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## NINETY-SEVEN T. S. GRADUATES.

Its Record in the School and a Sketch of the Department—Biographies of Seniors.

The anniversary exercises of the Yale Divinity School were held yesterday (Wednesday, May 19.) Addresses were made by four members of the graduating class in the College Street Hall at 10:30 a. m. The speakers and their subjects were, Shepherd Knapp, jr., of New York, on "Religion in Current Fiction;" Charles C. Merrill of Newbury, Vt., on "A Plea for the Right Kind of Revivals;" H. Frank Rall of Des Moines, Ia., on "The Theory of Evolution in its Bearing on the Christian Doctrine of Sin;" Austin Rice of Danvers, Mass., on "The Minister as a Patriot." At the conclusion, according to the new program adopted, an address was given by Rev. Henry VanDyke, D. D., of New York.

The alumni of the school, with invited guests, sat down to dinner together in the United Church Chapel at 1 p. m., when informal addresses were made. A reception was given to the alumni and members of the graduating class in the Lowell Mason Library at 8 p. m.

### DR. BEHREND'S ADDRESS.

On Sunday Dr. A. J. F. Behrends of Brooklyn delivered the anniversary address before the graduating class and the members and friends of the school in Center church. The burden of the address was the instruction to return to tradition as the safest interpretation of the Bible. Dr. Behrends' address was based largely on the findings of Harnack, the German scholar, who, he said, had delivered a fatal blow to what is known as the higher criticism. That, Dr. Behrends said, had been confined and laid at rest forever. The two principal schools of the higher criticism, he claimed to be identical. Harnack's studies had been directed toward the New Testament, and he said that they had established the Pauline Epistles as the most direct and trustworthy story of the Gospel. The fundamental error of the critics was their assumption of the theory for the development of history. If the facts did not coincide with the theory, "so much the worse for the facts." This left out of account personality. His concluding sentence was principally as follows: "If you have bought your tickets for this much advertised excursion, you had better sell your coupons while they are negotiable. Road-master Harnack has come along with his hammer and has struck the wheels of the train of higher criticism and has pronounced them cracked and weak. There is nothing ahead for it but disaster. If you are aboard this train, get off; if you are out of it, stay out. Alongside is another and a safer train, the train of tradition. That is the safe one to take."

### THE YEAR'S RECORD.

The work of the year in the Theological Department began with the opening address, September 26, in Marquand Chapel, by Professor L. O. Brastow. His subject was "The Religious Life of the Theological Student." Professor Brastow struck a high note for the opening year.

### PROF. SAMUEL A. HARRIS.

An event of marked importance since the last Commencement was the final retirement of Professor Samuel Harris at the close of twenty-five years of service. Professor Harris had resigned two years before the chair of Systematic Theology, but continued for a year teaching the Junior class in Philosophy.

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H. L. Pyle. L. Coolidge. D. H. Evans. G. L. Briggs. G. L. Schaeffer. W. E. Page. D. Cameron. C. S. Marfarland. W. H. Rowe. P. A. Johnson. W. B. Stelle. H. F. Rall. Prof. Brastow. Prof. Stevens. Prof. Curtis. Prof. Fairbanks. R. S. Myers. D. O. Bean.



F. H. Lynch. W. H. Short. Prof. Curry. Prof. Day. Pres. Dwight. Prof. Fisher. Prof. Bacon. B. M. Wright. A. H. Harris. S. E. Lord. A. Hodges. A. T. Harrington. Prof. Porter. Prof. Harris. Prof. Blackman. G. E. Ladd. C. P. Pierce. C. C. Merrill. M. S. Runkle. M. B. Fisher. A. M. Hall. R. W. Stimson. S. Knapp. E. H. Bronson. A. Rice. W. S. Beard. A. E. Johnson.

## FACULTY AND CLASS OF '97 OF THE THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

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### New Graduate English Course.

An addition to the pamphlet of elective courses in the Graduate School of Yale is to be issued the last of this week. It announces the addition of six valuable courses in the Department of English Literature. The first announcement of Graduate School courses showed some restriction of choice in this department which were a source of regret to many who wished to continue their English courses in the Yale School and who did not happen to be working along the particular lines for which courses were then mainly offered. The final action of the Faculty of the Graduate School, however, has not only removed ground for criticism but made this department very strong.

Two two-hour courses are offered by Prof. Henry A. Beers, the head of the English Department. One is "Modern Drama." This is a course in the history of dramatic literature since 1660, including the leading stage plays of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, and the leading verse plays of the nineteenth. Some French and German plays will also be considered in this course.

Prof. Beers' course in "Victorian Literature," announced for the Academic Seniors, has now been opened to graduate students, who will be given additional work.

Prof. William Lyon Phelps offers a new course in "Elizabethan Literature." This will be made up of studies of poetry and prose of the Elizabethan age, exclusive of the drama. The course will be a series of lectures and discussions with the preparation of special papers. Prof. Phelps' course in "English Literature of the Seventeenth Century" for the Academic Department is now extended to graduate students, who, as in the case of Prof. Beers' course in "Victorian Literature," will be given opportunity for additional work. This course is a rather minute study of English prose from Donne to Dryden and will include a study of the social life of the times.

This department is further enlarged and strengthened by the opening, to the Grand School students, of two courses offered in the Academic Department by Mr. H. A. Smith. These courses are English Literature in the Eighteenth Century and English Literary Criticism in the Nineteenth Century.

### Celebrations.

The two very gratifying victories by the Yale track team and baseball nine on Saturday, May 15, were productive of considerable enthusiasm among the undergraduates. Two bonfires were built on the Durfee Campus, one at 8 o'clock in the evening and the other in the early hours of Sunday morning. The winning athletes were repeatedly cheered.

### THE DUAL GAMES.

Yale Defeats Harvard, 80-24—Many Surprises.

The Yale-Harvard dual athletic games were held at the Yale Field Saturday afternoon, May 15, and much to the surprise of everybody resulted in an overwhelming victory for the home team by the score of 80 to 24. Yale's feeling of uncertainty over the outcome was greatly augmented by the fact that Beck, '99, a sure man for seven points in the hammer and shot, was disqualified by action of the Faculty on the previous Thursday, and that Sheldon, sure of five points in the shot, was also not allowed to compete. The decision of the games seemed to rest upon the question of these two men competing, but even without them Yale won ten firsts, ten seconds and ten thirds.

The afternoon was full of surprises. The first great feat of Yale was in the quarter-mile run, in which Hollister of Harvard was a sure winner. It was also thought that Vincent, the visiting captain, would secure second place, but Garvan of Yale beat him out by a yard. Both men reached out to their very best speed when 100 yards from the finish, and the last twenty yards were finished on pure nerve, both men throwing themselves over the rope, having put every ounce of effort at their command into the race.