Princeton's Optional Courses.

II.

While the options of First term are probably as numerous as the students have time for, the longer evenings of Second term furnish further opportunities for these courses, and Second term has more of them.

In this present term there are three options open to the Seniors. The first—"Institutes of Justinian"—by Prof. Packard—Professor of Language and Literature and the Science of the Language—meets in his library on Monday evenings, at a hour. It supplements and continues the optional of first term in "Roman Law.

"Readings in Locke, Hume, Hamilton and Spencer" by Prof. Ormond is a continuation of his optional class of the previous term. It occupies one hour a week.

The optional in "English Literature" conducted by Dean Murray—Professor of Belles Lettres and English Literature—is one of the most popular of all the Senior options. It usually meets on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, and is a continuation of the elective in English, namely Shakespeare's Plays. In this class Dean Murray has read and explained selections from the early English dramatists—Tennyson, Ford, Beaumont and Fletcher, and other English writers of the Elizabethan period and on to the Victorian period where he is now occupied with a critical reading of Browning. This is one of the most enjoyable options offered, as few excel Dean Murray as a reader.

Prof. Johnston's optional of Third term, which will be a study of the third volume of Vol. Holza's History of Constitutional Law—is intended to occupy one hour a week and to continue to supplement his optional of first term.

Embryology also in Third term, by Prof. Scott—Professor of Geology—will consist in a series of lectures upon the embryology of the vertebrates in particular and is mainly for those trying for the Biological fellowship.

In Junior year the optional classes are not so numerous but are continually increasing. One peculiarity about them is that there are none during Second term when we should most expect them. The first one mentioned "Etruscan Art" by Prof. Marquand, although not strictly an optional at any rate may be considered so for our purposes. A limited number of students were invited to meet at his house on Monday afternoons of first term. It may be considered an optional in the sense that attendance upon it was of considerable profit.

The "Cloths of Aristophanes" conducted by Prof. Winans—Professor of Greek and Sanskrit—was designed to be read as collateral with the "Frogs," the play of his elective class. It met on Monday evenings and generally lasted about an hour.

In third term the two options—"Eicludia" under Prof. Orris, Professor of Greek Language and Literature, and "Catullus" under Prof. West, Professor of Latin, are not fully planned as yet but will probably consist in lectures and sight reading and take up an hour per week.

The lectures on Physical Geography by Prof. Libby—Professor of Physical Geography and History—consist in a series of lectures in which the lantern is used to illustrate the phenomena treated of in the regular course, by means of a series of views numbering upwards of four thousand.

The only optional in Sophomore year is that of Prof. West's, namely the reading of plays of Terence and Catullus outside of those read in the class. This class meets every Monday evening at 7 o'clock in Prof. West's room—and lasts till about eleven. A classical thesis is required of every student and he excuses him from the regular essay work of third term. The members are likewise excused from parts of their examinations in proportion to the literatue ability of their thesis.

After this synopsis of our optional classes their benefits and objects must appear evident. They enable those who wish to pursue more thoroughly any particular required or elective course to do so, and at the same time do not increase the amount of their work in way of preparation. They likewise supplement the regular and elective courses and enable a student to get a broader and more comprehensive view of any subject. But perhaps the greatest advantage of these options is that one is able to take them as a whole and could not be able to do so as electives. The reason of this is that the hours and time of holding these options are so arranged as not to conflict with the regular studies. Most of them, as will be noticed, are held in the evening and during hours in which there are no other studies to conflict. In this way a student can really get over more ground and accomplish more work than if they were included among the electives. In this particular point the options have a decided advantage over the electives. In the second place these classes are specially adapted to Princeton. Although at Harvard, for instance, it is quite as easy for the students, it is better to place them among the electives, it is more advantageous here that they should be as they are. If our options were included among the electives only very few if any students could take times and then they would be comparatively wasted. In this way Princeton really has many more electives, popularly speaking, than she seems to have and is increasing them every day. We note with pleasure the rapid advance of options of late and hope that this only proclaims a further elaboration of their courses in the immediate future.

The Library Meeting

The seventh Library meeting for the year was held at Dr. McCosh's residence on Wednesday evening, when Dr. Starr, 76, of New York, who, it will be remembered, was so very interesting a year ago, reads a paper on "The Relation of Mind and Brain as Illustrated by the Mechanism of Speech.

The paper opened with a few introductory remarks on the recent discoveries of Physiological-Psychology in relation to the mind and brain—a relation which has long puzzled the Psychologists. The old method was to study this relation from a subjective standpoint: but the Psychological schools have changed the plan and now investigate the question objectively. The latest discoveries of this school seem to confirm the theory of the localization of functions: and it is the argument for that theory which are here presented, with special reference to the several functions implied in the act of speaking. The details of the "mechanism of speech," as it is called, have been seen in reviewing the processes by which we learn either our own or a foreign language. The child in learning to speak passes through three stages. (1) He sees and feels objects and comes to associate certain sounds which he hears with certain objects; these are called sound-memories. (2) He unconsciously imitates the sound he has heard, thus acquiring effort-memories. This second stage is not entered upon till several months after the first. (3) He now, at length, begins to consciously imitate sounds which he knows represents certain objects. The process is the same in learning any foreign language. Every word that we can utter represents these processes. (1) A sound-memory. (2) The memory of some sensation connected with its perception. (3) An effort-memory. When we come to write the word two new processes are added, (1) A sight-memorv. (2) The consciousness of movements in the fingers and hand in writing. Each of these processes is "the relic of a past perception"—a picture of the word impressed on the brain and each picture being connected with a certain location in the brain. Now if it be true that different memories are in different parts of the brain, then one part of the brain could be diseased and the memories of the other part would be lost while all the other memories would remain unimpaired. This is the case. Loss of speech is not an un

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Alumni Notes.

48. Alfred Young, M.D., is Vice-President of Seton Hall College, N. J.
49. Joseph Hodgson, Mobile, Ala., is editor of the Mobile Daily Register, and is a register of the Court of Chancery.
50. The installation of Rev. James M. Ludden, D.D., as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, East Orange, N. J. took place last Friday evening.
51. The Rev. John Carrington has been elected pastor of Lebanon Church, San Francisco, Cal.
52. Rev. Dr. S. J. McPherson, of Chicago, in this week's Independent describes the new legislation in the City of Chicago, due to the religious work of the "Two Sams"—Sam Small and Rev. Sam P. Jones.
53. Dickey is private secretary to the general freight agent of Penn. R.
54. Four members of this class have died since graduation—Blinn, C. Fleming, O. Fleming, and Stevenson.
55. J. H. Libbey, of St. Louis, writes in last week's Nation on "The Depreciation of the Gold Dollar."
56. (5) Edward S. McIlhenny has removed temporarily from Franklin, Pa., where he has practiced successfully, to Washington, D. C.
57. Rev. D. B. McMurty, who is settled at Highland Falls, N. Y., has almost decided to accept a call to a church in Nebraska.
58. J. L. Leeper has accepted the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church of Reading, Pa.
59. James B. Dayton is Chief Clerk in the office of the Owensboro and Nashville Railways, at Owensboro, Ky.
60. John D. Davis is at present in Leiningen, Germany, studying Assyrian, Syrian, Arabic and Old Testament criticism, with the object of qualifying himself as a theological professorship in these branches of study.
61. Fisch graduated from Columbia Law School last year and intends to practice law in Winchester, Pa.
62. C. Withington, who is connected with the engineer corps of the department of public parks of New York City, is engaged.
63. A. W. Wilson represented the University of Pennsylvania at the meeting of the Inter-Collegiate Base Ball Association, which met at New York.
64. R. H. Hughes is teaching in Bellefonte Academy, Bellefonte, Pa.
65. Swarts teaching the classics in a Preparatory School, in Indianapolis, Indiana.
66. Messrs. Pershing and Bird '85, and W. L. Granberry, ex-'85, were in town over Sunday.
Princeton, N. J., March 19, 1886

It is possible that Yale may put a lacrosse team into the field this Spring and enter the Inter-Collegiate Association and compete for the championship. Yale withdrew from the College Association last year, but it was presumed at the time that this was not to be a permanent abandonment of the sport. The strength of lacrosse at Yale was in the class of '87. Their team had won in the class series in the autumn previous and the lovers of the game entertained the hope that Yale might re-enter the College Association another season. While Yale sent no delegates to the Inter-Collegiate Convention the provision was then made that Yale should be permitted to join the Association provided only it might be in time to arrange games with the other colleges.

Princeton's management had already opened communications with Yale in the hope that a game might be arranged for the first or second Saturday in May whether Yale should become a member of the Association or not, but we are confident that if Yale puts a team into the field it will be for nothing short of an effort to play for the championship. Yale knows how to play lacrosse for she has played it before and has played it well, and there is not the slightest reason to suppose that Yale will hesitate to back her team for the College Championship as well as in the National Tournament, once it is determined to put a Twelve in the field. Let us hope the present agitation of the question at Yale will be successful.

Lacrosse as a college sport will be further promoted and receive a great impetus if Yale will only unite to develop the game with Harvard, Princeton and the other colleges who foster it.

If there exists in College any dissatisfaction with the Base Ball Association on account of the subscription now being solicited, it is unjustifiable. Base Ball with a heavy debt to shoulder, no matter how flattering the outlook is, will be heavily handicapped, and the attendance at the Literary entertainments by means of which the Association endeavored to help itself was not enough to warrant continuing them. The Association must have money and there is no other way of obtaining it and more than that, there is no valid objection against the old method. Compared with the amount given to athletics by those colleges which are our athletic rivals, the sum Princeton students have contributed in former years is very insignificant; but to expect without a good subscription to outdo colleges which liberally support their athletic representatives would be folly. Professor Richards in estimating the athletic subscriptions at Yale placed the average amount given by each man at fifteen dollars. Last year each man at Princeton gave one dollar and fifty cents.

With no navy to support at a cost of six or seven thousands of dollars and with foot ball and track athletics self-supporting it is absolutely ridiculous to plead poverty. Last year 4414.92 was given to Base Ball and the Association came out nearly square. What possible reason there is to expect that the present Association will be able to pay past debts and future expenses without that small subscription at least? The objection that, in attending the entertainments, one has supported Base Ball is rendered entirely pointless by the fact that there has been no attendance of any kind at most of the lectures and that whoever went solely out of patriotism to Base Ball got more than the worth of his money. It is certain to be hoped that the appeal will meet with a generous response and that, with old debts paid, the future associations may at least have a fair chance to be self-supporting.

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A chess tournament is in progress at Yale.
Lynch will be in town for ten days more.
Dr. McCoith entered college at the age of 13.
Prof. Thompson has finished his lectures at Yale.
Twenty-two men were practicing lacrosse on Wednesday.
The Glee Club is at the Central M. E. Church, Newark, 26th.
Mr. C. W. McClure has been elected to the 1892 Bricke-Bruc committee.
It is rumored that another Cotillion will be given some time after Lent.
Cooper '86 has been chosen short-stop of the Columbia College nine.
Steinits leads Zirkert by two games in the chess tournament.
The Post for last evening contains a summary of Prof. Karge's recent lecture.
Rev. Richard D. Harlan, '81, addressed the Philadelphia Society last evening.
This pleasant weather has a most diminishing effect on the attendance at the Gym.
The withdrawal of Dartmouth from the base-ball association is universally regretted.
The nine will probably practice on the 'varisty grounds by the middle of next week.
Dutton will umpire the game here with Yale, and Donovan the game with Harvard.
J. Michael Coit, of Saint Paul's School, is the author of a Short Manual of Chemical Arithmetic.
Efforts are being made by the lacrosse management to arrange a practice game with Yale.
The News urges the formation of a lacrosse team at Yale, to enter for the college championship.
A sneak thief stole two good overcoats from Murray Hall last evening during the exercises.
Prof. McMaster presides over the deliberation of the House of Representatives at Univ. of Pa.
The races between George and Myers will take place at the Madison Square Garden on May 1, 8 and 15.
Baker of Harvard has been unwell of late and will perhaps be unable to run in the Moti Haven games.
The '87 "scrub" will play the Prep School nine on Saturday; the '86 "scrub" also play at Lawrenceville.
Those men interested in lacrosse are endeavoring to secure Hamilton Park as a practice ground.—Yale News.
The regular Gynastic exhibition, which was omitted during Commencement week last year, will be held as usual this year under Mr. Turner's direction.

WASHINGTON, April 27.—Mrs. B. W. Wetherell, manufacturer of the Namey Venetian Plinos, 20 and 22 University Place, New York, has at last perfected her invention by which all the best qualities of the ancient Venetian and Greek curtains are united in one;

PHILADELPHIA, April 28.—The Oxford Hash is a man in whose face you would expect to see an Oxford don, but a man in whose pocket you would not have expected to find a puff of tobacco.

Philadelphia, April 29.—The annual meeting of the Namys Venetian Plinos & Co., Manufacturers of American, French and English Collars, in this city, was held at the firm's office yesterday. The firm is now engaged in the manufacture of a new style of collar, which they claim is superior to any other.

NEW YORK, April 30.—A new species of tobacco, called "East India Tobacco," has been introduced into this country by Mr. W. R. Wetherell, manufacturer of the "East India Tobacco," and is said to be of a superior kind.

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Literary Criticism.

Few English Essayists equal Mr. Froude in dealing with historic subjects and this selection from the brilliant "Short Studies on Great Subjects" is a very good one. "Erasmus and Luther," "Spinoza," "The Desolation of the Monasteries," "England's Forgotten Worshippers," "Homer," "Society in Italy in the last days of the Roman Republic," "Lacace," "Divus Career," are the essays reprinted here and one cannot read them without becoming an admirer of Froude's matchless English style. The last four essays are especially interesting to students as being closely connected with their historical and classical studies, and this next and inexpensive edition should have a wide circulation. Whatever one may think of Mr. Alden's methods he certainly has given us some very excellent reprints, and what is more important, a wonderful cheap price. In typography and binding this book is very good indeed.

Magazine of Art for April. The frontispiece, "Sussi," is one of the finest ever published in the paper, and the entire number is excellent. "Sky-Field Sarrey" is a beautifully illustrated paper upon the architectural beauty of an old English mansion, and is by Basil Champneys. Mr. Pollen contributes a very interesting "Chapter on Fireplaces" in which he describes some notable ones. "The Tiber, from Baguiores to the Source" is a continuation of the article upon that subject in March number, and is a very valuable contribution. "The Annunciation in Art," "American Embroideries" and "Art In Phoenicia" are among the other valuable illustrated articles.

Bulletin Elm.

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