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You - and this I have only a few days ago had an opportunity of doing.

I think I know about what you

rank - and I have two men in

my mind as likely to satisfy your
demands - at least in some degree
I would mention first - Dr C. Leo Mees.
- now Professor of Physics and Chemistry
in the old Ohio University at Athens, Ohio.
Dr Mees is an old pupil of mine and
I know him thoroughly. I do not know his
age exactly but think him to be 30-40 33
years old. He began work as assistant to
Dr Wornley (now of the University of Penn) - on the
Ohio Geological Survey - as Chemist. For
several years he taught Physics in the
"Male High School" at Louisville Ky - in
which the course was quite advanced for
such a school - and where he had remarkable
success. I know that he has several times

He went back there at \$2000. ~~\$2500~~
per year. He left there to go to Europe for
a couple of years - studying in Germany - and
also in London. Before his return he was
elected to his present position - which he
took at a lower salary rather than to go
back to public school work. In the
language of the President - "he has revolutionized
the work in this College". - He was my
choice of all the Candidates - to fill the
Chair which I left in Columbus - and
would have been elected - (I ought to say
that he was not a candidate for the place
- but his name was discussed by the Board
and myself) - had it not been for a
peculiar condition of things - in connection
with certain other members - of the faculty

which in no way involved him or his fitness for the place - but which
made it seem wise to elect some one else. His name was never,
therefore, brought before the board. "Officially". When Dr. Angell - of the
Michigan University - consulted me in regard to filling the Chair of
Physics - vacated by Professor Wood - last summer I recommended Dr. Mees
- I do not know whether anybody has been elected there or not. Mees is
an excellent teacher, a very good public lecturer; he speaks German
perfectly - it being the native tongue of his father - and knows French very well
- which I think is his mother's language. His father is the Pastor of the largest
Lutheran Church at Columbus. He (Dr. Mees) - is also an accomplished musician.
- I can recommend him very highly - and if you desire to consult him I can
give you further information and references. - The second man, is Park Morris
- now a Capt in the Signal Corps. - he is a younger man, has been at Johns
Hopkins University for several years - and will take his Doctor's Degree in Physics
next June. He has had some experience in teaching but not much I think. He is
an exceedingly bright and promising physicist - being, doubtless, better up in the mathematics ^{than}
most of the younger men there. I shall be glad to give you further information concerning