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FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

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ON THE

AMERICAN SCHOOL OF CLASSICAL STUDIES AT ATHENS.

To the Executive Committee of the Archæological Institute :

GENTLEMEN, — As Chairman of the Committee appointed at the Annual Meeting of the Institute on May 21, 1881, to devise a plan for the creation at Athens of an American School of Classical Literature, Art, and Antiquities, and to carry the plan into immediate execution should it appear well to do so, I have the honor to submit the following Report: —

The Committee held its first meeting at Cambridge on June 22, 1881. At this meeting two plans for the establishment of the School were discussed. The one proposed to found it upon the basis of an endowment of at least \$100,000, to be collected by subscription and invested before the School should be opened; the other to open it at once with a temporary and less elaborate organization, under the auspices of some of the leading American Colleges, the work of accumulating a permanent fund continuing in the

mean time. The Committee adjourned without coming to a decision.

In October Mr. Frederic J. de Peyster, of New York, was added to the Committee. At a meeting held at Boston on November 5, the Chairman reported that gentlemen in authority in several Universities had been consulted, and had signified the probable hearty co-operation of the institutions with which they were connected in the scheme of founding the School under the auspices of American Colleges. The Committee thereupon adopted the second of the two plans proposed in June, and appointed a Sub-Committee to prepare for publication a brief statement of the general project of the Archæological Institute for the creation of a School of Classical Studies at Athens and of the plan proposed to be put into effect, and to address a letter to the Presidents of the Colleges which were to be invited to co-operate in the foundation of the School. These documents follow.

PROJECT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AMERICAN
SCHOOL OF CLASSICAL STUDIES AT ATHENS.

THE Archæological Institute of America has had for some time under discussion a project for the creation at Athens of an American School of Classical Literature, Art, and Antiquities, upon the plan of the well-known French and German Schools already established there. At the last Annual Meeting of the Instituté, a Committee was appointed to devise a method for carrying this project into execution.

The permanent establishment of the School as an independent institution, subject to the control of a Managing Com-

mittee chosen by the Archæological Institute, would require a fund of at least \$100,000, to provide for the salary of the Director, the rent and care of a house, the purchase of books, and the various expensés which might be incurred in carrying on the work of the School.

The building of the School should contain apartments for the Director and his family, and suitable rooms for the meetings, collections, and library. Eventually, when the resources of the School warranted it, there might be in the building rooms for its students.

The School would be in charge of a Director of recognized ability and attainments, appointed for such time as the Managing Committee might deem proper. It would be the duty of the Director to superintend the work of the members, and to send yearly to the Managing Committee a full Report of the work accomplished by the School.

Every member would prepare, during each year of his membership, a thesis embodying original research upon some subject within the province of the School. These theses, if approved by the Director, would be sent by him to the Managing Committee.

Upon the completion of his course of three years, each member would receive from the Director and the Committee a certificate setting forth those branches of study to which he had devoted himself.

It is hoped that the Archæological Institute may be able to undertake the publication of a regular illustrated periodical, similar in character to the *Bulletin* of the French School at Athens, to contain the reports and theses of the School at Athens and other contributions of merit, as well as archæological news.

Such, in brief, is the project of the Committee of the Institute, for the permanent foundation of the American School at Athens.

But, that time may not be lost while the permanent fund is accumulating, it has been thought desirable, if possible, to open the School at once, with a temporary and less elaborate organization, under the auspices of some of our leading Colleges. The cordial support of Harvard, Yale, Johns Hopkins, Cornell, and Brown Universities is already assured to the plan; and every effort will be made to have the American School at work in Greece next autumn.

Dec. 20, 1881.

JOHN WILLIAMS WHITE (*Chairman*).
 E. W. GURNEY.
 ALBERT HARKNESS.
 THOMAS W. LUDLOW.
 FRANCIS W. PALFREY.
 FREDERIC J. DE PEYSTER.

CAMBRIDGE, Dec. 20, 1881.

To the President of _____

SIR, — The undersigned, a Committee of the Archæological Institute of America on the establishment of an American School of Classical Studies at Athens, desire to secure the interest and support of _____ in the establishment and maintenance of the proposed School.

There is no need to set forth at length the benefit to Classical studies in this country which may be derived from an American School of a similar character to the French and German Schools at Athens. The accompanying paper contains a statement of the design of the School.

In order to carry this project into execution, united action on the part of our leading Universities and Colleges is required, and the Committee is desirous of learning from you whether the _____ of which you are the head, will take part in the work.

So long as the School has no permanent fund for its sup-

port, it is proposed that the Director of the School be chosen for a term of one or two years from among the Professors or Teachers of Greek in the various Universities and Colleges uniting in the scheme, and that a salary as Instructor be continued to him by the University or College to whose Faculty he may belong, during his term of residence in Athens.

It is desirable that each of the Institutions sharing in the support of the School should undertake to offer to its students one or more fellowships for a residence of not less than two years at the School, to be obtained as the reward for distinguished proficiency in Classical studies during the undergraduate course.

In the lack of a permanent fund, a certain sum, not more than \$2,500 annually, must be pledged for the necessary expenses in Athens, for rent, wages, etc. Of this sum \$250 a year has been pledged already by gentlemen connected with Harvard College, for a term of ten years, or for a shorter term provided that a permanent fund be obtained meanwhile for the support of the School; and it is hoped that a similar subscription may be obtained from the *alumni* or friends of each College or University that shall join in carrying the project into execution.

We have received assurance of the cordial co-operation in the scheme of Harvard, Yale, Johns Hopkins, Cornell, and Brown Universities.

May we have the satisfaction of receiving also that of _____, on the general terms of this circular? And may we request the honor of an early reply to this communication?

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These documents were sent to the Presidents of Harvard, Yale, Brown, Amherst, Cornell, Johns Hopkins, College of the City of New York, Michigan University, Columbia, University of Virginia, College of New Jersey, and, subsequently, to those of Union, Trinity, Wesleyan, and Dartmouth.

The answers received were in the main so favorable that the Committee determined to open the School in the autumn of 1882, and in February, 1882, invited W. W. Goodwin, Eliot Professor of Greek Literature at Harvard University, to become its Director for the first year. In a letter received the middle of March, Professor Goodwin accepted the Directorship. The Corporation of Harvard University had previously signified that in case of his acceptance they would allow him during the year of his absence a salary of \$3,000. In March the following gentlemen accepted membership on the Committee: Professor Henry Drisler, of Columbia College; Professor Basil L. Gildersleeve, of Johns Hopkins University; Professor Lewis R. Packard, of Yale College; Professor William M. Sloane, of the College of New Jersey. It was subsequently voted that the President of the Archæological Institute and the Director of the School should be *ex-officio* members of the Committee, which therefore now numbers twelve.

A meeting was held in New York on April 6, at which Mr. Thomas W. Ludlow was appointed the Secretary of the Committee, and Mr. Frederic J. de