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REPORT OF THE PROFESSOR OF SYSTEMATIC ZOOLOGY. To the Honorable Board of Trustees:

Gentlemen:

Permit me to make the following report as Professor of Systematic Zoology.

I have during the present term the following classes:

23 students, mostly Juniors, in Evolution: three lectures per week.

14 students, mostly Juniors, in the "Origin of Species: " two recitations per week.

2 Seniors, engaged in original work in Systematic Ichthyology.

3 students engaged in the study of birds and fishes.

6 Students in vernegian - one hour per week,

During the past summer I had charge of the work of the exploration of rivers, under the U. S. Fish Commission, with the assistance of my former students, Prof. B. W. Evermann, Prof. O. P. Jenkins, and Prof. S. E. Meek. Thorough explorations were made of the basins of the Shenandoah, James, Blackwater, Roanoke, Pamlico, Neuse, Cape Fear, Yadkin, Catawba, French, Broad, Holston, Kanawha and Wabash Rivers, while Mr. Charles H. Bollman of the Senior Class had charge of similar work in Michigan. Large collections were made, and a full series from these becomes the property of the University.

Provision has been madexfarby by the U. S. Fish Commission for a thorough examination of the rivers of Indiana, the work to be done by students under my direction.

A considerable collection of fishes has been lately presented by Harvard University. This contains several species of special interest.

Mr. Carl H. Eigenmann, a former graduate of this Institution now at Harvard University, expects to spend part of this winter at Panama. I should be glad to expend \$50 for collections to be made by

him, and I should like a further appropriation of \$50 to cover the cost of alcohol and bottles for the coming year. I would also call attention to the proposed biological laboratory at Milwaukee under chacharge of Dr. C. O. Whitman. It would be well if one of the tables in this laboratory could be taken by the University.

Respectfully submitted.

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