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Those interested in Southern education will welcome with enthusiasm the new Department of Education in the University of Tennessee, which is to be opened at the beginning of the second term, January 6, 1903. The Department is largely modelled on the Teachers' College of Columbia University, acknowledged to be the finest of its kind in America, and is the outcome of a desire to meet the growing demand in the South for an advanced and extensive school for the professional training of teachers. It will not only include courses in modern pedagogy and psychology but also instruction in the latest methods of teaching English, history, the physical sciences, nature study, manual training, domestic science, and other special subjects. It aims to prepare men and women of good scholarship for superintendents, principals, and teachers in public and private schools of cities, towns, and country districts.

New schools of instruction have been established as follows:-

Science and Art of Teaching: Professor P. P. Claxton, Head Professor of the Department, Professor of Pedagogy in the North Carolina Normal and Industrial Institute at Greensboro, Chief of the Bureau of the Southern Education Board, and Superintendent of the Summer School of the South.

Philosophy and History of Education: Professor Wycliffe Rose, formerly of the Peabody Normal College, University of Nashville.

Educational Psychology and Ethics: Professor B. B. Breese,

a graduate of Harvard, and Doctor of Philosophy of Columbia.

History and Methods of Teaching History: Miss Lillian W. Johnson, a graduate of the University of Michigan, ~~holder~~ of Philosophy of Cornell, and formerly Professor of History in Vassar College.

Methods in Teaching English: Miss Florence Skeffington, of the University of Chicago, formerly Professor in the Illinois and Minnesota State Normal Schools.

Elementary Science: Chemistry, Professor Charles E. Wait; Physics, Professor Charles A. Perkins; Botany and Geology, Professor S. M. Bain.

Nature Study: General Instruction and Methods, Professor Charles A. Keffer, formerly Assistant Forester, U. S. Department of Horticulture; Agricultural Nature Study, Professor A. M. Soule, formerly of the University of Texas.

Drawing: Miss Alexander C. Lanier, of the University of Tennessee, and Miss Mary Comfort, of the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts and the Drexel Institute.

Manual Training: Bench Work, Professor Charles E. Ferris, of the University of Tennessee, with an expert assistant; Primary Hand Work and Domestic Science; Miss Anna Monroe Gilchrist, of the Maryland College for Women, the Teachers' College of Columbia, and Clark University. Miss Gilchrist's courses will include clay modelling, weaving, sewing, cord and raffia work, basketry, card board work, the theory and practice of cooking, etc.

In addition to the above the University has strong, well-equipped departments of English, Latin, Greek, French,

German, history, economics, mathematics, civil, mechanical, and electrical engineering, mechanic arts, agriculture, horticulture, forestry, and military science. The courses will be elective and students of education may take any of these subjects. The work of the department will be recognized as of equal importance with that of other departments, and when finished will be honored with similar degrees.

In addition to the present excellent library of the University, there is being collected a library of education.

The requirements for admission to the Department of Education are the same as those for admission into the other departments. Certificates of schools and first grade teachers' certificates will be accepted in lieu of examination. Teachers and persons pledging themselves to teach will receive free tuition. The expenses of board, etc. are very moderate.

The Summer School of the South, to be held at the University June 23 to July 31 will constitute a fourth term for the students in this Department, and credit will be given for the work done in it.