

## BROWN CORPORATION,

## ADJOURNED MEETING IN UNIVERSITY HALL YESTERDAY.

## Annual Report of Pres. Andrews.—Review of the Work of the Year.

An adjourned meeting of the Corporation of Brown University was held in University Hall yesterday at 9:45 o'clock. The annual report by the President, Dr. E. B. Andrews, was read.

Since the last meeting of this body only one member of the Corporation has died, Rev. Daniel Leach, D. D. He graduated from this University in the class of 1830, and studied theology two years at the Andover Theological Seminary. After reviewing the chief events in the life of Dr. Leach in eulogistic terms, Dr. Andrews referred to his administrative and scholarly ability and his kind-heartedness and devotion to his Alma Mater. The report recommended that leave of absence be granted Associate Professor W. C. Poland and Professor Alonzo Williams for the coming academic year. Such vacations have often been granted heretofore, but there has never yet been a system of them. The following enactment was recommended: That when any gentleman has served the University as a professor for six consecutive years, whether as assistant, associate or full professor, or partly in one of these grades and partly in another or the others, he shall, if he choose, have for the next, or seventh year, a leave of absence on half salary.

The absence of professors, of course, involves at the time some detriment to the work of the University, but this, it is believed, will be more than offset on the whole, by the addition which the privilege would make to the accomplishments of those availing themselves of it.

The number of students the past year has been decidedly larger than ever before. Three hundred and fifty-eight were in attendance the first half year, three hundred and fifty-four the second. Of these sixteen were non-resident candidates for the degree of Master of Arts, the remainder studying for degrees during the year, two hundred and fourteen were in courses for the degree of Bachelor of Arts, fifty-four in courses for that of Bachelor of Philosophy.

Dr. Andrews briefly touched upon the work of the students which, although perhaps as good as at any previous time, is yet somewhat unsatisfactory. There is a large number who do their best and achieve splendid results. A great enlargement of this class and a benefit to the college community in general will probably result from the presence of graduate students pursuing critical investigations. The faculty have also displayed unwonted zeal in recent months.

Large professional exhibition marks nearly our whole teaching force. Much literary and scientific writing has been done by members of our faculty. Especially must reference be made to the amount of loyal toil for the University, aside from teaching, done in various ways by so many, such as oversight of buildings in construction, making the catalogue and the alumni circular, and soliciting funds and materials. Dr. Andrews referred also to the new buildings which are being completed, as the Ladd Observatory, Lyman Gymnasium and Wilson Hall and the beneficial results which will result from their completion. The announcement of the G. A. R. fellowship was also made. The Philadelphia Alumni Association have also undertaken to raise \$10,000 to establish a fellowship. The report recommended that the money derived from the Fayerweather bequest, which will probably amount to about \$50,000, be made a library fund. No other of the many needs of the University is at present so pressing. The report dwelt at length on the detailed facts concerning the agricultural fund. In regard to University Extension, Dr. Andrews spoke enthusiastically, stating that Brown University has an opportunity vastly to increase its influence and usefulness by this extra force teaching.

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be ready for use by the opening of the college year.

During the summer the east end of Rhode Island Hall will be entirely renovated and Prof. Jenks will fit it up as an anthropological museum, defraying the expense out of his own pocket. It was voted by the corporation to name this the Jenks Museum of Zoology, as a memorial of the generous donor.

The vacancy in the corporation caused by the death of Rev. Daniel Leach was not filled at 4 p. m. The body adjourned to convene again at the regular meeting in September.

## Entrance Examinations at Brown.

The entrance examinations to Brown University were held yesterday, and will be continued to-day. The number in attendance is rather small, one taking the finals for the B. P. course and three for the A. B. course. There are nine taking their preliminaries. The number taking the examinations is no criterion by which to judge the class of next year, for all the best preparatory schools enter students on certificates. Dr. Andrews considers the outlook for the entering class very favorable, and only yesterday morning said that it will undoubtedly be a large one.

Gardner Colby of New York, Treasurer of the Lincoln Fund, has presented some very interesting statistics in connection with that fund. The total amount is \$100,467 33, made up of 232 subscriptions from the alumni and 77 subscriptions from friends of the college. The class of 1884 has the largest number of individual subscribers, 15. The class of '88 ranks first, according to amount of subscription, \$13,050. The largest subscription was \$12,000.

The song book has met with a very good sale, between 400 and 500 having been disposed of.

F. G. Cressey of the graduating class intends to spend the summer at Block Island, and in September will return to his home in Los Angeles, Cal.

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It was recommended that the extension of University teaching into the larger communities of and near Rhode Island, so far as may prove practicable, be adopted as a department of the work of Brown University, and that permission be given to members of the faculty to engage in it, subject to the condition that they first fully and faithfully discharge their college duties, it being understood and provided that the University is to be put to no expense whatever for any of these purposes.

The Advisory and Executive Committee recommend that Wilfred Harold Munro be made Associate Professor of History in the University, and Director of the University Extension, having from the University no salary for the latter function. Mr. Munro is admirably adapted for this office. A Rhode Islander, graduated from Brown University in the class of 1870, he has had many years of experience in teaching and in responsible school management. He has travelled much, and knows this State well, and is a fine writer, speaker and teacher.

Dr. Andrews also discussed the advisability of establishing co-education in connection with the University. At the recommendation of the committee appointed in 1888 to examine the feasibility of this movement, the faculty has prepared a scheme by which women might be admitted to college examination and receive certificates of proficiency.

The conditions embodied in the faculty's report are as follows: First—They shall take the entrance examinations at the same times and places and under the same conditions as young men. Second—The advanced examinations they shall take at the college. Third—in order to be admitted to advanced examinations, candidates must have passed all the entrance examinations and all examinations which cover the work of previous terms; but candidates may present certificates in place of entrance examinations, subject to the same conditions which apply to young men. Fourth—The subjects for women's examinations, when not identical with those in the courses of instruction given in college, shall in all cases closely correspond to them. Fifth—For an entire set of entrance examinations or of advanced examinations, each candidate shall pay \$10. For any extra examinations the fee shall be at the rate of \$20 per set. Reports of proficiency will be given after all examinations. Upon the satisfactory completion of any course of study, candidates will receive certificates of their attainments.

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The faculty report on the granting of certificates to women after passing certain examinations was referred to a committee which will report upon it at the regular meeting of the corporation in September. At that time it will be made a special order of business.

The Land Grant Fund was discussed and it was understood that the committee on this question should act with full power in this matter, and should decide upon the disposition of the fund.

As to Hope College, it was voted to proceed at once with the renovation of the whole building. The plans were submitted to the inspection of the members of the corporation. Work will be begun immediately, so that the dormitory may



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