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Literature still remains, next to English, the most splendid literature in the possession of the race, and as an acquaintance with that literature is an indispensable requisite to anything like a liberal education, it is proposed to give more, rather than less, attention than heretofore to the Greek Literature and philosophy, but to employ the English, instead of the Greek languages as the medium of instruction. By retaining the Greek as an optional study in the Junior and Senior years, it will still be available for those students who may need to employ that language in subsequent professional work. The proposed change is earnestly recommended by the Professor in charge of this department.

Respectfully submitted.

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Professor in charge.

Prof. Macnie.

I here present my second annual report in regard to the numbers, studies and progress of the classes under my charge. English Languages & Literature Sophomore Class. The Sophomore class of six members had two hours a week of instruction in English. This comprised the critical study of one book of Spencer's *Faerie Queen* and the study of Arnold's outlines of English Literature.

Freshman Class. The Freshman class, numbering, along with the Normal Students of like grade, twenty two members, after a review of certain parts of English Grammar, had two hours a week of class work in Rhetoric during more than half the University year. In the better part of the year they read about 500 verses of Chaucer's Prologue to the *Canterbury Tales*.

Senior Prep' Class. The Senior Preparatory class, numbering with the Normal Students of like grades, twenty six members, spent two hours a week in the critical study of Goldsmith's *Deserted Village*, with passing, analysis and prosody. In this, as in the other classes, as many exercises in English Composition were prescribed as could be reasonably demanded, considering the other demands upon the time and energies of the students.

French-The Sophomore Class, with an average of about one hour and a half of class work each week, made