

DEVISME RESIGNS COLLEGE POSITION

Will Pioneer in French Work at Rutgers U.—Sees Greater Opportunities There

IN COMPLETE CHARGE OF FRENCH TRAINING

Prof. H. P. W. DeVisme, until recently a member of the Penn State faculty, is preparing to assume his new duties at Rutgers university as head of the French department of the New Jersey college for women and the French Institute, both of the university. Professor DeVisme severed his connections at Penn State with the close of the 1926 Summer Session. Professor DeVisme first began the work of establishing institutes under the persuasion of Dr. J. M. Thom-

ns, who, at the time, was president of Middlebury college. The former had obtained considerable recognition in France and America as an instructor in French and had established his own school, at Soisy-Sous-Etollies, France.

Dr. Thomas persuaded him to come to Middlebury to conduct summer institutes in 1914 and to take permanent charge of the work in French as a resident faculty member five years later. While here he became director of the Ecole Champlain, Ferrisburg, Vermont, a school on the institute plan for young people.

Three years after Dr. Thomas became president of Penn State, Professor DeVisme joined the faculty of this College and organized the first French Institute for the Nitany institution during the summer of 1924. With the offer of greater opportunities and feeling that he can be of greater service by going on to this new field, Professor DeVisme will begin his work at Rutgers.

Professor DeVisme is a graduate of Princeton university and obtained his Master of Arts Degree at Middle-

bury college. When abroad he spent several years of study in the University of Paris. Beginning his career in 1900, he taught for twelve years at the University of Chicago.

In 1920 a signal honor was conferred on Professor DeVisme when he was made a Knight of the French Legion of Honor. Just this year he received another recognition of note when he was admitted to the Melolla Del Homenjoe, a Spanish society. In addition he is a member of the National Association of Modern Languages, correspondent of the French Pedagogical Review, former vice-president of the New England Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges, and a member of Phi Kappa Phi and Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternities.

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