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WITH this issue The Weekly begins a series on the various departments of the University, additional articles in which will appear from time to time as space is available. The present paper on the Department of History, Politics, and Economics, which is contributed by Professor Edward G. Elliott '97, the newly elected Dean of the College, indicates in a general way the purpose of the series, namely, to outline the history and development of each department, its organization, curriculum, and methods of teaching, available library facilities, with suggestions of additional facilities needed, graduate course, etc. Such a series, we believe, will be read with interest by the alumni, and will be particularly welcome, we trust, to those who have not had the opportunity of keeping themselves informed with regard to Princeton's inner development in recent years, the growth of her distinctively intellectual life.

IN ADDITION to designing the University Library and Alexander, the late William Appleton Potter was architect of University and Witherspoon Halls, the School of Science building, and Stuart Hall at the Theological Seminary. He was not, however, architect of Marquand Chapel, as stated in our last issue.

THE NEW YORK MEETING in commemoration of the late President Cleveland is announced by Mayor George B. McClellan '86 to take place on March 18th. At 3.00 p. m. in Carnegie Hall Mayor McClellan will preside and the addresses will be by President Taft, Chief Justice Fuller of the Supreme Court, and Governor Hughes. A memorial poem will also be read by Richard Watson Gilder. The Rev. Dr. William R. Richards, pastor of the Brick Presbyterian Church, will offer the invocation, and the Rev. Samuel Schulman, pastor of Temple Beth-El,

strides in the past ten years; the magnificent new building with its stacks and seminar rooms gave a big impetus to its development, and the library in English History and the seminar library in Economics are an honor to their donors and a perpetual source of pleasure and profit to the users; but in European History, in American Colonial History, and in Politics there is great need of increased

funds for current purchases, and of an endowment which will permit of the purchase of sources of all kinds. There are constantly recurring opportunities to purchase entire libraries that would be of inestimable value, but they must be passed by. A further equipment of the library in these fields is essential before we can hope to do extended graduate work in them.

## *Theodore Ledyard Cuyler '41*

**T**HE death of the Rev. Theodore Ledyard Cuyler '41, D.D., LL.D., removes one of Princeton's most eminent graduates, who has long been a prominent figure in a wide range of beneficent works for humanity.

Dr. Cuyler died at his home in Brooklyn, Feb. 26, of debility due to his advanced age. He was in his eighty-eighth year. A week before his death he made one of his characteristically vigorous addresses at the Lincoln Memorial meeting in his old church. The funeral was held on Monday, March 1, at the Lafayette Avenue Church of Brooklyn, of which he was pastor for thirty years, and the burial was at the Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, March 2. He is survived by his invalid wife, one son, Theodore L. Cuyler, and one daughter, Mrs. Mary Cheesman of Auburn, N. Y. A service in memory of Dr. Cuyler is to be held at the Lafayette Avenue Church on Friday, March 5, and next Sunday Dr. McAfee, his successor, will preach on the life and influence of Dr. Cuyler.

Only six members of the Class of '41 now survive, and of the classes graduated before Dr. Cuyler's, only six members survive.

During his long life Dr. Cuyler had as friends a remarkable number of famous men. His acquaintance with so many celebrities and his lively memory of their conversations made his "Recollections," published a few years ago, a notable contribution to American autobiography. He was personally acquainted with Wordsworth, Dickens, Carlyle, Gladstone, Dr. John Brown, Dean Stanley, the Earl of Shaft-

bury, Washington Irving, Whittier, Daniel Webster, Horace Greeley, Lincoln, and many other immortals. His recollections of Presidents Carnahan, Maclean and McCosh, of Joseph Henry and the other eminent teachers of his college and seminary days, are of particular interest to Princeton men.

Dr. Cuyler was born in Auburn, N. Y., Jan. 10, 1822. His father, Benjamin Ledyard Cuyler, a lawyer, died when the son was only four years old. He was an only child, and his mother took him to his grandfather's farm, where he spent the next seven or eight years. In his "Recollections" Dr. Cuyler says: "That early work on the farm did much toward providing a stock of physical health that has enabled me to preach for fifty-six years without ever having spent a single Sabbath on a sick bed!"

At the age of thirteen he was sent to the Hill Top School at Mendham, N. J., the journey from Western New York in a stage coach requiring three days and two nights. At sixteen he entered Princeton, graduating at nineteen. A brief account of the "primitive institution" of those days was reproduced from his "Recollections" in *The Weekly* of Dec. 20, 1902. Dr. Cuyler concluded that account as follows: "During the past threescore years it has been my privilege to deliver between sixty and seventy sermons or addresses in Princeton, either to the students of the University or of the Theological Seminary, or to the residents of the town. The place has become inexpressibly dear to me as a magnificent stronghold of Christian culture and orthodox faith, on the

walls of whose institutions the smile of God gleams like the light of the morning. O Princeton, Princeton! in the name of the thousands of thy loyal sons, let me gratefully say, 'If we forget thee, may our right hands forget their cunning, and our tongues cleave to the roofs of our mouths.'

Immediately after his graduation Dr. Cuyler visited Great Britain, making the acquaintance of Wordsworth, Dickens, Carlyle and other celebrities. Returning to Princeton he entered the Theological Seminary and was licensed to preach in 1846. For six months he supplied a pulpit in Wyoming Valley, Pa., and for three years was pastor at Burlington, N. J., going from there to Trenton as pastor of the Third Presbyterian Church. In 1853 he took charge of the Market Street Dutch Reformed Church in New York, where his preaching, appealing particularly to young men, attracted large congregations. All who have had the pleasure of hearing Dr. Cuyler preach will appreciate this excerpt from his "Recollections": "Those who have sat before my pulpit will testify that I never spared my lungs or their ears in the delivery of my discourses. The preaching of the Gospel is spiritual gunnery, and many a well-loaded cartridge has failed to reach its mark from lack of powder to propel it."

Dr. Cuyler began his ministry in the Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn, as its first pastor, in 1860. Starting with 140 members, he built up one of the strongest churches in the country. During this and his former pastorate in New York he was known

as "one of the great reformers," because of his vigorous support of the Children's Aid Society, the Five Points Mission, and the National Temperance Society.

At the outbreak of the Civil War Dr. Cuyler offered his services to the Christian Commission, and during the struggle he preached to the soldiers in Washington.

In 1890 Dr. Cuyler retired from active pastoral work, declining the offer of the Lafayette Avenue Church to make him pastor emeritus. Since that time he had been active in temperance reform, in Y. M. C. A. and Sunday-school work, and in numerous philanthropies.

In his autobiography Dr. Cuyler relates that he "wrote the first article for the first number of the 'Nassau Monthly',"—now the Lit. Soon after completing his course at the Seminary he began contributing to the religious press, and his writings with the title "Under the Catalpa" became widely known throughout the world. The extent of their publication has been estimated at at least four thousand articles, printed in at least two hundred million copies. In addition he was the author of twenty-two volumes, eight of which have been translated into foreign languages. Among his best known books, in addition to his "Recollections of a Long Life," are "Mountain Tops with Jesus," "How to be a Pastor," "Christianity in the Home," "God's Light on Dark Clouds," "Heart Life," "Beulah-Land," "Newly Enlisted," "The Eagle's Nest," and "From the Nile to Norway."

## The Baseball Outlook

**B**ASEBALL practice began in the Cage immediately after Washington's Birthday, under the direction of W. B. Cosgrave '04, who has been appointed coach for the season. About fifty candidates responded to the first call.

The losses from last year's championship team are Harlan, left field; Heyniger, pitcher; Wister, center field, and Fish, first base. All of these able players are now out of college. Those remaining include Dawson, catcher; Dillon, second base; Sides, third base, and

Warwick, right field. Vaughn, shortstop, who was elected captain at the close of last year's season, is back in his studies and therefore not at present available. Dillon, also, has not been out, though it is possible that he will join the squad later. A candid examination of the situation leaves no ground for flattering hopes of another championship this year. With so many veterans gone, including such a remarkable pitcher as Heyniger and almost all of the reliable batters, this year's team must be built up practically from the beginning, only three