The Salaries of Professors in American Colleges and Universities

The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, in seeking to carry out its primary object of establishing a retiring allowance system in the colleges, universities, and technical schools of the United States, the Dominion of Canada, and Newfoundland, has found it necessary to conduct various enquiries into the condition of education in these three countries. Among the first of these studies was one which had to do with the salary and tenure of office of the professor and of other officers of instruction. The results of that study are given in the present bulletin and are based upon data supplied by some seven hundred and fifty institutions in the United States and Canada, the figures given in all cases being presented exactly as they were received from the officers of these institutions.

The organization of colleges and universities in the United States is fashioned very much after that of business corporations; the board of trustees corresponding to the board of directors, the chairman of the board to the chairman of the board of directors, the president of the college to the general manager. The president is the connecting link between the administrative body of trustees on the one side and the teaching body on the other.

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