

To the Professor of Biology,
Indiana University.

I have the honor to present the following report on the Botanical teaching in the University for the current year.

In July last, I accepted the appointment as Instructor in Botany, offered by the President of the University, not on present inducements, but in view of the future possibilities of development. Nearly the whole of August was spent in collecting marine plants for the University at Wood's Hole, Mass. and in preparation for the year's residence in Bloomington, where I arrived Sept. 3rd.

At the opening of the term, two advanced courses in Botany, for students who had finished an elementary course, were offered. The course on Structure and Reproduction in the Vegetable Kingdom, to continue through the year, has been elected by two students; and that on the Minute Anatomy of Flowering Plants, with its application to the detection of adulterations in articles of food, drugs, etc., to continue two terms, has been elected by one student.

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In each course, I meet the students two hours per week in the lecture room and two and a half afternoons per week in the laboratory. The work of all is satisfactory and my relations with them are very pleasant. The small number of students in these courses is accounted for by the lack of appreciation of their value and scope consequent on the slight attention which has hitherto been paid to Botany in the University.

The whole of my time not occupied with teaching has been and will be, during this term, given to the preparation of two elementary courses for the following terms. These will be given as follows; a course during the third term, as in previous years; a two-term course, during the second and third terms, covering essentially the same ground, but with greater detail, and with more attention to proper training in methods of study than is possible in a single term. This latter course is planned more especially for students who may desire to pursue the study of Botany further in subsequent years.

Respectfully submitted,
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