geological maps. The salaries, however, in the government work are small. Perhaps the highest salary paid to a working geologist is \$4,000. This, of course, does not compare with the possibilities in commercial work. Moreover a government geologist is bound by civil service restrictions to keep clear of all commercial projects. He is not allowed to do expert work on United States territory and he is not allowed to have any holdings in United States mineral land.

There is fact growing up a new profession for the mining geologist, and some of our most successful graduates are engaged in it at present. This is the vocation of geological experts for mining corporations. The larger corporations nowadays almost always employ a man whose business it is to make geological and geological maps of their properties, to go out and investigate new properties and report upon them, to keep track of the geological developments of underground work, and to give evidence in court when required in connection with lawsuits. The last twenty years has seen an extraordinary growth of appreciation on the part of commercial men of the work of the geologist, and the mining journals are now full of references to geological questions where formerly there was no mention of them. This has come about partly through the good work of the United States Geological Survey and the state surveys, and partly through the great increase in size of mining operations over large tracts of country on low-grade propositions.

The status of the Institute among geologists is of the first rank if one may judge by the accomplishments of its graduates. Several of them occupy high positions in government bureaus. Mr. Newell is at the head of the reclamation service. Prof. Crosby is widely known as an expert for mining corporations work-

ing in Alaska, the Cordilleran belt and in Mexico; and he is consulting geologist to the Board of Water Supply of New York City. Professor Miles by his untiring activity in organizing the work of the Geological Department, brought it to occupy a prominent place as the training school of such men. Recent graduates are sending in letters from Mexico, Nevada, California, and Alaska, telling of their contentment with present occupation and of their satisfaction with the training which they received at the Institute.

Let me say a word in conclusion concerning geology as a pure science. We are now striving to establish a research laboratory of physical geology; to have students return to the department to do research for higher degrees; to maintain as research assistants a number of graduates who have perhaps spent a year or two abroad and return to us to carry on useful investigation. Geology for men who can afford to plan such work as this offers an exceptionally attractive field. The quantitative side of the science is only beginning to be appreciated. Earth movement, the origin of ore deposits, underground waters, engineering in earthquake and volcanic land, the silting of harbors and rivers, and the synthesis of the igneous rocks, all offer subjects for investigation from which most important results may be expected. In such lines of inquiry, with careful, plodding experimentation, having only the benefit to humanity or to science in view, the greatest names of science, such as Darwin, or Pasteur, have been associated. The work of Pasteur especially was directed immediately to the benefit of mankind and without the hope of commercial reward. Technology men who feel in themselves the capacity for research ought at any cost to undertake it without regard to the question of pay. By so doing they will be most productive of service to their country and win the highest respect of their fellow-men.

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FACULTY NOTICES.

COURSE III—Course III students in Hydraulics will meet Professor Mott on Wednesdays at 9 in 49 Eng. A, and on Fridays at 10 in 53 Eng. A. The first exercise will be today.

Exercises in precision of measurements for students in Course II, college graduates and conditioned students will begin as per tabular view on Wednesday, Nov. 27.

Exercises in the Physical Laboratory for students in Courses II, X, and XIII, will begin as per tabular view on and after Monday, Dec. 2. Exercises for Course III will begin on and after Monday, Dec. 9. Students in all of these courses will meet in 22 Walker on Nov. 26 at 11 A. M. for directions regarding the work.

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