

Possibly the Geneticist should be placed in this department if funds be available for both plant Pathology and Genetics.

Perhaps at this point I may be permitted to say a word about the movement to appoint Research Professors in Universities. I do not think that this movement will go far and I do not think it should, and for the following reasons. There are always two classes of Professors, viz., those who are mainly interested in the work of the students, and those who are mainly interested in their own work. Both these classes are useful, but I do not think that they should be divided in an arbitrary way into two separate groups. That, I believe, would be unfair to both groups and to the students. A Professor who hasn't interest enough in his subject to follow up his own researches outside the classroom is a drone and ought not to be in a University at all, and a Professor who is unable or unwilling to teach a few students in his subject is usually a laboratory tinker, and sometimes a mere pretender. Doubtless men who are deeply interested in research should be relieved of some of their teaching work, and I think that a man who does say four hours of teaching work a week will do as good and even better research work than if he did no teaching at all. His researches will help him to throw new light on his teaching and his teaching will help to keep his mind clear on fundamentals. All real truth is simple and can therefore be simply taught.

Chemistry

I have nothing to offer in this department. My knowledge of the subject is infinitesimal. I know, however, that this is really the only department in the University at present which is both able and willing to do all the necessary work leading to a Doctor's degree. I have included