

Education

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FROM

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR,  
THE UNIVERSITY, LEEDS.

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Dear Sir Arthur Currie,

I have thought of three men who are worth considering for your vacant chair of Education. Not one of them is ideal. But a good Professor of Education is rara avis. And just at present the species seems to be scarcer than usual. I will give, in confidence, a short account of each of the three men.

(1) J. H. Simpson, aged a little over 30. One of the most original of the younger public school masters. He comes from a well known Rugby family, was educated at Rugby and at Pembroke College, Cambridge. He got a second class Classical Tripos, part 1, in 1905, first class Historical Tripos, part 11, in 1906, and the Cambridge Certificate of the Theory and Practice of Teaching with distinction in 1907. He was a master at Gresham's School, Holt, from 1908-11, a Junior Inspector of the Board of Education, 1908-11, and, in 1913, was appointed as assistant master at Rugby. He left Rugby during the war and is now teaching at an interesting private school at Cirencester. He wrote quite a good book on Form Management in a Public School. At Rugby he applied Homer Lane's principles to public school conditions. I have never met him personally, but have heard much about him from friends at Rugby and elsewhere. They all speak of him as intelligent and enterprising, but slightly unconventional. With some this is a merit, with others a handicap. He seems to me worth your seeing and considering if he would