

FOUR YEAR COURSE FOR JOURNALISM SCHOOL

New Columbia Department Endowed by Pulitzer

Graduates Will Receive the Degree of "Bachelor of Literature" Easy Entrance Requirements

New York, March 23.—After an all-day session at Columbia, the Administrative Board of the Pulitzer School of Journalism announced last night the plans adopted for the conduct of the new department. It has been decided to make the entrance requirements as liberal as possible; the course is to consume four years, and the degree of Bachelor of Literature will be awarded upon the successful completion of the work.

Talcott Williams, Associate Editor of The Philadelphia Press, who will direct the school, presided at the meeting of the board yesterday. The other members present were Prof. John W. Cunliffe of the University of Wisconsin, Dean Keppel, and Professors Trent, Seager, Shotwell, A. H. Thorndike, and Beard of the Columbia Faculty. The only member of the board not present was President Butler of Columbia, who is out of town.

In announcing the plans decided upon by the Board of Administration, Prof. Cunliffe said that students coming from the secondary schools would be admitted upon entrance examinations very similar to those now given by the College Entrance Examination Board. But Prof. Cunliffe said he desired to make it clear that applicants for admission to the School of Journalism who were prepared to offer satisfactory evidence of their fitness to pursue the work, would be admitted at the discretion of the Faculty, even though they might not have completed a full secondary school course. College graduates, he added, would be admitted without examination. It would be possible, Prof. Cunliffe declared, for men holding the baccalaureate degree to complete the course within a year or two.

The subjects to be taught in the school will be divided into two classes, technical and academic. The academic branches will be given, so far as possible, in the first two years. Members of the present University Faculty will give nearly all of the academic courses, but practical newspaper men will be appointed to each the so-called technical subjects. In this connection, it is believed, the school will take over the publication of The Columbia Spectator, the daily newspaper now issued by Columbia undergraduates, but this has not been definitely settled.

Prof. Cunliffe said last night that the Administrative Board would follow Mr. Pulitzer's suggestions for the school as closely as possible. In an essay by Mr. Pulitzer, published in The North American Review in May, 1904, the subjects that should be taught in a school of journalism

were outlined. The writer favored a training in English style, and courses in the essentials of law, with special emphasis on the law of franchises, monopolies, common carriers, labor and capital. It was pointed out at Columbia last night that the subjects named are now offered by the Faculties of Law and Political Science.

Mr. Pulitzer also advocated courses in ethics; history with attention to political history and the history of journalism; a study of truth and accuracy, sociology, economics, arbitration, statistics, modern languages, especially French and German, the former for the training in lucid expression, and the latter for value as a medium for all other languages and literatures; and, last of all, as the climax of the course, a study of news. According to Mr. Pulitzer's conception, the purpose of a school of journalism should be not the mere making of successful newspaper editors and reporters, but the education of men who would see to the welfare of the Republic.

Annual Convention Zionists

The Annual Convention of the Federation of American Zionists with which are affiliated the Order Sons of Zion, Young Judaea, and the Poale Zion organization of America, will be held in Cleveland, beginning on June 30, and continuing for three days. The details of the Convention are being prepared by a committee of Cleveland Zionists co-operating with the Executive Committee of the Federation.

This will be one of the most important conventions ever held by the Federation. During the year the affairs of the Federation have materially improved—its influence and the confidence of all Zionists in its competence having made it the leading Federation of the Zionist movement. There has been an increase in the number of societies, and cordial relations has been established with all party groups—with the Poale Zionists, with the Knights of Zion, and with the various groups that have not in the past worked in harmony. Local Councils have been re-organized and placed in the hands of responsible people. In various cities, Zion Associations have been formed, notably one in New York City, in which are included a number of the leading women Zionists of the metropolis.

It is estimated there will be over two hundred accredited delegates to the convention in Cleveland, with a large number of visitors.

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