



THE OLD CAMPUS IN THE CONSULSHIP OF PLANCUS

What the Professional Schools are Doing

The Graduate School

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OF late the attention of the alumni has naturally been focused upon the establishment of the Freshman Year and upon the changes in Yale College and the Sheffield Scientific School. What has occurred in the Graduate School has not been emphasized, although the reconstruction programme of this School will be shown to be of very great significance. It is planned to make the Graduate School the clearing-house for research and also a place where men and women may obtain the equipment and training both in science and in the humanities which is necessary for investigators and for teachers. This plan will create a great School of varied activities, properly organized and correlated with all the undergraduate and professional Schools of the University.

Last year the Corporation placed under the control of the Graduate School the degree of Master of Science, the higher engineering degrees, the Certificate in Public Health. It also created the degree of Doctor of Public Health. This action required an enlargement of the administrative mechanism of the School and the formation of new departments or groups of study. A department of General Bacteriology and Public Health, as then constituted, will provide studies leading to the M.S. and Ph.D. degrees as well as to the degrees in Public Health. Another department provides studies for the M.A. degree in architecture and in the history and criticism of the Fine Arts. The five departments in engineering—Civil, Mechanical, Engineering Mechanics, Electrical, Mining and Metallurgy—were formed into one of the four main Divisions of the School. These Divisions comprised, besides Engineering, (1) Language, Literature, and the Arts; (2) History and the Social Sciences; and (3) Mathematics and the Natural Sciences. They consider questions which immediately

concern them, and exercise certain definite functions, such as the recommendation for degrees, which are usually assigned to the Faculty. Altogether the Divisions are composed of twenty-five departments or groups of study. Since 1916 the general administration of the School has been in the hands of an Executive Board. However, by a recent act of the Corporation, there has been created in its place a Body of Permanent Officers, having the same powers as similar bodies in the other Schools. The reorganization of the Graduate School, on its administrative side, is now complete.

The unification of advanced studies has thus been carried much farther at Yale than is common in American universities. The immediate success of the experiment will depend on the character and ability of the men who constitute the Board of Permanent Officers and upon the assistance they receive from other Faculties.

Proper correlation of studies, so as to bring together the resources of the University, is, and always must be, a continuing process. An aid to the desired end will be the recent departmentalization of the University. Those departments which begin in Yale College or the Sheffield Scientific School lead towards the Graduate School, and, in many instances, there have already been laid out courses of study closely connecting undergraduate with graduate work. On this principle there has just been planned a course in Preparation for Business leading to the M.A. degree. Other departments extend through the Graduate School into the professional Schools. Social and Political Science, for example, includes in its group members of the School of Law; and Physiology, Physiological Chemistry, and Pharmacology extend into the School of Medicine. Recently there has been organized, in conjunction with the Divinity School, a group of studies in the Philosophy of Religion and in Historical and Contemporary Religion. In addition, the appointment of Dr. Frank