Dr. COULTER RESIGNS

Will Leave the Presidency of Lake Forest University.

He Accepts the Head Professorship of Botany in Chicago University.

MAY TAKE UP HIS NEW WORK SOON.

News Received by The Stentor at Noon—What Dr. Coulter and the Faculty Say About It.

Dr. John M. Coulter has handed his resignation of the presidency of Lake Forest University to the board of trustees.

This news was received at Lake Forest at noon today. It came in the form of a telegram from the managing editor of the Chicago Evening Post. This telegram stated that President Coulter had accepted the position of head professor of botany in the University of Chicago.

A reporter for THE STENTOR, who called upon Dr. Coulter in the botanical laboratory in North Hall immediately after the telegram was received, found that the report was true.

"Yes, I have accepted the position at Chicago University as stated," said he.

"Will this cause your resignation at Lake Forest?" was asked.

"Yes, I have handed my resignation to the board of trustees and expect to leave Lake Forest," was Dr. Coulter's reply.

To further questions relating to particulars about the resignation from the presidency of Lake Forest Dr. Coulter said that that the resignation had been handed in but had not yet been accepted by the board of trustees.

He said, however, that he would probably take up his work in Chicago University next fall and that his resignation, if this is to be the case, would take effect at the close of the present school year in June. There is a possibility, nevertheless. Dr. Coulter explained, of his starting out in Chicago earlier, even in a very short time and in that case Lake Forest University would lose its president soon.

Three or four weeks ago the officers of the University of Chicago succeeded in securing the services of President Coulter as the head of their new botanical department. A short time ago they received the large gift of $1,000,000 from Miss Culver, in Chicago, for the building up of the department of biology. As soon as they received this new endowment they went about to secure Dr. Coulter to superintend the work of making the biological department the best possessed by any American University. Dr. Coulter being one of the greatest scientists in the United States and everywhere acknowledged to be the most prominent botanist, both in research work and the writing of botanical works, Chicago University knew by securing him they would take the first big step toward reaching their goal.

When questioned as to the reason for his resigning the presidency of the University Dr. Coulter said that it was a position which no botanist would refuse.

"The position at Chicago University," said
Dr. Coulter Resigns.

The resignation of President John M. Coulter comes to Lake Forest University as a great surprise, and a surprise that is by no means welcome. What will be the gain of Chicago University will be the loss of Lake Forest. Dr. Coulter is one of the best and broadest scholars in the United States. His coming to Lake Forest a few years ago was hailed by all who are interested in the institution here as a good sign. He has labored in Lake Forest's interest unceasingly since he took up the presidency and his untiring efforts have borne good fruit. All the students have found in him a warm friend, a man who has done everything in their interest and who is a born educator and yet, who with all his talents is one of the most unassuming of men.

Dr. Coulter's sole and single reason for leaving Lake Forest at this time to take up the head professorship in botany at the University of Chicago is, as he himself states in the interviews given today, that no botanist will pass by the opportunity to accept the most promising botanical position in the United States. Dr. Coulter's specialty is botany and he ranks as the most prominent botanist of this country. It is no wonder, therefore, that he should prefer a place in which he can devote himself entirely to his favorite subject.

It is hoped now that Dr. Coulter will remain here until June and that as soon as possible the board of trustees will choose a successor who will fill the presidential chair so as to serve the best interest of the University.

A MIDNIGHT EPISODE.

[Left over from Woman's Edition.]
'Twas the night before Valentine's
When all thro' the house
Hardly a creature was stirring—
Not even a mouse.

Some fellows were studying,
Some were asleep;
While visions of cupid's
Around them did leap.

When up from the basement
There arose such a noise
It really quite frightened
These dear little boys.

With candles and pistols
And Weyman's last tale
They all sallied forth
The intruder to assail.

But what a sad spectacle
Now met their sight
O, indeed; 'twas for them
A very bad night.

The windows were open,
The doors were unlocked,
The cupboards were empty,
The boys were quite shocked.

The cowardly burglar
Had left but these traces,
And terror now left
Their pale little faces.

So back to their couches
They silently crept—
The inmates of Oakenwald
Now peacefully slept.

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PRESIDENT JOHN M. COULTER, PH. D., LL. D.
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Dr. Coulter to the representative of The Sten- tor, "is the most promising position there is in the field of botany at any university in this country at present. Such a position no botanist could refuse. This is my only reason for resigning the presidency here and leaving Lake Forest University to go to the University of Chicago."

A report to the effect that Dr. Coulter's going to Chicago would cause the affiliation or merging of Lake Forest with Chicago University was current in Chicago today. There is however, no truth at all in it and the rumor is being strenuously denied and pronounced a canard by President Coulter. Lake Forest and Chicago will not be united, but the trustees will immediately set about to secure a successor to Dr. John M. Coulter, which will probably be accomplished so that the new incumbent of the presidential chair may take up his duties at commencement or next fall.

A prominent member of the College faculty, when asked in regard to the resignation, said:

"The resignation is not entirely a surprise to me, though I had heard nothing definite in regard to it. It is not so much of a wonder, either, considering the tempting offer which has been extended. At the University of Chicago it has been the common belief ever since the million was received for enlarging the facilities of his department, that Dr. Coulter would resign his Lake Forest position and take up work in his special field. As early as the Christmas convocation I was asked by several members of the Chicago faculty how soon Dr. Coulter was to come to Chicago permanently."

Dr. J. G. K. McClure, the only trustee who could be found in town this afternoon had not heard of Dr. Coulter's resignation.

"It is news to me," said he to a Stentor reporter. "I had not yet heard of it."

Several professors were interviewed on the news. There was not a great deal of surprise expressed by them, but several did not know that it was to come so soon.

Dr. John Merle Coulter, Ph. D., LL. D., accepted the presidency of Lake Forest University in March, 1893, and took up his duties the following fall, delivering his inaugural ad-

dress in June. He was born in Ningpo, China, Nov. 20, 1831, his parents being mission- ary's in that city. After his parents' death in 1853 the family returned to the United States, settling in Hanover, Ind. He graduated from Hanover College with the class of '70, and in the summers of '72 and '73 accompanied the Hayden government survey in the exploration of the Yellowstone region and the Colorado mountains. In 1874 he accepted the professorship of science in his alma mater, and in the fall of 1879 became professor of biology in Wabash College, where the period of his greatest activity in botanical work began. In 1884 he was called to the presidency of the University of Indiana and was finally urged to accept in '91. After holding the position for two years he was called to Lake For- est in 1893.

Besides his other botanical work Dr. Coulter has edited the Botanical Gazette for many years. Mrs. Coulter and family have many friends at Lake Forest, including all the students, who will be exceedingly sorry to see them depart.

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CONCERT

Tomorrow Night, Feb. 22nd, '95.

GLEE, BANJO and MANDOLIN CLUBS.

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