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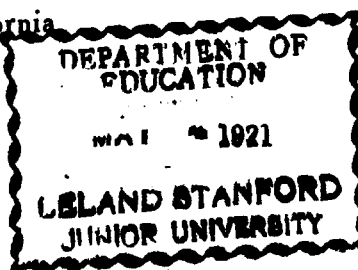
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this being the twelfth report submitted, to which
are appended the annual reports of the
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Professor Alden has been engaged in the preparation of a critical edition of Shakespeare's sonnets. In connection with his seminary in this subject there have been added to the library a considerable number of the hitherto missing editions of Shakespeare, with a view to completing such a collection as is needed for textual studies. Mr. Alden read a paper to the University Philological Association on "The 1640 Text of Shakespeare's Sonnets." He has also been engaged in reviewing current poetry for *The Dial*.

Professor Bassett delivered twenty-five addresses and readings during the year, three of them at high school commencements. He also supervised the very successful outdoor staging of Alfred Noyes' "Sherwood."

In the course of the year Professor Briggs has published: An edition of Marlowe's Edward II; Studies in Ben Jonson (four articles in *Anglia*); Ben Jonson and the first folio of Shakespeare, in the literary supplement of the *London Times*; Recovered lines of Ben Jonson, in *Modern Language Notes*; and Did Jonson write a third ode to himself?, in the *Athenaeum*. Detailed references to these papers will appear in the list of faculty publications.

Professor Hall has been engaged in completing for the press the book begun by the late Professor Newcomer, "Three Centuries of American Prose and Poetry."

Miss Mirrielees published in *Everybody's Magazine* a short story, "The Hero Business."

Mr. Hill published in *The Arena* two poems: "By Grace of Battle," and "At the Foot o' Market."

Dr. Kennedy's doctoral thesis was published in the University Series as, "The Pronoun of Address in English Literature of the 13th Century."

Professor Seward is spending the summer in Europe engaged in the work of the Belgian Relief Commission.

JOURNALISM

The English department for several years has, through Assistant Professor Smith, an experienced newspaper man, offered one or two courses for prospective journalists, and has made concessions in its regular requirements for the benefit of such students. For the coming year this work in journalism is to be expanded through the cooperation of the departments of economics, history and English to provide a four-year curriculum. On the initiative of the English faculty the three departments have outlined a course upon the satisfactory completion of which students of any of these departments, fulfilling certain specified major department requirements, will receive the A. B. degree, and, if they wish, have their diplomas marked, "preparatory to journalism." The new curriculum, according to the prospectus just issued, "is based on the belief that the best foundation for the journalistic career is the broadest possible college course, with a preponderance of English, economics and history." Accordingly the studies of the curriculum now

offered are grouped so that about one-half are in these three departments and journalism, one-quarter in general courses, and the remaining quarter in such courses as are necessary to complete major department requirements. For the sake of the training and spirit that comes from writing for actual publication, Mr. Smith purchased a weekly newspaper of ten years' standing in Palo Alto, which he publishes under the name, "Stanford Palo Alto News," as a center around which the journalism courses are grouped.

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ENGLISH PHILOLOGY

The faculty of this department consisted of Ewald Flügel, Raymond MacDonald Alden, professors; Samuel Swayze Seward, Jr., William Dinmore Briggs, assistant professors; Arthur Garfield Kennedy, instructor.

On November 14, 1914, occurred the death of Professor Ewald Flügel, for twenty-two years head of this department. Suitable exercises were held in the Memorial Church at which addresses were made by Professors Angell, Anderson and Rendtorff; also before the Stanford Philological Association, with addresses by Professors Briggs, Johnston, Murray, Fairclough and Hilmer. A memorial volume is in preparation. The work of the department was distributed among colleagues and continued as indicated in the tabulated report which follows.

In the course of the year the trustees of the university directed that the separate organization of the courses in philology be discontinued and that they be merged in the one department to be called the department of English.

INSTRUCTOR	No.	COURSES TITLE	Unit Hours	Attendance	
				1st Sem.	2d Sem.
Seward	Philol. 1.	Engl. language	3-2	19	13
Kennedy	Philol. 2.	Begin. Chaucer	2	33
Kennedy	Philol. 5.	Beowulf	2	6
Kennedy	Philol. 8.	Adv. Chaucer	2-3	7
Alden	Philol. 3.	Early Eng. lit.	3	25
Briggs	Philol. 9.	English ballad	2	7
Kennedy	Philol. 11.	Seminar	2	12	9
				70	61

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