PROFESSORS’ SALARIES

ARE EQUITABLE SALARIES PAID TO PROFESSORS?

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The professors in our colleges and universities are not receiving their fair share of the returns coming to others from the rapidly increasing prosperity of the country. No one will claim that professors were overpaid in 1900. In order that they may retain their economic status in comparison with other men and women their salaries must be increased in the same proportion as the income of the average citizen. Salaries have fallen far below this equitable level.

The volume of “Statistical Abstracts” of the United States published by the government in 1928 gives the following numbers in millions of dollars for the values of farm products, mineral products and the

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\text{1900} & \text{1925} \\
\text{Millions of Dollars} & \text{Millions of Dollars} \\
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\text{Farm products} & 3,549 & 13,034 \\
\text{Mineral products} & 1,110 & 5,678 \\
\text{Manufacture} & 5,123 & 26,778 \\
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\text{Total} & 9,782 & 45,490
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To avoid an unfair use of the statistics for farm products, it should be stated that the farm population remained stationary during this period, while the total population increased 50 per cent, or from 77.1 millions to 115.4 millions.
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