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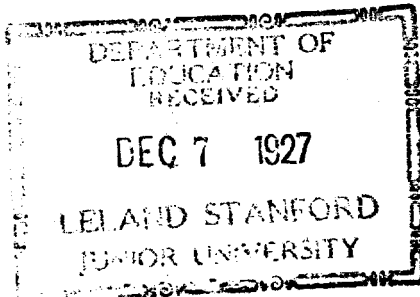
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FOR THE THIRTY-FOURTH ACADEMIC YEAR
ENDING AUGUST 31, 1925

THIS BEING THE TWENTY-SECOND REPORT SUBMITTED, TO
WHICH ARE APPENDED THE ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE
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Alexander Buchanan, William Howard Miller, John Anthony Miller, Ellen Louise Lowell, Bolton Coit Brown, Samuel Jacques Brun, Alphonso Gerald Newcomer, Charles Ellwood Cox, Edward Thomas Adams, Elsa Lovina Ames, Ludwig H. Grau, Daniel Kirkwood, Jacob Gould Schurman, and Emory Evans Smith. Within the next year or so came Professors Hoskins, Price, Allardice, A. B. Clark, Lenox, McFarland, J. P. Smith, Wing, and R. L. Green.

With the retirement this year under the 65-year rule of Professors Gilbert, Campbell, Hoskins, Price, and Elliott, the original "Old Guard" passes off the stage so far as active association with the day-to-day affairs of Stanford University is concerned. It is indeed fortunate that most of these men will nevertheless remain on or near the campus, where they are able to contribute much to the life of the University.

Looking back over thirty-four years gives every Stanford man a glow of satisfaction. The Old Guard builded well. They went through the sharp adversities and vicissitudes of the early years. Disappointments were many, but they tested character. The Old Guard stayed with the ship. It seems to me that the outstanding quality possessed alike by all of these men was that of character. In fact they built up the University as we know it today out of a blend of their qualities and their spirit. Clear headed, unafraid, daring, willing to meet convention and pass it by, they symbolized the vigor of youth. As they have grown old together and have seen many of their former students take their places, they have been willing to watch these youths try out new ways as they themselves so often did. As they merge into the background all of those associated at any time with Stanford feel a deep regret and a catch in the throat. They made our University what it is. No one can ever love it more than they did. We of the present Stanford must strive our best to meet their ideals and their high aspiration.

DEPARTMENTAL CHANGES

JOURNALISM

In order to provide a course more specifically devoted to the training of journalists, a Division of Journalism has been set up under the School of Social Sciences. The general field of social sciences covered in elementary form by the required courses of the School of Social Sciences furnishes some contact with subject-matter with which all general newspaper workers have to deal in the practice of their profession. Opportunity is left for journalism students to specialize in journalistic subjects and in other subjects with which they may desire to obtain a somewhat deeper familiarity. The plan of grouping all journalism students in the School of Social Sciences has practical advantages also over scattering them in different groups as was done under the former arrangement by

R. W. Barry (now assistant professor in the San Jose State Teachers' College) his dissertation being on *Sententiae in Chaucer*.

The outstanding event of the year was the untimely and deplored death of Professor R. M. Alden, on September 27. Not many men now active on the faculty have been longer or more intimately associated with the University, and no one could have left the same gap in the department. Dr. Alden came in 1901, and had been here ever since, save for three years at the University of Illinois. From 1921 to 1923 he was executive head of the department. The faculty at large has expressed elsewhere its regret for his death. With the department his relations were for many years unusually close; almost from the first he was a true leader, followed with trust and affection. He was stimulating through his own mental activity, enterprise, and ideality, and inspired confidence by his tact and good judgment. He was a man of rare value to any university through his combination of practical sagacity, literary imagination, active scholarship, and teaching ability, a combination which we have seldom seen equaled.

The department took official leave of Professor W. H. Carruth at his retirement a year ago, hoping, however, to maintain close personal relations with him. His unexpected death, which may also be called untimely, occurred on December 15. To the appreciation of his personality and achievements expressed in last year's report we can add now only our sense of loss at his death.

At the end of this year the Division of Journalism is transferred from the Department of English to the School of Social Sciences. This is more or less in accordance with the logic of the situation, since journalism touches the general subject of English no more closely than it touches certain other subjects.

The Division of Public Speaking remains attached to the Department of English, though with general internal autonomy. This continued connection is logical, since practically all the work of the division is of the nature of English composition or literary or linguistic study, and it is desirable to maintain close relations among the entire staff engaged in English teaching. Multiplication of departments in general is undesirable and unnecessary. The University is outgrowing the older conception of departmental organization, in which one man did all the executive work and had all the authority, and is coming to the view of common responsibility and co-operation, with the executive head serving chiefly as center and leader.

Mr. Bassett, as member of a committee of the National Association of Teachers of Speech, has published an article on the teaching of oral interpretation in a volume on the study of speech in schools, and has nearly completed a textbook. Besides giving a number of lectures and readings in various places, he taught in the summer term at Northwestern University.

Mr. Tatlock in collaboration with Mr. Kennedy has read nearly half the proofs of the *Chaucer Concordance*. For a committee of the Association of American University Professors he has published a long report on

The General Final Examination in the Major Study, and has published one or two articles on medieval literature.

Mr. Emerson has published an article in the *Stanford Illustrated Review*, conducted a brief course in the Western School for Commercial Organization Executives, held at Stanford in July, and has served effectively as faculty debating adviser.

Mr. Gray has contributed to the *Publications of the Modern Language Association* and has written weekly feature reviews for the *San Jose Mercury Herald*. He also gave a course of twenty lectures at the College of the Sacred Heart, and taught in the summer school of Brigham Young University.

Mr. Hall has published two books, *Benjamin Tompson, 1642-1714* (the earliest native-born American poet), and *Poems of William Wordsworth*, and has completed a textbook, *Types of Poetry*, to be published by Ginn & Company.

Mr. Kennedy, besides reading the proof for the *Chaucer Concordance*, is editing an Anglo-Saxon Reader in collaboration with Professor George P. Krapp of Columbia University, to be published by the American Branch of the Oxford University Press. His Bibliography of Writings on the English Language (previously described) is to be printed soon under the joint auspices of the Harvard and Yale University Presses. He is bibliographical editor for a new monthly journal, *American Speech*.

Mr. Brown gave a course of lectures to the Palo Alto Advertising Club, and this summer again directed the work in journalism at the Southern Branch of the State University.

Miss Mirrielees has given courses at the Summer School of English, Breadloaf, Vermont.

Mrs. Russell has continued her series of essays on Browning and of editions of parts of his work, and Miss Bailey her editing of Boswell's essays. The latter has lectured several times outside the University.

Mr. Davis, besides putting on nine plays at the University, has published articles on them in local and general periodicals. He has devoted himself to his work as Director of Dramatics with enthusiasm and success. Under him the dramatic activities of the student body have risen in quality and spirit.

Mr. George P. Shannon, instructor since 1922 and now about to take the degree of Ph.D., leaves to take an assistant professorship of English at the University of New Mexico. His scholarship and personality will make his departure regretted.

JOHN S. P. TATLOCK
Professor of English Philology

FOOD RESEARCH INSTITUTE

The staff of the Food Research Institute in the year 1924-25 consisted of Carl L. Alsberg, Joseph S. Davis, and Alonzo E. Taylor, directors;

DIVISION OF PUBLIC SPEAKING

LEE EMERSON BASSETT:

The oral interpretation of literature: *Drummond, A. M., Editor. Course of study in speech training and public speaking for secondary schools.* N.Y. 1925. Century Co. p. 203-210.

JAMES GORDON EMERSON:

Stanford men head huge power company: *Stanford illustrated review*, vol. 26, p. 144-146, 184-186, December 1924.

DIVISION OF JOURNALISM

EVERETT WALLACE SMITH:

The foundation ideals and the future (illus.): *Stanford illustrated review*, vol. 26, p. 312-313, 346-351, March 1925.

Storey, '96, authority on hygiene: *Ibid.*, vol. 26, p. 211, 231-32, January 1925.

Contributing editor, *Daily Palo Alto times*.

BUFORD O. BROWN:

Developing classified advertising: *Publishers' auxiliary*, vol. 60, p. 3, February 7, 1925.

FOOD RESEARCH INSTITUTE

CARL LUCAS ALSBERG:

The effect of grinding upon starch and starch pastes. (With E. E. Perry): *Society for experimental biology and medicine. Proceedings*, vol. 22, p. 60-61, October 1924.

The effect of scientific food consumption in increasing wealth: *American academy of political and social science. Annals*, vol. 115, p. 57-64, September 1924.

Further studies on the effect of fine grinding upon starch grains. (With E. E. Perry): *Proceedings of the American society of biological chemistry*, vol. 19, p. LXVI-LXVII. *Journal of biological chemistry*, vol. 63, February 1925.

Future trading as insurance in the cotton oil industry: *Journal of oil and fat industries*, vol. 2, p. 47-56, April 1925.

A modification of the method of preparing gliadin. (With D. B. Dill): *Proceedings of the American society of biological chemistry*, vol. 19, p. LXVII, *Journal of biological chemistry*, vol. 63, February 1925.

Some critical considerations of the gluten washing problem. (With D. B. Dill): *Cereal chemistry*, vol. 1, p. 222-246, September 1924.

The specific rotation of gliadin in EtOH-H₂O solutions. (With D. B. Dill): *Proceedings of the American society of biological chemistry*, vol. 19, p. LXVIII, *Journal of biological chemistry*, vol. 63, February 1925.