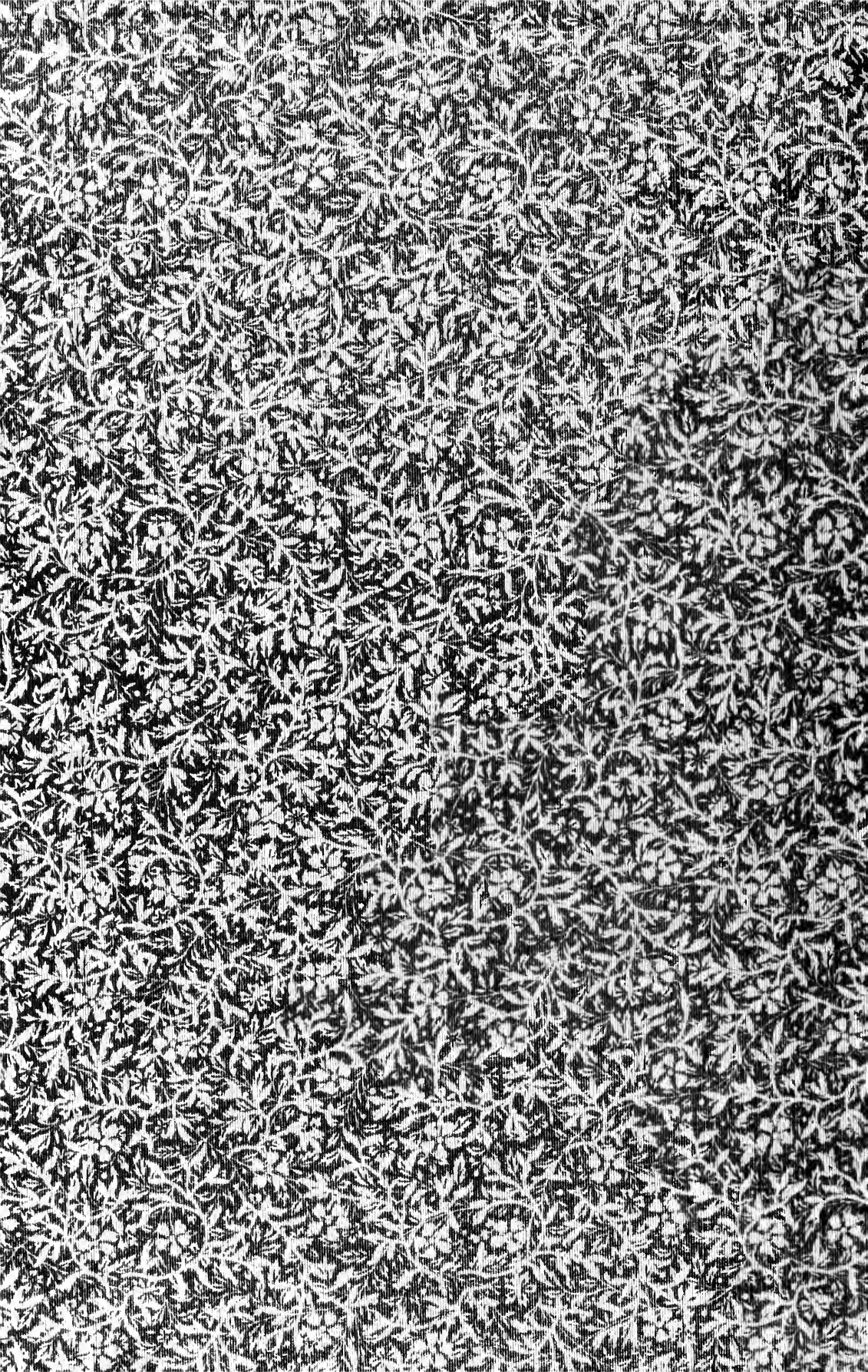
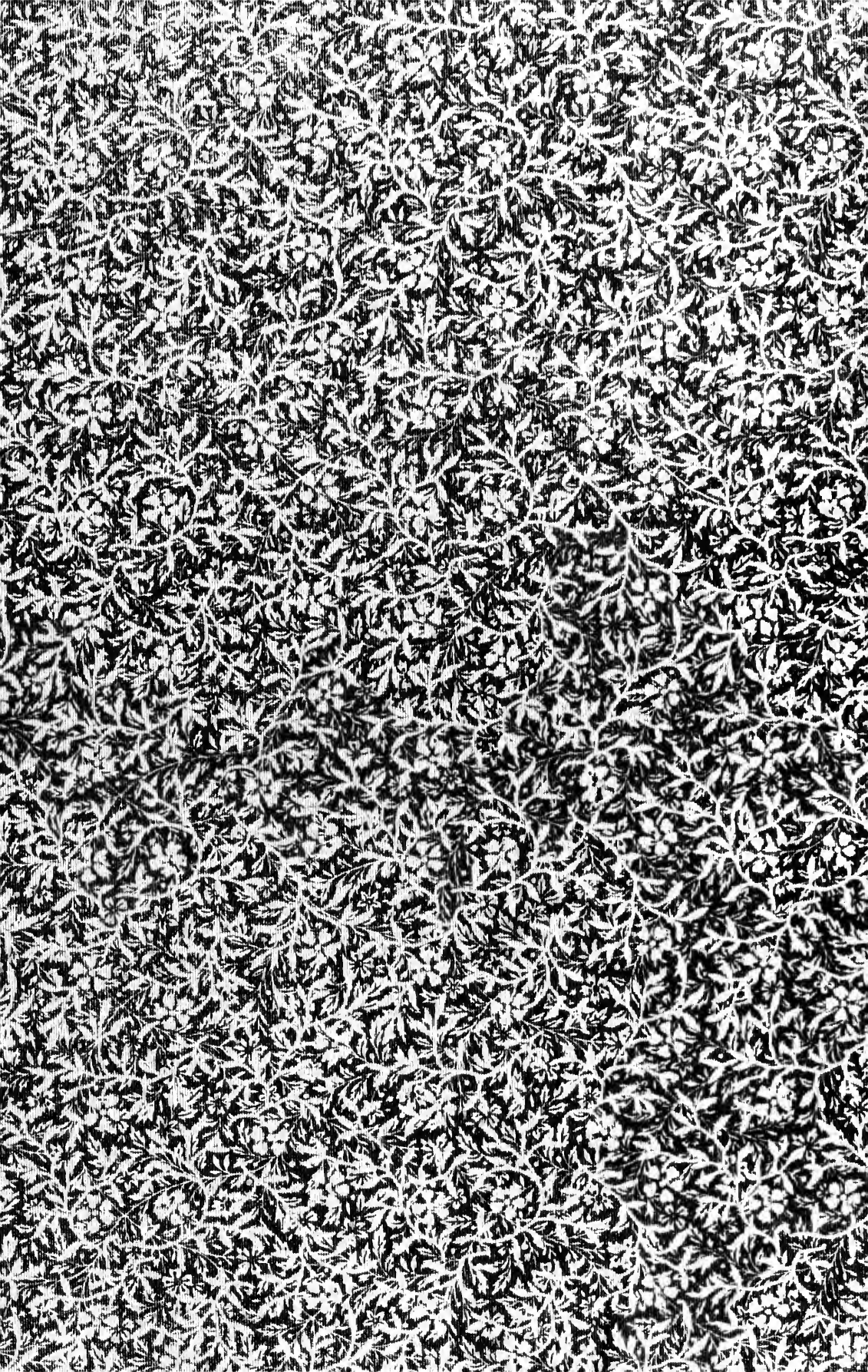


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## FAIR ALMA MATER

*By Professor Walter C. Bronson, '87*



HE stands upon her leafy height,  
Fair Alma Mater, Mother Brown,  
Below her spreads the busy town,  
Above her, sky and starry light.

She stood there long ere we were born,  
Through bloody wars and years of peace,  
And as the centuries increase,  
Her light will still illumine the morn.

Like summer birds that rustle through  
Her whispering elms, we come and go,  
Yet by that passing touch we know  
The richer life, the larger view.

And some there are allowed to stay,  
Like birds that nest below her eaves,  
Or in the clinging ivy leaves,  
And there sing out their peaceful day.

But go we soon or tarry long,  
One Alma Mater claims us all.  
To thee, Old Mother, here we call;  
To thee here lift a grateful song.

## CORPORATION STATEMENT ON TRUSTEE NOMINATIONS



THE meeting of the university corporation held October fifth, 1904, it was voted to request the advisory and executive committee to make some statement to the alumni regarding the method of alumni nomination for trustees. In accordance with that vote, the committee has sent a detailed statement to each alumnus. The MONTHLY has already published many of the facts contained in this statement, but it seems well to print a few extracts from the committee's presentation. After reciting the vote offered by a member of the corporation in 1870 appointing a committee to inquire into the feasibility of alumni participation in the election of trustees, and the recommendation of the committee in 1871 that the alumni be invited to nominate a certain number of trustees, the statement continues:

"If, now, we examine the list of all persons nominated by the alumni, and all persons elected by the corporation as trustees during these thirty years, it appears that the corporation has been faithful to its offer to give to all nominations 'most respectful consideration.' Since 1874, there have been sixty-five elections by the corporation to its board of trustees. Of the sixty-five men thus chosen, sixty, or all but five, have been nominated by the alumni. Of the sixty nominated by the alumni, thirty-nine were either the first choice of the alumni, or, in case there were several vacancies to be filled, they were chosen from those candidates having the largest number of votes. The remaining twenty-one trustees were chosen from the candidates having less than the highest number of votes. Of the thirty-five present members of the board, all but two—Colonel William Goddard and Governor William Sprague—have been elected since the arrangement with the alumni. Of these thirty-three members, sixteen were chosen by the plurality

vote of the alumni, thirteen were chosen from the candidates having the minority vote of the alumni, and four were chosen by the corporation without referring to the alumni. This historical sketch shows conclusively that the corporation has so constantly listened to the voice of the alumni, that in large measure the present board of trustees may be said to have been created by the alumni.

In only five cases has the corporation gone outside the alumni nominations—and those cases have usually occurred in September when a vacancy has suddenly been created, and no nominations had been made. If out of sixty-five men elected, thirty-nine were the direct choice of the alumni, and twenty-one more were presented by a large alumni vote, it is clear that the action of the alumni has practically determined the character of the present board of trustees. \* \* \* The main reason why the vote of the alumni cannot in every case be followed is that the vote has been, sometimes, so scattering, so indecisive, or so small as really not to represent the great body of our graduates. On some occasions the alumni have on the first ballot voted for sixty or seventy different persons. On the second alumni ballot, the leading candidate may have less than two hundred votes out of a possible thirty-five hundred. Is such a vote so decisive that the corporation should instantly ratify? The second candidate on the list sometimes has five or six votes less than the first. In such a case is the real choice of the alumni distinctly and finally expressed? The corporation may know certain facts, which if known to distant alumni scattered throughout the country, and voting without consultation, would assuredly have changed their opinion. Is the corporation then to disregard those facts? If a nomination has come about chiefly through "fraternity" influence, or through the activity of two or three eager friends, so that

it in no sense represents the spontaneous voice of our constituency, may not the corporation appraise such a nomination at its real value? May not the corporation interpret as well as register votes? Such, at least, has been the function of the corporation as understood by itself. It is more than a recording machine. It is to exercise intelligence, and to ask what would be the attitude of the alumni if the entire body were in possession of all the facts known to the corporation.

Two or three times in recent years when the corporation has chosen a man having less than the highest number of votes it has been because the highest number of votes were cast for a man already occupying the presidency of another university. The corporation has always felt in such cases—except, of course, in the case of a former president of Brown—that loyalty would be divided, and real co-operation be impossible. \* \* \* Again the corporation has considered that different sections of the country should be represented in the board. \* \* \* Moreover, it has always seemed to the corporation advisable to have a few of its members come from among the graduates of other institutions. No college faculty could long remain efficient if composed entirely of graduates of one institution. Such a process of inbreeding always produces sterility. The same argument applies to a corporation."

In view of these reasons as stated by the advisory and executive committee of the corporation for the rejection of persons nominated in the past by the largest number of alumni, the following table, compiled a few days ago for the MONTHLY, will be of interest:

1875—E. H. Magill, '52, president of

Swarthmore College, received the highest number of votes, 248.

A. K. Smiley, (No. 2), received 190 and was elected.

1876—E. H. Magill, '52, received the largest number of votes, 175.

Arnold B. Chace, '66, (No. 2), received 91 and was elected.

1882—Adin B. Underwood, '49, received the highest number of votes, 118.

Samuel L. Crocker, '56, (No. 2), received 91 and was elected, but died before qualifying.

1884—Edward T. Caswell, '53, received the highest number of votes, 319.

Adin B. Underwood, '49, (No. 2), received 227 and was elected.

1892—George F. Tucker, '73, received the highest number of votes, 445.

George L. Collins, (No. 2), received 65 and was elected.

1897—Benaiah L. Whitman, '87, president of Columbian University, received the highest number of votes, 187.

Henry M. King, (No. 2), received 176 and was elected.

1900—John D. Rockefeller, Jr., received the highest number of votes, 332, and was elected, but declined.

Stephen Greene, '73, (No. 2), received 209, and after Mr. Rockefeller's declination was elected.

1902—Benjamin I. Wheeler, '75, president of the University of California, received the highest number of votes, 205.

Thomas S. Barbour, '74, (No. 6), received 117 and was elected.

1903—Benaiah L. Whitman, '87, received the highest number of votes, 207.

Charles E. Hughes, '81, (No. 2), received 184 and was elected.

1904—Robert P. Brown, '71, received the highest number of votes, 211.

Henry D. Sharpe, '94, (No. 3), received 124 and was elected.



## CORPORATION AND ALUMNI

*By Lewis A. Waterman, Brown, '97*

HE apparent ignoring on several recent occasions, by the corporation of Brown University, of the wishes of the alumni as to the persons who should be chosen to fill vacancies in the corporation has caused a great deal of discussion among the alumni of the university. There is a growing feeling that sufficient consideration has not been given of late to alumni nominees. This lack of consideration is deeply resented by a considerable number of the alumni. They do not object to the persons elected, for as a rule those chosen are eminently qualified for the position, but they do strenuously object to being called upon not only once but twice for an expression of their opinion upon this matter, and then having their opinion absolutely disregarded by the corporation.

That the corporation has a legal right to do this is not questioned. It is a close, self-perpetuating body composed of members who possess certain qualifications, chiefly religious, expressed in the charter. Its members have the sole right to fill vacancies in whatever way they see fit, subject only to the limitations of the charter. Their legal power in this respect is absolute.

But while this is so it does not follow that it is wise for the corporation to act arbitrarily in this matter or to disregard the will of the alumni. Upon the alumni the university depends for its support. Without their earnest co-operation and assistance it cannot accomplish its best work and attain its highest usefulness. There should be the most complete confidence between the corporation and the alumni. The corporation should be brought as close to the alumni as possible, and nothing is more certain to bring this about than to give the alumni a voice in the selection of members to fill vacancies in that body and to heed that voice when it has

spoken. The alumni are "those who love" the university. No doubt the members of the corporation love it too in a sense, but no member of the corporation, unless he be also an alumnus, can love the university as the true, loyal alumnus loves his alma mater.

But it is claimed in a statement issued by the advisory and executive committee of the corporation that "the corporation has so constantly listened to the voice of the alumni, that in a large measure the present board of trustees may be said to have been created by the alumni." The inference that the committee would have deduced from this is that the alumni have no reasonable grounds for complaint as their wishes have been heeded in the great majority of cases. But does this follow? It is not claimed that the voice of the alumni has not been heeded as a rule in the past; it is merely claimed that sufficient attention has not been paid to it during the last few years. The fact that out of sixty-five men elected to the board of trustees since 1874 sixty have been nominated by the alumni and of these thirty-nine were either the first choice of the alumni, or, in case of several vacancies to be filled, were chosen from those candidates having the largest number of votes, does not prove that the alumni have no cause for complaint. It merely shows that in the majority of cases the wishes of the alumni were heeded. It does not show that the action of the corporation in recent years is in accord with historical precedent. It may be that all the cases where the wishes of the alumni were ignored are of recent date. Further analysis of the elections is necessary:

From 1875 to 1889, both inclusive, the persons receiving the largest number of alumni votes were elected, with four exceptions, and in these four cases the one receiving the next largest number of votes was chosen. In 1875 and

1876 E. H. Magill received the largest number of votes for a Quaker vacancy, but he was deemed ineligible as he was president of another college. Where there was more than one vacancy six instances occurred in which the second and third on the alumni voting list were not taken. There were in all thirty one vacancies during that period. From 1890 to 1898, both inclusive, only twice did the person receiving the largest number of alumni votes fail of election, and in one of these cases the choice of the alumni was the president of another college and therefore deemed ineligible, and the second on the list was elected. From 1899 to 1901, both inclusive, the first choice of the alumni failed to be elected on four different occasions, three of which occurred in the last three years. In 1899, 1902 and 1903 it is true the first choice was the president of another college, but, instead of taking the second on the list, in 1902 when there were three Baptist vacancies to be filled, the sixth, seventh and eighth on the list were taken, and in 1901 the third on the list was taken, although in both cases nominees receiving more alumni votes were entirely unobjectionable. Historically then the practice has been to follow the alumni vote in almost every instance except where the choice of the alumni was the president of another college, and in such case to elect the person having the second largest number of votes.

It is moreover argued that the vote of the alumni is so scattering and frequently so small as not to express the true wishes of the alumni. In what other way would you get at the wishes of the alumni except to permit all who chose and had sufficient interest in the university to vote? Is not the will of the alumni thus indicated as accurately as the will of any considerable body of men is indicated? Does the fact that a very large body of men refrain from voting indicate that the will of the people is not expressed, and that the candidates they elect to office should not be seated for that reason? By no means, if that were so practically all elections would amount to nothing. And what reason is there to suppose that if there were a larger vote, a minority candidate would displace a majority candidate?

To the claim that frequently fraternity or other influences are controlling factors in the nomination of trustees by the alumni, it may be replied that there may likewise be extraneous influences and combinations of one kind or another in the corporation itself that will determine an election, and the smaller the body the easier it is to make a combination or to bring outside influences to bear upon it.

I do not claim that the corporation should have no right in the premises. I do not claim that they should perpetually elect the one receiving the largest number of votes from the alumni. But I do claim and I claim it with all the vigor that I possess, that when the corporation has preliminary nominations for vacancies made by the alumni and then submits to the alumni a list of those who have received more than a certain specified number of votes, to be voted upon by the alumni, the wishes of the alumni as expressed by that vote should not be overridden without some good and sufficient reason. Otherwise the action of the alumni would become a veritable farce. The corporation should exercise a veto power in proper cases to no unworthy person should be admitted to its membership. But it should exercise it discriminatively. To avoid having candidates chosen by the alumni whom the corporation does not think suitable and would not elect under any circumstances, the corporation could leave the names of such candidates off the final or "official" ballot cast by the alumni, and thus save the alumni from wasting a good many votes. If it is claimed that there is no meeting of the corporation between the creation of a vacancy and the election, it may be answered that it would do no harm and the matter is of sufficient importance for the election to be postponed until the next meeting.

There is a strong feeling that the corporation has of late been getting out of sympathy with the alumni and inclined to ignore their wishes. The restriction upon the making up of the corporation and the method of election to fill the vacancies have been altogether irksome to the alumni without there being any further cause for estrangement. If the corporation continues to override the will of the alumni, there will be an

ever-widening gulf between the two bodies. Steps should be taken as soon as possible for a better understanding between the corporation and the alumni. The rights and obligations imposed by the charter of Brown University upon the corporation can be preserved and upheld while at the same time the alumni can be given a larger voice in the management of the university through the nomination of candidates to fill vacancies in the corporation unless good and sufficient reason exist to the contrary, and such reason does not exist merely because the corporation thinks another is better suited for the position.

TRUSTEE NOMINATIONS BY ALUMNI

**I**N the following list, which is printed as an interesting document in connection with the discussion of trustee nominations and elections the letter "x" appended to the vote of a candidate indicates that he was elected by the corporation.

|      |                        |       |                 |       |                 |
|------|------------------------|-------|-----------------|-------|-----------------|
| 1875 |                        |       |                 |       |                 |
|      | Baptist (3 vacancies.) |       | Daniel Leach,   | 59    |                 |
|      | J. B. Simmons,         | 287 x | E. L. Pierce,   | 57    |                 |
|      | G. I. Chace,           | 277   |                 |       | 1877            |
|      | S. D. Phelps,          | 221   | Congregational. |       |                 |
|      | W. H. Eaton,           | 218 x | E. B. Stoddard, | 180 x |                 |
|      | H. M. Willard,         | 104   | J. S. Brayton,  | 182   |                 |
|      | A. N. Arnold,          | 91    | Alex Farnum,    | 122   |                 |
|      | Wayland Hoyt,          | 81    |                 |       | Episcopal.      |
|      | F. A. Gaskill,         | 72    | Daniel Leach,   | 146 x |                 |
|      | H. K. Porter,          | 64    | S. L. Crocker,  | 103   |                 |
|      | Quaker.                |       | E. T. Caswell,  | 99    |                 |
|      | E. H. Magill,          | 248   |                 |       | 1878            |
|      | A. K. Smiley,          | 190 x | Baptist.        |       |                 |
|      | J. Chace,              | 84    | C. E. Barrows,  | 177 x |                 |
|      | Congregational.        |       | G. I. Chace,    | 153   |                 |
|      | R. Hazard,             | 228 x | H. M. Willard,  | 38    |                 |
|      | E. B. Stoddard,        | 57    |                 |       | Quaker.         |
|      | J. G. Vose,            | 55    | R. M. Atwater,  | 235 x |                 |
|      |                        |       | E. H. Magill,   | 93    |                 |
|      |                        |       | J. Chace,       | 66    |                 |
| 1876 |                        |       |                 |       | 1879            |
|      | Baptist (2 vacancies.) |       | Baptist.        |       |                 |
|      | Thomas Durfee,         | 211 x | C. L. Colby,    | 161 x |                 |
|      | E. M. Snow,            | 174 x | S. D. Phelps,   | 122 x |                 |
|      | S. D. Phelps,          | 63    | N. N. Glazier,  | 155   |                 |
|      | H. M. Willard,         | 50    |                 |       | Congregational. |
|      | F. A. Gaskill,         | 47    | J. S. Brayton,  | 165   |                 |
|      | C. E. Barrows,         | 32    | W. F. Sayles,   | 331 x |                 |
|      | Quaker.                |       | Alex Farnum,    | 101   |                 |
|      | E. H. Magill,          | 175   |                 |       |                 |
|      | A. B. Chace,           | 91 x  |                 |       |                 |
|      | R. M. Atwater,         | 35    |                 |       |                 |
|      | Episcopal.             |       |                 |       |                 |
|      | H. N. Slater, Jr.,     | 181 x |                 |       |                 |

1880

Baptist.

|                |       |
|----------------|-------|
| Edward Judson, | 391 x |
| J. H. Walker,  | 331 x |
| G. I. Chace,   | 296   |
| G. Bullen,     | 146   |
| E. H. Johnson, | 52    |
| E. C. Fitz,    | 18    |

Extract from Providence Journal of June, 1880—"To fill the two vacancies of the board of trustees, the corporation selected the two highest names on the list presented at the commencement dinner by the secretary of the Alumni Association, viz: Edw. Judson and J. H. Walker."

1881

*No vacancy*

1882

Episcopal.

|                  |      |
|------------------|------|
| A. B. Underwood, | 118  |
| S. L. Crocker,   | 91 x |
| J. H. Stiness,   | 61   |

1883

*No vacancy*

1884

Baptist.

|                 |       |
|-----------------|-------|
| J. C. B. Woods, | 319 x |
| M. H. Hartwell, | 308 x |
| G. I. Chace,    | 296   |
| Edward Miller,  | 93    |
| D. W. Hoyt,     | 68    |

Episcopal.

|                  |       |
|------------------|-------|
| E. T. Caswell,   | 319   |
| A. B. Underwood, | 227 x |
| T. M. Clark,     | 1     |

Extract from Providence Journal of June, 1884—"These nominations are not elections, but are recommended to the corporation, who will act upon them."

1885

*No vacancy*

1886

*No vacancy.*

1887

Baptist.

|                 |       |
|-----------------|-------|
| A. J. Jennings, | 486 x |
| E. C. Fitz,     | 225 x |
| F. A. Gaskill,  | 192   |
| J. P. Earle,    | 185   |
| Arnold Green,   | 179   |
| Edward Miller,  | 53    |

1888

Baptist.

|                |       |
|----------------|-------|
| W. L. Wayland, | 342 x |
| F. A. Gaskill, | 337 x |
| J. P. Earle,   | 360 x |

Episcopal.

|                 |       |
|-----------------|-------|
| B. F. Thurston, | 392 x |
|-----------------|-------|

1889

Baptist.

|                  |       |
|------------------|-------|
| Arnold Green,    | 210 x |
| M. H. Bixby,     | 192   |
| J. G. Batterson, | 186   |
| T. D. Anderson,  | 130   |
| H. L. Burrage,   | 113 x |
| S. S. Durfee,    | 94    |

Congregational.

|              |       |
|--------------|-------|
| C. B. Goff,  | 245 x |
| W. A. Mowry, | 063   |
| J. G. Vose,  | 110   |

1890

Baptist.

|                  |       |
|------------------|-------|
| M. H. Bixby,     | 269 x |
| J. G. Batterson, | 245 x |
| B. I. Wheeler,   | 141   |
| T. D. Anderson,  | 134   |
| Colgate Hoyt,    | 117 x |
| W. K. Porter,    | 16    |
| C. R. Upton,     | 1     |

Episcopal.

|                   |       |
|-------------------|-------|
| Oscar Lapham,     | 174 x |
| R. I. Gammell,    | 96 x  |
| Z. Chafee,        | 61    |
| F. Lawton,        | 56    |
| C. D. Bassett,    | 50    |
| C. Hitchcock,     | 34    |
| D. L. D. Granger, | 20    |

1891

*No vacancy.*

1892

Baptist.

|                  |       |
|------------------|-------|
| W. V. Kellen,    | 429 x |
| W. H. P. Faunce, | 122   |
| R. B. Comstock,  | 122   |
| Stephen Greene,  | 49    |

Quaker.

|                  |      |
|------------------|------|
| G. F. Tucker,    | 445  |
| G. L. Collins,   | 65   |
| J. Chace,        | 63 x |
| Augustine Jones, | 42   |
| R. S. Howland,   | 41   |
| J. Chace,        | 35   |

|                                                                               |                      |       |                         |       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-------|-------------------------|-------|
| Episcopal.                                                                    |                      | 1898  |                         |       |
|                                                                               | C. S. Sweetland,     | 453 x | <i>No vacancy.</i>      |       |
|                                                                               | Rathbone Gardner,    | 90    |                         |       |
|                                                                               | Francis Lawton,      | 75    | 1899                    |       |
|                                                                               | John H. Stiness,     | 45    | Baptist.                |       |
|                                                                               | S. R. Dorrance,      | 60    | B. L. Whitman,          | 187   |
| 1893                                                                          |                      |       | H. M. King,             | 176 x |
| Quaker.                                                                       |                      |       | C. G. King,             | 172 x |
|                                                                               | G. L. Collins,       | 102 x | J. T. Blodgett,         | 166   |
|                                                                               | G. F. Tucker,        | 61    | S. Greene,              | 171   |
|                                                                               | Augustine Jones,     | 31    | H. M. Rice,             | 162   |
| 1894                                                                          |                      |       | T. F. Green,            | 111   |
| Congregational.                                                               |                      |       | F. G. McKeever,         | 80    |
|                                                                               | R. G. Hazard,        | x     | E. Miller,              | 71    |
|                                                                               | J. Pierce,           | x     | Congregational.         |       |
|                                                                               | R. C. Taft,          |       | S. O. Edwards,          | 329   |
| Names in above order on report from secretary of alumni but no numbers given  |                      |       | E. C. Moore,            | 177   |
| 1895                                                                          |                      |       | W. P. Sheffield,        | 177   |
| Baptist.                                                                      |                      |       | S. O. Metcalf,          | 163 x |
|                                                                               | A. Comstock,         | x     | R. P. Brown,            | 151   |
|                                                                               | W. H. P. Faunce,     |       | D. Beckwith,            | 131   |
|                                                                               | E. O. Silver,        |       | E. L. Freeman,          | 97    |
| Names in above order on report from secretary of alumni but no numbers given. |                      |       | C. W. Seamans,          | 41    |
| 1896                                                                          |                      |       | 1900                    |       |
| Baptist.                                                                      |                      |       | Baptist.                |       |
|                                                                               | G. Colby,            | 428 x | J. D. Rockefeller, Jr., | 332   |
|                                                                               | W. H. P. Faunce,     | 317 x | S. Greene,              | 209 x |
|                                                                               | W. E. Lincoln,       | 259   | B. L. Whitman,          | 152   |
|                                                                               | E. O. Silver,        | 232 x | R. C. Huling,           | 142 x |
|                                                                               | A. S. Van Wickle,    | 160   | W. C. Burwell,          | 125   |
|                                                                               | J. M. English,       | 156   | W. H. Sweetland,        | 96    |
|                                                                               | R. G. Huling,        | 197   | F. D. Elmer,            | 36    |
|                                                                               | G. E. Horr, Jr.,     | 125   | T. C. Search,           | 31    |
|                                                                               | A. P. Carroll,       | 96    | E. L. Marston,          | 91    |
|                                                                               | C. H. S. Weaver,     | 28    | Episcopal.              |       |
| Episcopal.                                                                    |                      |       | Rathbone Gardner,       | 217   |
|                                                                               | John Nicholas Brown, | 235   | W. N. McVickar,         | 88    |
|                                                                               | A. D. McClellan,     | 136   | W. S. Chace,            | 59    |
|                                                                               | Rathbone Gardner,    | 175   | W. L. Munro,            | 52    |
|                                                                               | John H. Stiness,     | 127   | E. O. Stanley,          | 44    |
|                                                                               | D. B. Pond.          |       | E. D. Bassett,          | 51    |
| Congregational.                                                               |                      |       | H. G. Miller,           | 32    |
|                                                                               | E. W. Mason,         | 202 x | E. S. Rousmaniere,      | 20    |
|                                                                               | R. P. Brown,         | 181   | 1901                    |       |
|                                                                               | W. P. Sheffield,     | 181   | Baptist.                |       |
|                                                                               | E. S. Clark,         | 86    | E. B. Andrews,          | 461 x |
| 1897                                                                          |                      |       | W. C. Burwell,          | 77    |
| Baptist.                                                                      |                      |       | B. L. Whitman,          | 42    |
|                                                                               | W. E. Lincoln,       | 82 x  | E. D. Burr,             | 41    |
|                                                                               | R. G. Huling,        | 60    | E. L. Marston,          | 32    |
|                                                                               | J. M. English,       | 49    | 1902                    |       |
|                                                                               | H. M. King,          | 46    | Baptist.                |       |
|                                                                               | S. E. Frohock,       | 46    | B. I. Wheeler,          | 205   |
|                                                                               |                      |       | B. L. Whitman,          | 151   |

|                    |       |      |                   |       |
|--------------------|-------|------|-------------------|-------|
| W. C. Burwell,     | 122   | 1903 |                   |       |
| F. G. McKeever,    | 122   |      | Baptist,          |       |
| J. M. English,     | 121   |      | C. E. Hughes,     | 184 x |
| T. S. Barbour,     | 117 x |      | B. L. Whitman,    | 207   |
| W. W. Douglas,     | 114 x |      | J. M. Perry,      | 54    |
| E. L. Marston,     | 112 x |      |                   |       |
| S. S. Durfee,      | 110   | 1904 |                   |       |
| O. P. Gifford,     | 88    |      | Congregational,   |       |
| E. D. Burr,        | 84    |      | R. P. Brown,      | 211   |
| C. E. Hughes,      | 93    |      | Charles Matteson, | 148   |
| P. E. Tillinghast, | 77    |      | H. D. Sharpe,     | 124 x |
| F. E. Brooks,      | 52    |      | E. C. Moore,      | 82    |
| F. W. Hartwell,    | 42    |      | L. F. Snow,       | 55    |
| C. W. Kingsley,    | 70    |      | W. P. Sheffield,  | 51    |
| W. C. Joslin,      | 41    |      |                   |       |

## RECORD OF VOTES FOR CONGREGATIONAL VACANCIES

|      |   | <i>Total<br/>Ballots<br/>Cast</i> | <i>No. of<br/>Candi-<br/>dates</i> | <i>Highest Vote</i>        | <i>Elected</i>     |
|------|---|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| 1875 | 1 | Vacancy 350                       | 3                                  | 238 for Rowland Hazard     | Rowland Hazard     |
| 1877 | 1 | " 434                             | 3                                  | 180 " Elijah B. Stoddard   | Elijah B. Stoddard |
| 1879 | 1 | " 597                             | 3                                  | 331 " Wm. F. Sayles        | Wm. F. Sayles      |
| 1889 | 1 | " 518                             | 3                                  | 245 " Charles B. Goff      | Charles B. Goff    |
| 1894 | 1 | " No record                       | 3                                  | no rec'd Rowland G. Hazard | Rowland G. Hazard  |
| 1896 | 1 | " 650                             | 4                                  | 202 " Eugene W. Mason      | Eugene W. Mason    |
| 1899 | 2 | " each 633                        | 8                                  | 329 " S. O. Edwards        | S. O. Edwards      |
| "    | " | " 633                             | 7                                  | 163 " S. O. Metcalf        | S. O. Metcalf      |
| 1904 | 1 | " 671                             | 6                                  | 211 " Robert P. Brown      | Henry D. Sharpe    |



## AN OLD-TIME COMMENCEMENT



FROM an age-yellowed copy of the Literary Cadet of Providence, bearing the date of September 8, 1827, and loaned to the MONTHLY by Arthur Cushing, Esq., of the class of 1889, the following self-explanatory account of the college commencement of that year at Brown is taken:

As many of our distant readers may not be acquainted with a Rhode-Island Commencement, or in other words, with the nature of the *doings* of that day, in which the annual Commencement of Brown University is celebrated, we will for their especial "benefit and behalf," attempt to afford them a slight sketch, which shall not be exaggerated, falsely coloured, or shaded, for the sake of producing, what Mr. Sumner Lincoln Fairfield is pleased to call "effect." This annual festival, gala, or by whatever name you may be pleased to call it, conducted as it is at present, and producing the excitement that it does, is to our minds, destitute of moral instruction, and is calculated to demoralize, and to introduce pernicious and baleful practices among a virtuous and industrious people.

It is not to the *occasion*, that we take exceptions, but it is to the manner in which it is managed, that we now enter our candid protest. That the anniversary of a Literary Institution, should be celebrated, in order that those who are attached to its interests, may have an opportunity of mingling, and of renewing former associations, and that they who are about to leave its walls, should have an opportunity of making a display of their talents, and of their advances towards the founts of learning, are propositions, to which we yield our cordial assent; but in the name of all mercies, we would ask, is it necessary to the accomplishment of such ends, that a whole community, and nearly a whole state, should be thrown into a state of utter confusion? Certainly not; and as we cannot conceive any good reason for the present management of our Commence-

ments, we hope, that the present absurd and ridiculous plan, will be abolished, as speedily as practicable.

The annual anniversary of the Commencement of Brown University begins to make its appearance in visible effects, about the first Monday in September, and they remain indelibly imprinted on the feelings of the community, something like a fortnight;—and there are some, that sensibly feel its effects for a much longer period. At the early part of the week, carriages, steam-boats, sloops and schooners, are put in requisition, and thus in a little period, "confusion doubly confused" is introduced among us, and before the day of celebration arrives, the town is thronged with strangers, whose professed object in coming among us, is to witness the performances of the day. When arrived here, not one half of them have an opportunity of gratifying their curiosity, and ten chances to one, if all are not sadly disappointed in their expectations.

The utility of making a public display of the talents and acquirements of the graduates of Brown University, is freely admitted, but then it must be apparent to every reflecting mind, that the present mode is not only inexpedient but improper. As things are now managed, a procession is formed at the University Halls, and to the sounds of martial music, march to the first Baptist Church, where amid a vast deal of ostentatious parade, the young gentlemen are introduced to the public, and are allowed to give specimens of their rhetorical and declamatory powers.

The procession thus formed, is composed of the respectable classes of the community, and of strangers, arranged according to their rank, wealth and condition, and are thus placed before the world to receive its gaze, and to listen for the plaudits of the million. Arrived at the church, after a deal of useless ceremony and parade, their respective stations are assigned, and after a prayer to the Throne of Grace is offered, a

Latin Salutatory is delivered, by some forward and talented young man, which perhaps is understood by a half dozen of the audience, and those who cannot understand it, think it must of course, be very good, simply because they do not comprehend one sentence of the speaker. The orders of the day, between Latin and indistinct English are carried into execution, and when all is closed, we have a Latin Valedictory, and the conferring of degrees, which is also executed in Latin, and then the procession is again formed and retires to the College.

We do not object to the introduction of Latin essays and addresses on occasions like these, from mere affectation, but because we think, that when a vast multitude is assembled, it is very proper to address them in a language which they can understand, and at the same time impart to them, some idea of the merits and talents of the aspirant for literary honour.

Of the vast concourse who visit the town on Commencement day, but a very small proportion care a farthing about the literary exercises; they come only to see and to be seen—to indulge in hilarity, fun and frolic—to visit their relatives, the Theatre and the Circus; and then return to their homes, without deriving the least benefit.

The lower and disorderly classes of society, make the whole an affair of amusement, drink to excess, quarrel and

fight, neglect their useful employments, get bloody noses, and a night's lodging at the bridewell. In the midst of the scenes of bustle and confusion, pick-pockets are busily employed at their vocation, infamous women throng the town, counterfeits, thieves and swindlers are on the alert, and the whole town is infested with a visit from all of the dregs of creation, who come among us only to depredate and destroy.

All the evils which are engendered by the celebration of Commencement, could be very easily obviated, if the thing were managed in a different manner; if the Trustees of the College would cause the Commencement to be celebrated in some Chapel or convenient place attached to the University buildings; and then the day would pass off in soberness and propriety, to the infinite advantage of the student, and to the credit of the town.

Beside the immoral effects, produced by the celebration, the immense sum in money and labour, it costs, would be saved, and might be applied to better purposes than those of vice and dissipation. The loss in labour alone, may be safely computed at twenty thousand dollars;—in money almost double that amount;—and yet all this is squandered away to celebrate the annual Commencement of Brown University, without saying any thing about the loss of reputation, hats, umbrellas, blood and the senses.

## FOOTBALL IN 1905

*By Eliot G. Parkhurst, Manager of the Eleven*



WHILE it is, of course, impossible to make any definite announcement at the present time regarding the prospects for a good football team next fall, it is safe to say that the general situation of this branch of our athletics is very much better than it was a year ago at this time. This is due in part to the fact that we lose only a few men from the team by graduation

this year, but in very great measure the encouraging change may be traced to the thoroughly competent work and tireless activity of the manager of the team during the past fall. If Brown turns out a creditable eleven next year it will be largely on account of his efforts.

Only five of the regular men graduate this year, Capt. Schwinn, Webb, Colter, Savage and Ingalls. There are

good men in college to fill nearly all these positions. At present there is no adequate substitute for Colter, but it is hoped that one may be found in the entering class next fall. Webb will be missed at tackle but Macgregor, who played that position during the greater part of this year, will be a perfectly satisfactory successor to Webb. There are several good men to look after the position vacated by Capt. Schwinn, who has always done such satisfactory work,

eligible on account of the year's residence rule last season, will be eligible next fall. Among these may be mentioned Ferguson, formerly a member of the Colgate team; Fretwell, a graduate student from the West, and Coulter, not to be confounded, however, with the "only original Joe."

In regard to the policy to be followed no announcement can be made at present. The principal text of the policy, however, will be, "Beat Dartmouth



MANAGER PARKHURST



CAPTAIN RUSS

and with experience the new men ought to develop into very good players. Savage and Ingalls will be greatly missed, for they both were faithful workers and did some first-class playing.

The line ought to be in fair shape next year. At present we have in college Fletcher, Conklin and Thomas for guards, Higgins, Macgregor and Hazard for tackles, Russ, Pryor and Elrod for ends. It will be seen that we have no good man for centre at present. As regards the backfield the outlook is encouraging at this time. We lose no one but Savage by graduation and in addition to the large squad of backs that we had last season, Keen and Baker, who were not able to play in 1904, will probably be out next season. Several new men, also, who were inel-

igible on account of the year's residence rule last season, will be eligible next fall. Among these may be mentioned Ferguson, formerly a member of the Colgate team; Fretwell, a graduate student from the West, and Coulter, not to be confounded, however, with the "only original Joe."

In conclusion, we appeal to all loyal alumni to send in the name of any desirable football players to the management, 18 Slater Hall, and also to use their personal influence in sending the men to Brown. If everyone helps a little we can have a first rate team. We need your co-operation and must have it if we are to make a satisfactory showing next fall.

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### CHAPTER HOUSES AT BROWN

There is something to be said on either side of the fraternity house question at Brown. The university looks with some concern upon the withdrawal of students from its dormitories, while the fraternities themselves admit that they lose through their less intimate contact with the majority. On the other hand the natural growth of the college ought to fill the dormitories and there are positive advantages in chapter house life that must be taken into consideration.

Alpha Delta Phi is now permanently established in its new home at 54 College street, and very comfortably established too. The house is a substantial wooden residence of three stories and near at hand there is a stucco-covered structure, one story in height, concern-

ing the character and use of which it is not for the profane outsider to speculate. The fraternity is surrounded in its new home with many of the creature comforts and is moreover so near the university campus that it cannot seriously be accused of secession from the remainder of the academic body. From the Van Wickle gates to the front entrance of the chapter house is only a few seconds walk.

We cannot help thinking that the college will ultimately gain in the creation or purchase of such chapter houses, because of the increased desirability of membership in a fraternity possessing one—though whether it is wise for any given fraternity to acquire a chapter house is a question that its members must answer for themselves. We hope that the Alpha Delta Phi experiment will help to prove that a society may leave the campus without diminishing its loyalty to the college, and we feel confident that it will.

Incidentally the new chapter house points the way to the acquisition of most, if not all, of the property of College Hill from Prospect street to Benefit by organizations more or less closely united with Brown.

### THE TRUSTEE PROBLEM

There is no need for the MONTHLY to apologize for devoting so much space in this issue to the question of trustee nominations and elections. It is the one question of largest interest in university circles at the present time, not only because of the dissatisfaction existing among a large body of alumni over

the present state of affairs, but also because the advisory and executive committee of the corporation has taken an active part in the controversy by publishing a pamphlet explanatory of the corporation's position and by sending this pamphlet to every graduate of Brown.

The MONTHLY's position in the debate is one of extreme delicacy, owing to the fact that the discussion has centred largely around Robert P. Brown of this city, the treasurer of the magazine. Anything that might be said in these columns in criticism of the action of the corporation in refusing to confirm the nomination of Mr. Brown for the office of trustee by a plurality vote of the alumni would be open to the charge, whether properly or not, of prejudice and favoritism, while on the other hand certain insufficiently informed alumni have expressed to those connected with the magazine their suspicion that its relations to the corporation are so close and so dependent that it cannot speak its free and impartial mind.

The facts as they appear at this time to the MONTHLY are somewhat as follows: For thirty years or so the corporation has endeavored to enlist and maintain alumni interest by permitting all graduates to nominate candidates for the office of trustee. So long has the custom continued that many alumni have come to regard the

privilege as practically equivalent to the privilege of electing. As Mr. Waterman points out in a communication in this issue, the corporation's deviations from the alumni's selections have occurred principally in the last few years, and it would be strange if some surprise were not aroused at this apparent change of attitude on the corporation's part. In behalf of the corporation it may be urged that in most other colleges the alumni have no part in the choice of all the trustees, while at Brown they are asked to participate, at least tentatively, in the selection of nearly the entire list. But this apparently sweeping privilege is of little avail if the corporation frequently rejects alumni nominations.

Like Mr. Sharpe, (the newly elected trustee), the two candidates who were first and second when the "official ballots," misleadingly so-called, were counted, are reputable citizens and the simple fact is that no fewer than 211 alumni voted for Mr. Brown and no fewer than 162 for Judge Charles Matteson. In other words, nearly four hundred graduates of Brown voted for these two candidates but voted in vain. The MONTHLY does not hesitate to say that dissatisfaction exists among many of the alumni as a result, and that it will be hardly worth while for the corporation to offer much longer a privilege with one hand that it withdraws at will with the other.

## TOPICS OF THE MONTH



CHANGES from previous issues, both in form and substance, appear in the catalogue of the university for the year of 1904-1905.

The history of the institution is again inserted, after an omission of a number of years, and brought down to date. The venerable charter of the university is republished *verbatim et literatim*. A map has been inserted showing the location of all the buildings on or near the campus. All the matter pertaining to the Women's College, including the list of students, has been brought together in one place, and a list of the officers of administration and instruction is included for the first time. Among minor additions may be noted the matter pertaining to physical training, to medical care, and to arrangements with other institutions, and the list of students to whom final honors were awarded in 1904. A number of sections dealing with alumni affairs have been placed in the appendix.

In spite of the insertion of a considerable amount of new matter the size of the catalogue is practically unchanged. This has been brought about partly by filling the pages more closely, and partly by printing in 8 point type the considerable section of the middle of the book which for no obvious reason has in the past been in larger type. Besides the more important alterations to which attention has been called there has been a great number of small changes, some in arrangement, and some in form of statement, which have added much to the value of the book as a source of information, and which speak well for the close attention given to the publication by the committee having it in charge.

The meetings were held in the Brown Union and at the University Club.

This association is composed of the most distinguished modern language teachers in American colleges and universities, and brought to Providence about 150 scholars of standing and reputation. It is believed that the meetings, which were open to the public, have brought great stimulus to the teaching of modern languages in this vicinity.

FINAL FIGURES OF  
REGISTRATION

The total number of students registered up to date according to the new catalogue is 988. The number in last year's catalogue was 935. This shows an increase of 53 over last year. The gain may be contrasted with the net loss of five last year as compared with the year before. Of the total gain 18 are credited to the graduate department and 8 to the Women's College, while undergraduate men, including special students, increased 27 in number. Last year, while the university as a whole showed a loss of 5, the Women's College gained 20 over the year before. This gain was offset by a loss of 19 in the graduate department and 6 among undergraduate men. This year every class gains except the sophomore, which shows a loss of 25. For purpose of comparison the figures for three years are appended:

|                   | 1903 | 1904 | 1905 |
|-------------------|------|------|------|
| Graduates,        | 105  | 86   | 104  |
| Seniors,          | 113  | 113  | 125  |
| Juniors,          | 119  | 129  | 141  |
| Sophomores,       | 160  | 152  | 127  |
| Freshmen,         | 210  | 200  | 221  |
| Special students, | 58   | 60   | 67   |

MODERN LANGUAGE  
ASSOCIATION

The Modern Language Association of America met at Brown at the invitation of President Faunce, and on request of the departments of French, German and English, on December 28, 29 and 30.

|                   |     |     |     |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Total             |     |     |     |
| Undergraduate men | 660 | 654 | 681 |
| Women's College,  | 175 | 195 | 203 |
| Total,            | 940 | 935 | 988 |

**ARRANGEMENT  
WITH NEWTON**

This year the agreement of Brown University and the Newton Theological Institution goes into effect. In accordance with this agreement work done at Brown in certain specified courses will be credited toward graduation in the theological course at Newton, provided the student obtains the grade C, or passes an examination satisfactory to the Newton faculty. The courses specified are in Hebrew, Biblical literature in English, New Testament language, and public speaking, and the total number of hours credit which may be obtained is 388. As the number of hours prescribed in the theological course at Newton is 1620, it will be seen that the preliminary credits which may be secured amount to very nearly one-fourth of the entire course. This arrangement is in line with the practice of Yale, Columbia and other universities of allowing certain undergraduate work to be counted toward professional degrees.

**A NEW  
FELLOWSHIP**

A number of gentlemen have presented to the university the sum of four hundred dollars to establish a fellowship in Semitic for the current year. The attempt will be made to continue the fellowship from year to year, and, if possible, to raise a fund the income of which may be used for that purpose. The fellowship is held by Mr. Moritz Braun of the class of 1904 who is also assisting Professor Fowler in the department of Biblical literature and history.

**THE HISTORICAL  
CATALOGUE**

The first part of the copy of the *Historical Catalogue* is already in the hands of the printer. It is hoped that the completed book will be ready for distribution by June. The most important innovation in the new edition will be the inclusion of data respecting non-graduates, so far as it has been possible to learn anything about them. It will be obvious that the preparation of this portion of the work presents peculiar difficulties, not only because it is a field in which very little has been done before, but also because many of the non-graduates who were connected with the university for only a short time did not form strong

attachments and after leaving college failed to keep in touch either with their classmates or with the university. Concerning the alumni the information has been brought down to date, and a great amount of new material, especially about the early graduates, has been gathered through the intelligent and untiring efforts of the keeper of graduate records. Much still remains to be done, however, and it is to be hoped that the work will not be given up with the present edition of the catalogue. If the university feels that it cannot afford to carry it on, there is an opportunity for some friend of Brown to make possible the continuation of an undertaking whose results are as interesting as they are valuable.

**FOR THE IMPROVEMENT  
OF COLLEGE DEBATE**

All who are interested in debating at Brown should observe the conclusions of an intercollegiate conference at New Haven, the day after the Yale-Princeton debate.

The delegates agreed to the following measures for the improvement of intercollegiate debating: First, approval was given to Harvard's scheme of starting a debating journal, which is to contain full criticisms of intercollegiate debates and any suggestions that may tend to increase the interest in debating among all the colleges. Second, the question of debarring graduates from competing in the debates was referred to the several committees of the universities, these committees being empowered to decide the question in one of two ways,—that graduates shall be debarred entirely, or that the number of debates in which a graduate shall engage shall be limited, thus following the ruling of the athletic committee that restricts the number of years during which a man may represent his university in athletics. Third, it was thought best that the coaching system be continued as at present, with the understanding that the coaching shall be reduced to a minimum. Finally, it was voted, as an experiment, to advise the submission of briefs prior to the debate to be held next March between Harvard and Princeton, and, if the experiment prove successful, to continue the submission of such briefs in the future.

## CHRONICLE OF THE CAMPUS

### Basketball Schedule

Jan. 11, Wednesday, Brown University at Providence; Jan. 14, Saturday, Trinity College at Providence; Jan. 18, Wednesday, Williams at Providence; Jan. 21, Saturday, Amherst "Aggies" at Providence; Jan. 26, Thursday, Harvard at Cambridge; Jan. 28, Saturday, Colgate at Providence; Feb. 16, Wednesday, Worcester Polytechnic at Providence; Feb. 4, Saturday, Dartmouth at Hanover; Feb. 8, Wednesday, Tufts at Providence; Feb. 11, Saturday, Holy Cross at Worcester; Feb. 15, Wednesday, Massachusetts Institute of Technology at Providence; Feb. 18, Saturday, Harvard at Providence; Feb. 21, Tuesday, Syracuse at Providence; Feb. 24, Friday, Amherst at Amherst; Feb. 25, Saturday, Williams at Williamstown; March 1, Wednesday, Amherst at Providence; March 4, Saturday, Holy Cross at Providence; March 8, Wednesday, Yale at Providence; March 11, Saturday, Dartmouth at Providence.

### For An Outside Track

A movement is on foot to establish an outside board running track for the track athletes to train upon during the winter months. The running track in the Lyman Gymnasium is inadequate to train a team properly for the Boston athletic meet, which Brown enters annually.

### Hockey League Schedule

January 7—Columbia vs. Princeton.  
 " 11—Brown vs. Princeton.  
 " 14—Columbia vs. Harvard.  
 " 21—Harvard vs. Princeton.  
 " 21—Yale vs. Columbia.  
 " 28—Yale vs. Brown.  
 February 4—Columbia vs. Brown.  
 " 11—Brown vs. Harvard.  
 " 18—Yale vs. Harvard.

All the games excepting the Harvard-Brown game, (which is to take place at Cambridge), will be played at St. Nicholas Rink, 66th street and Amsterdam avenue, New York. In the event of a tie for the championship the final game will be played on February 23, at New York.

### Alumni Smoker

A Brown alumni smoker was held Tuesday evening, December 13, in the smoking room of the Brown Union. It was the second of its kind which has occurred during the present college year. About 60 undergraduates and alumni were present. The entire evening was passed pleasantly in listening to a very informal talk by Wilfred H. Munro, professor of European history. Prof. Munro described very graphically his travels through India last year. He told of the cities which he had visited, and related many interesting and amusing experiences which he had had during his journey through the Eastern country.

## OBITUARIES

Through an error of the compositor which escaped the proofreader, the second tribute to the memory of Dr. Abbott of the class of 1858, which appeared in the last number of the MONTHLY, was attributed to John W. Stevens. It was written by Mr. Solon W. Stevens, a classmate of Dr. Abbott.

### HORATIO ROGERS, 1855

Horatio Rogers, for twelve years associate justice of the supreme court of Rhode Island, died suddenly at his home on Bowen Street, Providence early in the morning of November 12. On the previous day he had appeared to be in good health, and had taken his customary walk. He retired to his room about nine o'clock in the evening, and a few minutes later was found unconscious on the floor. About half past three he died peacefully without regaining consciousness. His death was attributed by the physician to hemorrhage of the brain. He suffered a slight attack of a similar nature about a year ago, when it was

feared death would result, but his strong constitution enabled him to recover.

Judge Rogers was born in Providence May 18, 1835, the son of Horatio and Susan (Curtis) Rogers. His father was a cotton manufacturer. His grandfather and two of his great uncles were officers in the revolutionary army. He prepared for college in the public schools of Providence, and graduated from Brown with the degree of A. B. in 1855. After graduation he studied law, for a time in an office in his native city, and later at the Harvard Law School. He was admitted to the Rhode Island bar in 1858. In 1896 he received the degree of LL. D. from Trinity College.

In August, 1861 Judge Rogers entered the army as First Lieutenant in Company D, Third Rhode Island Heavy Artillery. He was made captain in October, 1861, and in June, 1862, promoted to the rank of major in recognition of his bravery on James Island in South Carolina. In January, 1863 he received a commission as colonel of the Second Rhode

Island Regiment, and received the praise of the generals under whom he served as well as a special vote of thanks from the general assembly of Rhode Island for his efficient service. In January, 1864, his failing health compelled him to resign his commission. He was later breveted brigadier general of United States volunteers.

After leaving the army Judge Rogers resumed the practice of law in Providence. The same year he was elected attorney general of Rhode Island and served until 1867. He was four times elected to the common council of Providence, in 1866, 1867, 1873 and 1874. During his last term he was president of the council. In 1868 he was elected to the general assembly, and again in 1873 and 1874.

In 1870 Judge Rogers engaged in the manufacture of cotton goods with his father-in-law, Gov. James Y. Smith, and for a number of years gave little attention to the law. On the death of Gov. Smith he resumed the practice of his profession, and in 1888 was again elected attorney general. On May 27, 1896, he was appointed associate justice of the supreme court of Rhode Island, and held the position until his retirement in 1903. He enjoyed the respect and esteem of his associates on the bench and of the entire legal profession in Rhode Island.

Judge Rogers was twice married. His first wife was Miss Lucia Waterman, daughter of Richard Waterman of Providence, whom he married in 1861. She died in 1867, and in 1869 Judge Rogers married Miss Emily P. Smith, daughter of Governor James Y. Smith. Mrs. Rogers, two sons and a daughter survive him.

Judge Rogers was a man of scholarly tastes and was exceptionally well informed on matters of history and jurisprudence. He was the author of a number of papers and pamphlets on historical and literary subjects, and delivered addresses on numerous public occasions, many of which have been printed. He was also the author of "Private Libraries of Providence", (1878) and "Mary Dyer of Rhode Island, the Quaker Martyr" (1896). He edited "Hadden's Journal and Orderly Books" (1884), which consists of the journal of Lieutenant James M. Hadden of Burgoyne's army. Judge Rogers contributed many notes and essays of a biographical and personal character, doing the work, in the words of *The Nation*, "in a manner so complete that Burgoyne's officers became as well known to us as those of the patriot army."

Judge Rogers was chairman of the Record Commission of Providence, a member of the Rhode Island Historical Society, of which he was president for a number of years, of the American Antiquarian Society, and of many other learned bodies. He was also for many years a prominent mason, serving for one year as grand secretary of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island.

LA FAYETTE BURR, 1848

LaFayette Burr died suddenly Tuesday, December 13, at Southern Pines, North Carolina, whither he had gone to spend the winter months on account of his feeble health. Mr. Burr was born in Providence, July 15,

1824, the son of Christopher and Henrietta (Taylor) Burr. He fitted for college at Wiliston Seminary, Easthampton, Massachusetts. He graduated from Brown with the degree of A. B. in 1848, and received the master's degree from the same institution in 1851. He devoted himself to teaching for a number of years after graduation, first at the Friends' School, Providence, 1848-49, then at the high school, Bristol, Rhode Island, 1849-51, and then until 1860 in various private schools at Newport, Rhode Island, and Raymond, Natchez and Vicksburg, Mississippi. From 1860 to 1862 he was principal of the Academy at Danielsonville, now Danielson, Connecticut.

In 1862 he gave up teaching and became a clerk in the War Department at Washington. In 1863 he went to Boston, where he was for a short time clerk in the Commissary Department, and then for nearly ten years treasurer of copper mining companies. In 1872 he became treasurer of the National Dock and Warehouse Company, the position which he retained until his death.

Mr. Burr was married in 1858 to Miss Abby W. Shepard of Bristol, Rhode Island, daughter of Rev. Thomas Shepard (Brown 1813; D. D. 1853) who was for 45 years pastor of the Congregational Church in that place. Mrs. Burr and five children, all of Melrose, Massachusetts, survive him.

Mr. Burr had lived in Melrose since 1872. He served on the Melrose school board, and was a prominent member of the Congregational Church. The local paper in its notice of his death says of him: "The ingenuousness of his nature, the purity of his character, the warmth of his open heart, all were shown in his cheery greeting and his kindly smile, and attracted to him the love and esteem of the many who knew him."

CALEB HARRIS FARNUM, 1905

Caleb H. Farnum, for two years a member of the class of 1905, died at Holden, West Virginia, August 17. The accident which caused his death occurred in the woods near the town of Holden. The party with which he was working was engaged in felling trees. Mr. Farnum was measuring the logs at the foot of a ravine over the edge of which they were cast. One log as it fell rolled dangerously near him, and for the purpose of avoiding it he climbed into a tree, expecting the log to pass under him. Instead of doing so it flew through the air, causing him to fall to the ground. He sustained a fracture of one of his legs below the knee. He was carried by his fellow workmen three miles on a stretcher to a mining camp, where two physicians were stationed. After an examination the physicians decided that amputation was unnecessary. The fractured portions of the bone were removed, but after the operation the injured man sank rapidly. His body was brought to Providence for interment.

Mr. Farnum was born in Providence in 1883. After leaving Brown, he spent some time at the Biltmore College of Forestry, near Asheville, North Carolina. At the time of his death he was engaged in work with a detail from the United States Bureau of Forestry.

## BRUNONIANs FAR AND NEAR

*Items of information about former students of Brown, whether alumni or non-graduates, will be gladly received by the editors of the Monthly. Those who enjoy reading about their former college friends may be sure that their friends will be equally glad to hear from them. Address communications for this department to Dr. Allan H. Willett, Brown University. To insure insertion in any particular number of the Monthly they must be in the hands of the editor by the 20th of the preceding month.*

1857

Furman Read Whitwell is living at Fort Plains, New York.

Thacher Newton Snow is living in Santa Barbara, California.

1862

Isaac H. Saunders is in the Soldiers' Home at Bristol, Rhode Island, a sufferer from partial paralysis. He was for many years an accountant, located in the South, but has been for some time unable to work.

Emmons Johnson is a banker, living in Waterloo, Iowa. He is president of the Leavitt and Johnson Trust Co., of the Waterloo Savings Bank, and of the First National Bank of Waverly, Iowa.

1866

Rev. George Fisher is rector of the Church of the Messiah, Woods Hole, Massachusetts. He received a master's degree from Amherst College in 1880.

1874

Abel P. Tanner was elected, December 21, president of the newly organized New London (Connecticut) Bar Association.

1879

Arthur H. Harrington, M. D., formerly medical director of the State Asylum for Insane Criminals at Bridgewater, Massachusetts, and until recently superintendent of the Danvers Insane Hospital, has taken an office at 616 Madison Avenue, New York City, where he will follow his specialty of the treatment of mental diseases.

1882

Rev. Herbert E. Thayer has moved from Ludlow, Vermont, to 25 Churchill street, Springfield, Massachusetts.

Professor W. B. Jacobs contributed an article on "The Characteristics of An Efficient Secondary School Teacher" to the November number of *The School Review*.

At the recent election in Massachusetts, Geo. S. Taft of Worcester was chosen district attorney by a large vote.

John S. Greene has left Cleveland, Ohio, and is now located at 110 South 9th street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Governor-elect Stokes says that during his term of office New Jersey state employes, including heads of departments, must be at their desks five days in the week. Now look out for a general strike. *New York Tribune*.

1885

James M. Pendleton, formerly treasurer of the National Niantic Bank at Westerly in this state, has been appointed manager of the Westerly branch of the Industrial Trust Company of Providence, with which the Niantic bank has been merged. Mr. Pendleton is also town treasurer of Westerly.

1886

The item about Professor G. G. Wilson, in the last issue of the MONTHLY, referred to the Naval War College at Newport, and not to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis.

Professor Wilson read a paper on "Unneutral Services" before the recent meeting of the American Political Science Association at Chicago.

Rev. Arthur L. Wadsworth has accepted the position of field representative, correspondent, and writer of special articles on the *Pacific Baptist*. His address is 5555 Hillcrest Drive, Highland Park Station, Los Angeles, California.

Rev. Arthur S. Phelps took charge of the Baptist Church at Ontario, California, in March, 1904.

1887

Dr. George W. Field has been appointed by Gov. Bates of Massachusetts fish and game commissioner, in place of Captain Collins, chairman, deceased. The other two members of the board favored the appointment of Dr. Field, who will be chairman of the board. He is in close touch with the work of the commission, and in fact is now at work on the annual report, which Captain Collins left unfinished. He has done much work for the commission during the last four or five years and is eminently fitted to render the state valuable service in his new position.

1889

Joseph C. Whipple has changed his address from Melden to 51 Sacramento Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Robert L. P. Mason is superintendent of the New York and Pennsylvania Co.'s Champlain Mills at Millsboro, Essex County, New York.

Walter P. Hall of Fitchburg has been appointed assistant district attorney by the recently elected district attorney of Massachusetts, George S. Taft, '72. Mr. Hall has been city solicitor of Fitchburg and a majority of the members of the newly elected city council

signed a petition requesting him to be a candidate for the position another year, on account of his intimate acquaintance with some very important litigation in which the city is engaged. Mr. Hall declined to be a candidate for re-election.

1890

George H. Webb of Providence is a member of Governor Utter's staff. Colonel Webb is well known as the aggressive and successful secretary of the Providence Chamber of Commerce and editor of the Providence Board of Trade Journal.

1893

J. D. E. Jones appears as number 30 in the official ranking of American tennis players.

Daniel Howard, who has served with marked success for ten years as principal of the public schools of Windsor Locks, Connecticut, has recently been appointed superintendent of schools of Windsor Locks and Suffield, Connecticut.

William Burdick, who has been for some time instructor in the gymnasium of Swarthmore College, is now instructor in gymnastics at the Pennsylvania R. R. Y. M. C. A., at 41st street and Westminster avenue, Philadelphia.

Rev. S. O. Dexter is to spend the coming winter near Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

John F. Byrne has removed his law offices to 533 Banigan Building, Providence.

A. C. McKenzie has recently gone to Cody, Wyoming. Last winter he lived at Grahamville, North Carolina.

Rev. E. B. Niver is still connected with St. Paul's Church, Protestant Episcopal, at Baltimore, Maryland.

George W. Perkins is now in charge of the real estate department of the *Boston Herald*.

Rev. E. F. Studley of New Bedford has issued through Messrs. Snow & Farnham of Providence a book descriptive of his travels to and from the "World's Sunday School Convention" at Jerusalem last March and April.

Dr. C. E. Ide is now practicing medicine in Buffalo and can be found at 1526 Genesee street.

1894

George W. McNoughton is assayer and mine manager for the General Electric Co., at Sydenham, Ontario.

Professor M. M. Fogg, instructor at Brown from 1895 to 1900, who went from Harvard to the University of Nebraska in 1901 as substitute instructor in English for the year, and was promoted assistant professor in 1902 and associate professor last spring, has again been advanced. The department of English has been divided into a department of rhetoric and one of English language and literature. Of the department of rhetoric Professor Fogg is the head, jointly with Professor P. H. Frye, Trinity, '89.

In regard to Professor Fogg's work in argumentation and debate "The Sombrero", 1904's class book, says: "The past year and a half has seen indifference change to interest and interest to enthusiasm. This change began with the arrival of Professor Fogg, and has been almost wholly due to the high order of ability and tireless energy which he brought to the work. Professor Fogg came to us from Harvard on the recommendation of Chancellor Andrews who had known him at Brown. Things needed a shaking up and they got it. 'Earnest work' became the watchword of the department; earnest students rapidly enrolled under this standard. At the present time there is no more loyal body of students or more faithful workers than Professor Fogg's advanced classes."

1895

Edwin A. Skinner has changed his address from Jamaica, New York, to 809 Linden Street, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Henry Mahoney is living at 103 Walpole Street, Norwood Massachusetts.

1896

Gardner K. Hudson was elected to the city council of Fitchburg, Massachusetts, at the recent election in that city.

George L. Parker is connected with the firm of Lincoln & Parker, dealers in fine pianos, 211 Tremont street, Boston.

1897

A paper by Dr. Roswell S. Wilcox of Providence, on "Practical Hygiene in the Public Schools," read before the Research Club of this city, and afterwards printed in the *Medical Record*, has been republished in pamphlet form. The article is a plea for more thorough medical inspection of public school children.

1898

Albert M. Dunham has left the P. J. Cummings Company of Attleboro, and accepted a position with the Narragansett Electric Light Company in their main office in the Union Trust Building, Providence.

Ertelle E. Franklin is a bookkeeper in New York City. His address is 69 Worth street.

Rev. Harlan J. Ballentine has left his church at Fremont, Illinois, and become pastor of the First Baptist Church of Sycamore, Illinois.

Robert J. Fuller is superintendent of schools at Palmer, Massachusetts.

1899

Harold T. Miller is connected with the Jones & Laughlin Steel Company, Soho department, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

The present address of George W. Sutcliffe is 82 Doyle avenue, Providence.

Edward A. Stockwell has been elected to the school committee of Providence from the first ward. His father, Thomas B. Stockwell, '62, has been state superintendent of the schools of Rhode Island for nearly thirty years.

Thurston M. Phetteplace is taking graduate work in mechanical engineering at Columbia as a candidate for the master's degree, and has received the honorary appointment of university scholar in mechanical engineering. His address is 115 West 117th street, New York city.

David H. Atwater is practicing medicine at Rochester, New York.

Frederick W. Murphy announces that he has entered upon the general practice of the law at 6 Beekman Street, New York City.

George B. Utley, librarian of the Maryland Diocesan Library of Baltimore, has accepted the position of librarian at the new Carnegie public library at Jacksonville, Florida. He will have entire charge of the establishment of the library as no books have yet been purchased or assistants appointed. Mr. Utley is preparing for publication a life of Thomas John Cleggett, the first Protestant Episcopal Bishop of Maryland.

John Edward Babbitt holds a number of important business positions in Bellows Falls, Vermont. He is treasurer and manager of the Bellows Falls Machine Co., vice-president and director of the Robertson Paper Co. of the same place, and vice-president and manager of the Howland Pulp and Paper Co., of Howland, Maine.

## 1900

George L. Hunt was recently appointed deputy secretary of the state of Vermont. He will continue the practice of law at Enosburg Falls.

Miss Emily E. Campbell has changed her address to 17 Capitol avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

## 1901

J. Ward Healey, who began the practice of law at Leominster, Massachusetts, last May, was in July appointed trial justice by Governor Bates. Mr. Healey has been engaged in newspaper work since he left college, and studied law in an office during his leisure time. Just before beginning the practice of law he was editor of the Textile Manufacturers Journal of New York.

On November 22 Miss Mabel Jennie Bowe, '01, and Irving Kent Bodurtha were married at Springfield. They will live at Agawam, Massachusetts.

Roy E. Clark has left the Y. M. C. A. of Bridgeport, Connecticut, where he held the position of assistant secretary, and is now with the New York Life Insurance Company at their Windsor Arcade office in New York City.

Rev. John M. Linden has resigned the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Michigan City, Indiana, and accepted a call in the 48th Street Baptist Church of Chicago.

Parker Erwin, '01, and Miss Mabel Hodges were married at Grace Church, Providence, October 24, 1904.

## 1902

Rev. H. C. Leach has settled at Johnson, Vermont.

## 1903

Thomas A. Barry's work as coach of the football team of Tulane University was very successful. He introduced new tactics and thorough training, and as a result the Tulane eleven defeated every other team of Louisiana and Mississippi with which it played. Mr. Barry has returned to the Harvard Law School.

E. N. White is teaching in the academy at Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.

Leslie R. Hicks is doing engineering work at Elgin, Illinois, for the Elgin, Aurora and Southern Traction Company. His address is 1173 Fulton street, Chicago.

Bates Abner Stover is studying law at the Harvard Law School. Address, 2 Garden street, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

## 1904 A. M.

Arthur S. Libby, who was instructor in French at Brown last year, is now head of the department of modern languages at Converse College, Spartansburg, South Carolina.

## 1904

Louis R. Langworthy is teaching this year.

Arthur A. Dennico is with Nathaniel Fisher & Company, 146 Duane street, New York City. On November 24 Mr. Dennico was married to Miss Mabel Augusta Caswell.

Miss Annie Louise Conley is teaching in Woonsocket, Rhode Island.

Edward J. Black is a student at the Harvard Medical School.

Miss Amette W. Milligan is a graduate student at Brown.

Joseph A. Mattuck is a student teacher at the Hope street high school, Providence.

Stephen W. Mason is in the dry goods business with Clarence Whitman & Co., 39 Leonard street, New York City.

Miss Mae Stenhouse is teaching at the Vermont State Normal School, Johnson, Vermont.

Oliver H. Booth has a position in the Washington office of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Arthur E. Cameron is a salesman for the General Fire Extinguisher Co. of Providence.

Clarence McGregor Thompson is principal of Chilhouse Institute, Trundles Cross Roads, Tennessee.

Charles F. Marks is instructor in Greek and Latin in LaGrange College, LaGrange, Missouri.

Howard Foss Esten is in the engineering department of the N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R. Co. at Providence.

Alfred F. Masury is with the General Electric Co. at Lynn, Massachusetts.

Charles S. Hascall is an insurance clerk, located at East Northfield, Massachusetts.

Asa L. Briggs is with the Ashaway Woolen Co., Ashaway, Rhode Island.

Alfred Elton Isaac is pastor of the Tenth Avenue Baptist church, Columbus, Ohio.

Herbert A. Kenyon is instructor in French at Brown.

Harry Worthington Hastings is teaching in the high school at Williamsport, Pennsylvania. Address, 423 Mulberry street.

John Francis Heckman is bookkeeper with the Union Trust Company, Providence.

John Brown Watson is teaching in the Atlanta Baptist College, Atlanta, Georgia.

Edwin Judkins Tetlow is sheep salesman for Swift and Company, at their wholesale market at No 512 No. Halstead street, Chicago.

Eugene Merrill Wilson is studying theology at the Rochester Theological Seminary.

Arthur L. Young expects to be married in the near future, to Miss Margaret Anna Weeks. His address is 77 Callender street, New Dorchester, Massachusetts.

Miss Laura Brooks is teacher of languages in the East Providence high school.

Miss Flora Melville Cotton is a student teacher in the classical high school, Providence.

Miss Alice Marion Crosby is assistant agent of the Somerville (Massachusetts) Associated Charities.

Miss Lottie May Devlin is teacher of Latin and Greek in the high school of Pawtucket.

Miss Annie Fisher is teaching in Berwick Academy, South Berwick, Maine.

Miss Anna Leah Fox is taking advanced work at Columbia University.

Miss Hannah Heaton is a student teacher at the Point street grammar school, Providence.

Miss Mary Ellen Oslin is a student teacher at the Academy avenue grammar school, Providence.

Miss Marjorie Wadsworth Shaw is a student teacher at the Peace street grammar school, Providence.

Miss Elsie Marion Straffin holds a teaching fellowship in English at Brown.

Miss Georgia Louise Towle is assistant in the high school at Rumford Falls, Maine.

Isley Boone and Albert Hayes Stanton are studying theology at Newton.

Charles Fowler Fields is a student at Rochester Theological Seminary.

Eugene Ambrose McCarthy and Lucius A. Salisbury are studying medicine at the Harvard Medical School.

James M. Gallison is studying medicine at Harvard Medical School.

William G. Hoffman, Jr., has joined the Albee Stock Company at Keith's Pawtucket Theatre, for the present season. His stage name is William G. Morton. The name that he made for himself in amateur dramatics at Brown augurs well for his success on the professional stage.

Harold W. Drury is principal of the high school at Lyme, Connecticut.

Clifton Henry Hobson is principal of the grammar school at Palmer, Massachusetts.

George Sanford Holmes is a reporter for the Providence *Evening Telegram*.

Charles Wesley Hunt is teacher of English at Vermont Academy, Saxton's River, Vermont.

Royal Nesmith Jessup is a student at Union Theological Seminary. His address is 273 Ryerson street, Brooklyn, New York.

Noble Brandon Judah, Jr., is studying law at the Northwestern University Law School. Address, 2701 Prairie avenue, Chicago.

Alpha Freeman Leonard is principal of the Union School at Bath, New Hampshire.

Joseph William Mackenzie is engaged in zinc mining. His headquarters are at Joplin, Missouri.

Robert Grant Martin is taking advanced work in English at Harvard. Address, 37 Willow street, Cambridge.

Lester Hutchinson Nichols is general manager of the two stores of E. S. Nichols, 453-457 Main street, Bennington, Vermont.

John Hector Palmer is pastor of the First Baptist Church of Crompton, Rhode Island, and is studying theology at Newton.

Arthur Lionel Patch is with the E. Z. Patch Company, manufacturing pharmacists, Stoneham, Massachusetts.

Walter Everett Prince and Louis Earl Rowe are graduate students at Brown.

William Sandager is teaching at the Blight school, 401 South 22nd street, Philadelphia.

Eliot Rossiter Scudder is studying law at the Boston University Law School. Address, 60 Wyman street, Brockton, Massachusetts.

Edward Staples Smith is draughtsman for the Bucyrus Company, South Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

George Lawton Spencer is studying *nava* architecture at Cornell. His address is 32 Thurston avenue, Ithaca, New York.

Herbert Jackson Stowell is located at Bristol, Rhode Island.

Edward Padelford Taft is in the cotton business with W. L. Wells and Company, Vicksburg, Mississippi.

Miss Florence Butler Beitenman is a student teacher at the Hope street high school, Providence.











