

Soc'y of Man. Govern.

Archæological Institute of America.

FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
MANAGING COMMITTEE
OF THE
AMERICAN SCHOOL OF CLASSICAL
STUDIES AT ATHENS.

1881-84.

[REPRINTED.]



CAMBRIDGE:
JOHN WILSON AND SON.

University Press.

1886.

Archæological Institute of America.

FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

MANAGING COMMITTEE

OF THE

AMERICAN SCHOOL OF CLASSICAL
STUDIES AT ATHENS.

1881-84.

[REPRINTED.]



CAMBRIDGE:
JOHN WILSON AND SON.
University Press.
1886.

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE COMMITTEE

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 Institute, 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 expenses 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?

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

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

Peyster the Treasurer of its funds. The Chairman reported favorable answers to the circular and letter sent out on Dec. 20, 1881, from Harvard, Yale, Brown, Amherst, Johns Hopkins, College of the City of New York, Columbia, College of New Jersey, and Wesleyan. The annual subscriptions of these Colleges amount to \$2,250. Most of them are made for ten years; the remainder for a shorter time, but with the confident expectation that they will be continued during the entire period. Trinity, much to the regret of the Committee, was unable to co-operate. Five Colleges have not yet made final answer.

The Treasurer was authorized to call in the subscription of each College on the 1st of June of each year, to meet the expenses of the School during the following year. Semi-annual meetings of the Committee were appointed to be held in New York on the third Friday of November, in Boston on the third Friday of May. The further deliberations of the Committee are embodied in a circular, to be published immediately, which a Sub-Committee was requested to prepare for the information of the public.

In conclusion, the Committee hope to obtain for the School through the Institute the good offices of the United States Government, in order that the Director may have every facility afforded him in carrying on his work, and would be glad to receive from members of the Institute the suggestion of desirable undertakings in

archæological research to be attempted by members of the School. The Committee do not propose to make an immediate appeal for a permanent endowment. The present plan closely unites Colleges whose interests are in some respects diverse in the furtherance of an object, the promotion of which will be creditable to American scholarship. Such union must in itself be fraught with good results. When the School, under the management of the Colleges, shall have demonstrated its usefulness, the Committee confidently believe that means for its establishment upon a permanent basis will not be wanting.

JOHN WILLIAMS WHITE,
Chairman.

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE COMMITTEE

ON THE

AMERICAN SCHOOL OF CLASSICAL STUDIES AT ATHENS.

TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
ARCHÆOLOGICAL INSTITUTE:

GENTLEMEN, — In the year that has passed since the Committee had the honor to offer its first Report, the plan of organization of the School of Classical Studies there presented has been successfully carried into execution. The School has been established in Athens, and has passed through the critical period of the first year of its existence with credit; at home its interests have been administered with care, and it has been strengthened by the generous support of new friends.

In addition to the nine Colleges already reported, five others have accepted the invitation of the Committee to co-operate in the support of the School, — Dartmouth, Cornell, Michigan University, the University of Virginia, and the University of California. Four others to whom the invitation was sent have not

yet made final answer, — Union, Williams, Bowdoin, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The supporting Colleges now number fourteen. Their subscriptions amount to \$3,500 annually, which will be the income of the School during its second year. These subscriptions were made in the majority of instances, not from the funds of each College, but through the generosity of its alumni and other friends. Some of them are made for a shorter term than the ten years during which the School is to be maintained on its present plan, but with the hope on the part of the gentlemen having them in charge that they will be continued during the entire period. The earnestness shown by the friends of Classical Studies in obtaining support for the School, and the almost uniform success with which their efforts have been attended, is an encouraging omen of its ultimate permanent endowment.

At its first semi-annual meeting, held in New York on Nov. 17, 1882, the Committee unanimously invited Lewis R. Packard, Hillhouse Professor of Greek in Yale College, to become the Director of the School during its second year; and the invitation was accepted. The continuance of the direction of the School with scholarship and vigor is thus happily assured. At this meeting Professor W. S. Tyler of Amherst College, and Professor J. C. Van Benschoten of Wesleyan University, were made members of the Committee. Professors Packard and Gilder-

sleeve and Mr. Ludlow were appointed a sub-committee on the Publications of the School, to report at the semi-annual meeting in May. The post-office address of the Secretary of the Committee was announced to have been changed to Yonkers, N. Y. The addresses of the Chairman and Treasurer remain as heretofore.

The School was opened by the Director, Professor W. W. Goodwin, at Athens, Oct. 2, 1882, in a roomy and convenient house on the 'Οδὸς Ἀμαλίας. This house is occupied by the Director and his family; but one large *salon* is devoted to the exclusive use of the members of the School, as library and reading-room. The house was taken empty, and has been furnished by the Committee at an expense, approximately stated, of \$1,075. It proved to be impossible to find, as was first intended, a suitable house already furnished. The other expenditures of the Committee, — all the items except the first being stated approximately, — have been \$1,000 to the Director for house-rent, \$1,225 for books, and \$200 for incidentals. The total amount of the expenditure, \$3,500, is therefore in excess by \$500 of the present year's income. The Committee, however, felt justified in trenching upon the income of the second year, since during that year the receipts of the School would be larger, \$3,500, and the outlay for furniture inconsiderable. The library now numbers about 400 volumes, exclusive of sets of periodicals. Some of these the School owes to

the generosity of the Hon. Eugene Schuyler, Minister of the United States to the Kingdom of Greece, who has in many other ways also furthered its interests. The School is likewise indebted to the American Philological Association for the gift of a complete set of its Transactions. In the opinion of the Director, urgently expressed in many letters, the library should be largely increased at once. It is hoped that this may be done by contributions from friends of the School, made independently of the annual subscriptions. The Committee will be able from the funds at its disposal to enlarge the library only slowly and gradually. A new and considerable item of expense in subsequent years will be the cost of its own Publications.

There have been seven regular members of the School during the past year. Besides these, Dr. Bevier of Baltimore has, according to the terms of the circular issued in May, 1882, enjoyed its privileges during the winter without being regularly enrolled. The regular members of the School have been the following:—

John M. Crow, A. B. (Waynesbury College), Ph. D. (Syracuse University).

Harold North Fowler, A. B. (Harvard University, 1880).

Paul Shorey, A. B. (Harvard University, 1878), holder of the Kirkland Fellowship in Harvard University.

J. R. S. Sterrett, University of Virginia, Ph. D. (Munich, 1880).

F. H. Taylor, Wesleyan University.

James R. Wheeler, A. B. (University of Vermont, 1880),
Graduate Student of Harvard University.

Frank E. Woodruff, A. B. (University of Vermont, 1875),
B. D. (Union Theological Seminary), holder of a Fellowship in the Union Theological Seminary.

The majority of these gentlemen had already studied abroad, some of them for a period of years, when they became members of the School. All of them will complete a full year's work except Mr. Woodruff, who was called during the winter to a professorship in the Andover Theological Seminary, and found it necessary to leave Athens for Germany.

Each member has pursued some definite subject of study, and will finally embody the results of his work in a thesis, which may be published in the Bulletin of the School. Dr. Sterrett, for example, is to edit the inscriptions found at Assos by the explorers despatched thither by the Institute; Mr. Wheeler is investigating the Theatre of Dionysus, after a new survey begun by Ziller and completed by Mr. Bacon of the Assos Expedition; Mr. Shorey has made studies preparatory to an edition of Theocritus; Mr. Fowler will present a thesis upon the Erechtheum; and Dr. Crow, aided by Mr. Clarke, leader of the Assos Expedition, with a careful survey, hopes to settle definitely some of the vexed questions relating to the Pnyx.

Each Wednesday evening since November a meeting has been held at the library of the School, at which

a paper was presented by the Director or one of the members, which was then discussed. Among the subjects so discussed have been the Olympieum, the Agora, the Battle of Salamis, and the Theseum. The aim has been to investigate some important subject, however well known, a thorough knowledge of which is necessary to the archæologist, and has been forcibly stated by the Director. Under date of 3d December he writes: "I advised the members not to try to write papers on subjects never before discussed; as it is just this striving after the absolutely new which makes most scientific meetings so uninteresting and unintelligible." These meetings have been attended by other persons besides the members of the School, chiefly Americans, who asked to be permitted to come. Meetings have been held each week also, on Friday evenings, for the study of Æschylus and Thucydides. The Director speaks in the highest terms of the industry and enthusiasm of the members.

On Saturdays, excursions have been made to places of historic interest within easy reach of Athens. Longer tours to the Peloponnesus and to Delphi were planned for the last part of the year. In the rule published by the Committee requiring members to prosecute their studies for eight months of the year in Greece, the Director has interpreted "Greece" to mean all places in which Greek settlements were made and in which Greek antiquity can be studied. Under this interpretation Mr. Fowler went to Sicily to visit Syracuse, Agri-

gentum, etc., and Dr. Sterrett spent six weeks at Assos. During the summer Dr. Sterrett is, by special invitation, to go to Asia Minor with Mr. W. M. Ramsay, who is sent out under the auspices of the Society for the Promotion of Hellenic Studies.

As the result of steps taken by the Committee, the Director received an official communication in December from the Secretary of State at Washington, enclosing one from the Hon. John Eaton, United States Commissioner of Education, appointing him an Agent of the Bureau of Education, and recommending him to the kind consideration of foreign officials. But apart from this, the Director has been received with the greatest kindness by all with whom he has had to do, from his Majesty the King of the Hellenes, and his prime minister, to the ordinary citizen. The School is already looked upon with favor as a permanent institution, creditable alike to Athens and to the United States.

JOHN WILLIAMS WHITE,
Chairman.

THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE COMMITTEE

ON THE

AMERICAN SCHOOL OF CLASSICAL STUDIES AT ATHENS.

To the Executive Committee of the Archaeological Institute:

GENTLEMEN, — At a meeting held in New York on April 6, 1882, the Committee in charge of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens, then numbering ten members, appointed a sub-committee of two to draw up for publication a statement of the manner in which the School had been organized, the object of its establishment, and the regulations by which it was to be controlled. This statement was based upon the "Project for the Establishment of an American School of Classical Studies at Athens" and the accompanying letter, addressed to the Presidents of the Colleges which were to be invited to co-operate in the foundation of the School, which had been published in December, 1881, (see First Report, pages 4-7,) with such changes of detail as the Committee had subsequently made. This statement has since been modified from time to time by the action of the Committee. I have now the honor to present it to you at the end of this Report in

codified form as the body of Regulations by which the School is controlled. I have prefixed to this Report at the same time the names of the Managing Committee of the School, of the Directors of the School, and of the Colleges uniting in its support.

By vote of the Committee on November 16, 1883, the Chairman was instructed to extend an invitation to the University of Pennsylvania to unite with the Colleges associated in support of the School. This invitation was accepted. The co-operating Colleges now number fifteen. Much to the regret of the Committee three Colleges to which the invitation had been extended have signified during the present year their inability to co-operate,—Williams College, Bowdoin College, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

By vote of the Committee on May 18, 1883, Professor Martin L. D'Ooge of the University of Michigan was made a member of the Managing Committee, and Professor W. W. Goodwin of Harvard University, who had previously been an *ex officio* member as Director of the School, was made a permanent member. The resignation of Professor E. W. Gurney of Harvard University was received and reluctantly accepted at the meeting on November 16, 1883. Professor Gurney was one of the five members of the Committee as first appointed by the Institute, and to him is largely due the successful development of the plan on which the School was organized.

At this meeting the Committee unanimously invited J. C. Van Benschoten, Professor of Greek in Wesleyan University, to become the Director of the School during its third year; and the invitation was subsequently accepted. The Committee congratulates itself on the acceptance of Professor Van Benschoten, who from previous residence in Greece, large topographical knowledge of the country, and interest in archaeological studies, is singularly well fitted to undertake the direction of the School. The Committee further changed the regulation by which the Director could be elected only from the Professors of Greek in the Colleges uniting in support of the School, and threw the directorship open to Professors generally in the co-operating Colleges. In accordance with a vote passed at this meeting the Chairman and Secretary, on January 10, 1884, sent a circular letter to the President and Faculty, and also to the Professor of Greek, of each co-operating College, stating what opportunities for classical study the School affords; inviting them to bring these opportunities, extended free of charge for tuition, to the attention of their students; and asking them to urge upon their Trustees the advantages to be gained by the creation of travelling scholarships to facilitate the attendance at the School of graduates of moderate means. The attendance at the School was larger during the first year than it has been during the second. This was to be expected, since opportunities for systematic study at Athens

under skilled direction were then offered for the first time to American students, and immediately attracted to the School pupils who have subsequently returned to other parts of Europe and to America for the completion of their studies. There is good reason to believe that a number of competent students will be in attendance at the School during the coming year.

The second year of the School was opened by the Director, Professor Lewis R. Packard, at Athens, October 6, 1883, in the house on the 'Οδὸς Ἀμαλίας occupied by the Director during the first year. The regular members of the School during its second year have been the following:—

Walter Ray Bridgman, A. B. (Yale College, 1881), holder of the Soldiers' Memorial Fellowship in Yale College.

Alexander Martin Wilcox, A. B. (Yale College, 1877), Ph. D. (Yale College, 1880).

Professor Packard, having been disabled by serious illness before reaching Athens, requested Dr. J. R. S. Sterrett—who had been a member of the School in 1882–83, and who was then at Smyrna on the eve of departing into the interior of Asia Minor in further prosecution of his epigraphical researches—to return to Athens and assist him in the work of the School. Dr. Sterrett at once complied with the request, and has remained at Athens until the present month. Professor Packard writes in terms of praise of Dr. Sterrett's devotion to the interests of the students

during the time when he himself was too ill to direct their work. In consideration of these facts the Committee, by unanimous vote, made a grant to Dr. Sterrett, in February, 1884, of five hundred dollars, "as an expression of their gratitude for the services rendered by him to the School, and of their interest in and high appreciation of the results of his personal studies." Dr. Sterrett proposes to spend the coming summer in Asia Minor on an expedition through some of the least well known regions of the land, in company with Mr. W. M. Ramsay. The volume of Papers of the School about to be published will show conclusively the singular fitness of Dr. Sterrett for the work to which he has devoted himself.

The Director's house was furnished by the Committee during the first year with the heavier and most needful articles at an expense of \$1175. Some additions have been made to the furniture during the present year, but it is still true that the Director himself furnishes his house in part. The library of the School has received large additions, so that when the books now ordered shall have been received it will number about eight hundred volumes (exclusive of periodicals and pamphlets), illustrating the history, geography, antiquities, and art of ancient Greece. Works of this kind are expensive, and at the end of the second year the books in the library obtained by direct purchase will have cost \$2500. Of this sum the Committee voted from its funds \$2000. The remain-

ing \$500 was the gift of a friend of the School who does not permit his name to be mentioned, made through the Hon. Eugene Schuyler, Minister of the United States at Athens, who in many other ways has advanced the interests of the School. In addition to the volumes obtained by direct purchase through the authority of the Committee, others have been received from individual friends who appreciated the importance of the library to the members of the School and desired its enlargement. And it is important that the student should have easy command during the whole of the day and evening in a comfortable room of the books needed for the successful prosecution of the work in which he is engaged. The economy of time and labor and temper thus secured is great. It is earnestly to be hoped that through the liberality of friends and such yearly appropriations as the Committee shall be able to make the School will soon come to possess a good special consulting library. It is neither possible nor desirable to add to the collection works of a miscellaneous character.

Six of the seven regular members of the School during the first year named in my last Report completed the full year's study with results approved by the Director, and will, in accordance with the regulations, each receive a certificate stating the work accomplished by him and signed by the Director of the School, the President of the Archæological Institute, and the other members of the Committee. The theses

presented by these gentlemen were upon the following subjects : —

1. The Pnyx: by Dr. CROW (who had the benefit of a new and careful survey of the so-called Pnyx at Athens, made by Mr. Joseph T. Clarke).
2. The Erechtheum: by Mr. FOWLER.
3. The Life, Poems, and Language of Theocritus, with specimens of a Commentary: by Mr. SHOREY.
4. The Inscriptions discovered at Assos by the Expedition of the Archæological Institute of America: by Dr. STERRETT.
5. The Value of Modern Greek to the Classical Student: by Mr. TAYLOR.
6. The Theatre of Dionysus at Athens: by Mr. WHEELER.

These theses, in conformity to the regulations, were sent by the Director to me as Chairman of the Managing Committee, and were by me submitted in each case to a sub-committee of three for examination. Those recommended for publication will appear in the first and second volumes of the Papers of the School.

The Report of the first Director, Professor W. W. Goodwin, was presented to the Committee at its first semiannual meeting for the year, held at New York on November 16, 1883. This Report was approved, and was subsequently printed as the first Bulletin of the School, and has received wide circulation. At this meeting the sub-committee on the Publications of the School, which had been appointed a year previously and had reported progress at the following semiannual

meeting in May, made a final report in print which was adopted with some modifications. According to the plan adopted, the Committee is to publish, in addition to Bulletins containing the reports of Directors, a yearly volume of Papers of the School to be made up from the work of the Director and students during the previous year. This volume, as also the Bulletins, is to conform in general style to the Papers of the Archæological Institute. The expense of these publications, to an amount not exceeding \$1000 per annum, is to be met from the funds of the School. Copies of all publications are to be sent free to the libraries of the co-operating Colleges and to such learned bodies as the Committee may select, and are further to be placed for sale at a proper discount with leading booksellers. The proceeds of sales are to be appropriated toward the cost of publication. The first volume of Papers will be edited by Professor Goodwin and Mr. Thomas W. Ludlow, the Secretary of the Committee. The material is now ready, and the volume will go to press immediately. It is expected that the second volume of Papers will follow within less than a year.

Your Committee, from the time of its appointment by the Archæological Institute at its annual meeting in the year 1881, has kept in mind its original plan of ultimately establishing the School upon the basis of a permanent endowment. The present plan both for the maintenance and for the direction of the School is temporary. All obligations assumed by the co-

operating Colleges will cease at the end of ten years, that is, with the close of the college year 1891-92. Several of the Colleges, indeed, subscribe from year to year, without a definite pledge of continuing their contributions for the entire term; and in the instance of one of them the subscription is still provisional. But the Committee, with the experience of two years to guide it, is convinced that the adoption in 1881 of the present plan of organization was wise. It may be true that it would have been better if the School could then have been opened with a more stable and elaborate organization than the present, on a basis of support assured by a permanent endowment of \$150,000. But it is also true that it would probably have been impossible to obtain a permanent endowment of this amount before the importance of such a School to the advance of classical studies in America had been demonstrated. The plan adopted was practicable. And while temporary in character and possessed of features which would be open to objection if it were to be permanent, it has much to commend it. The close union of fifteen Colleges in the promotion of a common object is a spectacle unique in this country, where the relations between the colleges are far too slight, and it is a cheering indication of the future successful development among us of classical studies in fields heretofore little cultivated. These Colleges have agreed each to contribute annually a sum for the furtherance of the object for which the School

was founded, to send from their number each year to Athens a Director to take charge of its work, and to encourage young men of promise among their graduates to avail themselves of the opportunities it offers. But the interest thus awakened by active participation extends beyond the Colleges. For the yearly contributions are made, in the majority of instances, by graduates and friends of the contributing Colleges, who thus become personally interested in the work and welfare of the School. If the School demonstrates its usefulness, it will be this large body of friends, and those whom they will address, who will not leave unheeded an appeal for a permanent endowment.

One peculiar feature of the present temporary organization of the School which distinguishes it from the German and French schools in Athens is the yearly change of Director. That the Director should through all the future history of the School continue to be a Professor sent from one of the contributing Colleges under an annual appointment is an arrangement which would be as undesirable as it would be impossible. The objections to this as a permanent plan have been forcibly stated by the first Director in his report to your Committee. But such an arrangement is not contemplated. When established by a permanent endowment, the School will be under the control of a permanent Director,—a scholar who by continuous residence at Athens will gradually accumulate that body of local and special knowledge without which the

highest functions of the School cannot be maintained. In the mean time the School has a special duty of great importance, which its present organization enables it to meet. It cannot hope immediately to accomplish special work in archæological investigation which will put it on a level with the German and French schools. They also had their time of growth. And an American school in particular should at the first not so much aim at distinguished achievements as seek to arouse in American Colleges a genuine interest in classical archæology in general. The lack of such interest heretofore is conspicuous. Without such interest an American School at Athens, however well endowed, could not accomplish the best results. That the presence in various Colleges of Professors who shall have been resident a year at Athens under favorable circumstances, in practical direction of the School, will do much to increase this interest, must be beyond dispute.

Your Committee, therefore, are hopeful of good results of wide-spread influence from the present organization of the School. But nevertheless having from the first seen the necessity of taking steps for the accumulation of a permanent endowment, they instructed their chairman, at their semiannual meeting held in New York on November 16, 1883, to appoint a provisional committee of three to report at their next regular meeting a detailed scheme for securing a permanent fund. This provisional committee, fur-

ther, is to nominate a permanent committee, represented in the chief cities throughout the country, to carry out the scheme and to appoint trustees, whose duty it shall be to take charge of the funds as collected, to invest them, and to hold them in trust for the purposes of the School. I shall hope from time to time in the future to report to you the successful execution of this plan.

JOHN WILLIAMS WHITE,
Chairman.

