

## CORPORATION MEETING.

### Important Gifts, Appointments and Other Action.

#### FORESTRY SCHOOL.

At a meeting of the Yale Corporation, Friday, March 16, a gift of \$150,000 was accepted from Mr. and Mrs. James W. Pinchot and their sons Gifford, Yale '89 and Amos R. E., Yale '97, for the establishment of a school of forestry to be known as the Yale Forest School. Besides thus providing for the theoretical instruction, the Pinchot family has given the University the use of a considerable tract of forest land at Grays Towers, near Milford, Pike County, Pa., for the purposes of a practical Summer school, and proposes to put in the village of Milford a library for the use of that school, and equip the school completely, so that work may begin there after August 1, 1900.

It was decided by the Corporation to put the care of the Department of Forestry in the hands of a governing board, which should consist of the President of the University, the Professor of Forestry, Professor William H. Brewer of the Scientific School, Mr. Gifford Pinchot, "and such other persons as may be associated with them by the Corporation, on their recommendation." It is understood that the work here at Yale will be carried on at the residence and estate of the late Professor O. C. Marsh. Although the details have not yet been settled, it is hoped to have everything ready in the new department by next Fall, so that instruction may begin then; but just what the courses will be, and what the length of work required for a degree, is not yet announced.

#### CURRICULUM CHANGES.

The changes in the Sophomore curriculum, announced in the last issue of the WEEKLY, were approved by the Corporation, and it was voted to extend the study of English through the entire Freshman year, instead of for only one term. It was also decided to make the study of Philosophy optional for Seniors.

#### APPOINTMENTS.

These appointments of full professors were made: Charles Cutler Torrey, now Taylor Professor of Biblical History and Languages at Andover Theological Seminary, to be Professor of Semitic Languages, and Henry Solon Graves, Yale '92, to be Professor of Forestry. The other new appointments were: Robert K. Root, '98, to be instructor in English; John C. Adams, '96, to be instructor in English; Dr. Albert Keller, '96, to be instructor in Social Science; Sherwood O. Dickerman, '96, to be tutor in Greek; Edwin B. Wilson, to be instructor in Mathematics; Dr. Clive H. Day, '92, to be instructor in History. Sketches of the appointees will be found in another part of the paper.

#### RESIGNATION OF DR. HART.

The resignation of Rev. Dr. Burdett Hart, Yale 1842, from the Corporation, was accepted. Dr. Hart now spends the greater part of his time at his home in Germantown, Pa., and finds it difficult to attend the meetings here. He was elected to the Corporation in 1885. His successor, who is, according to the Constitution of the College, chosen by the clerical members, has not yet been named and probably no announcement will be made till the next meeting.

These members of the Corporation were present on Friday: President Hadley, Rev. Dr. T. T. Munger, Rev. Dr. Charles Ray Palmer, Rev. Dr. Newman Smyth, Rev. Dr. Joseph Anderson, Rev. Dr. Augustus F. Beard, Rev. Newell M. Calhoun and Messrs. Alfred L. Ripley, Thomas G. Bennett, Henry F. Dimock and Buchanan Winthrop.

### The Appointees.

#### PROFESSOR TORREY.

Professor Charles C. Torrey, who has been called to the chair of Semitic Languages, comes to Yale from Andover Theological Seminary, where he has given instruction in the Semitic Languages since 1893, having been made a professor about a year ago. He was graduated from Bowdoin in 1884 and acted as tutor there for one year. Going thence to Andover Theological Seminary he completed the regular course in 1889, making a specialty of the study of the Semitic Languages under Professor George F. Moore, '72. The next three years he spent abroad as Fellow of the Seminary, taking his doctorate at Strassburg in 1892 in Semitic Languages with History as a minor. During these years he was a pupil of Noeldeke in Arabic, of Jensen in Assyrian and of Euting in Palaeography and Epigraphy. From time to time he varied his investigations at the University by making scientific "pilgrimages" to Paris, Leyden and other centers for special research. Since returning to the United States he has devoted two summers to Paris and London, transcribing Arabic manuscripts of great importance.

Professor Torrey is a specialist in Semitic Philology and Comparative Grammar, but is also an inspiring teacher of the literature of the Semitic group of languages, Arabic, Ethiopic, Hebrew, Phoenician, Aramic, Syriac and the Assyro-Babylonian, with Persian thrown in for good measure. His favorite literatures are the Arabic and Syriac. During the past few years he has published in the *Journal of the American Oriental Society* the results of his researches in the Syriac, while, during the coming year, he hopes to publish an edition of the "Conquest of Egypt," an important



PROFESSOR CHARLES C. TORREY.

work of an early Arab historian, Ibn 'Abd el-Hakam, a source, hitherto unpublished, on which the later Arab historical writers drew extensively. The text will be accompanied by a critical and historical commentary to which future students of Arabic literature will be greatly indebted.

Professor Torrey's industry and scholarly ability are attested not only by these results and by many papers presented to the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis, and published in its *Journal*, but by a *Beihft* to the *Zeitschrift für alttestamentliche Wissenschaft* entitled "The Composition and Historical Value of Ezra-Nehemiah," which appeared in 1896, by his doctor's dissertation in 1892 on "Commercial-Theological Terms in the Koran," and by many book reviews. He is a contributor to the *Encyclopedia Biblica* and the reviser of the Semitic etymologies—the English words derived from Semitic languages—in the *New English Dictionary*.

Professor Torrey comes to Yale with a reputation as a thorough, inspiring and much liked teacher, as a scholar of broad training and solid acquirements and as an investigator at once methodical, acute and fertile. The University and alumni have every reason to feel assured that the right man has been found for an important chair. Yale can soon take the influential place in the world of Semitic scholarship to which her past history, her affiliations and organization and her collections entitle her. The work of the Semitic Department has been steadily maintained at the University since 1886, when Professor Harper organized it, but since 1891 the responsibility for both elementary and advanced instruction has been of necessity assumed by members of the Faculty who were mainly responsible for courses of a different character. Under this arrangement the necessary work of the Department has been adequately maintained by the appointment of special instructors, and but little more has been attempted. Under Professor Torrey's leadership, however, Yale may be expected to count as a contributory factor to the advance of Semitic learning.

#### HENRY S. GRAVES.

Henry S. Graves, appointed Professor of Forestry, was graduated here in 1892, taught school for a year at King's School, Stamford, and then for two years, 1893-95 studied Forestry at Harvard and in the field. In the year 1895-96 he studied Forestry at Munich University, Germany, and for two years thereafter practiced his profession as assistant to Gifford Pinchot, Yale '89. He is now Superintendent of Working Plans in the Division of Forestry at Washington.

#### OTHER APPOINTEES.

Sherwood O. Dickerman, who has been appointed tutor in Greek, entered Yale from Andover and graduated with the Class of Ninety-Six. After one year's study in the Graduate Department of the University he went to Athens and spent two years in the American School of Classical Studies there. His home is in New Haven.

John C. Adams, who received the appointment of instructor in English, entered Yale from the Boston Latin School and graduated in 1896. In Senior year he took honors in English and received a Philosophical Oration Appointment. After graduation he studied for a time in the Graduate Department for the degree of Ph.D., but was obliged by ill-health to give up his work. During the college year 1898-99, he had charge of the English department of Taft's School at Watertown, but has been spending the last year in post-graduate work in English at Harvard. He comes from Lewiston, Maine.

Dr. Albert G. Keller, who was appointed instructor in Social Science, prepared at the Hillhouse High School and graduated from Yale in 1896. In College he took the Hugh Chamberlain

'Greek prize and the Robinson prize in Latin. In Junior year he took the Winthrop prize for excellence in both Latin and Greek and graduated with a Philosophical Oration stand. Since gradua-



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tion Dr. Keller has been studying in the Graduate Department of the University, except a short time spent teaching Greek in the Hillhouse High School. He received his degree of Ph.D. last year. He was born in Springfield, O.

E. B. Wilson, who received the appointment of instructor in Mathematics, is a graduate of Harvard in the Class of Ninety-Nine. In College he specialized in Mathematics, taking highest second-year honors and highest final year honors. Mr. Wilson has been taking post-graduate work at Yale in Mathematics, this year. His home is in Cambridge, Mass., though he was born in Hartford, Conn.

Robert K. Root, who was appointed instructor in English, entered Yale from the Hillhouse High School and graduated in 1898. During his course he specialized in English and has been teaching English in the College since Jan. 1, 1900, on a special appointment. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, on a Philosophical Oration appointment.

Dr. Clive Day, who was made instructor in History, prepared at the Hartford High School and entered Yale with the Class of Ninety-Two, where he was chairman of the *News* and obtained a Philosophical stand. After graduation he continued his studies here for some time and received the degree of Ph.D. He then accepted a position as instructor in History at the University of California, which he held for three years, and at the end of that time went abroad for a course of two years' study.

### TenEyck Speakers.

The following Juniors have been chosen to speak for the TenEyck prizes: George Peters Chittenden, New York, on "Nathan Hale"; Arthur Huntington Gleason, South Norwalk, Conn., on "Notre-Dame de Paris"; Ernest Hausberg, Charles City, Iowa, on "Lord Cromer"; Walter Bruce Howe, Washington, D. C., on "The Partition of China"; William Hills Hutchins, Indian Orchard, Mass., on "The Maccabees"; John Arthur Keppleman, Reading, Pa., on "The French in the American Revolution"; Malvern Hall Tillitt, Elizabeth City, N. C., on "The Lollards"; Alfred Parks Wright, New Haven, Conn., on "Andrew Jackson."

Thirty-four essays were handed in. This is about the average number.