

There was assigned to him in 1817 instruction in natural religion, moral philosophy, and civil polity, which subjects, the resolution reads, had hitherto been "included in the department of the professor of Logick, Ethicks and Metaphysicks." The two succeeding holders of the professorship were Levi Hedges, 1827-1832, and James Walker, 1838-1853.

What was understood under the term Civil Polity seems to be uncertain. As appears from the statement on the next page, Civil Polity seems to have been distinguished from Political Economy. Furthermore, in a letter which Mr. William C. Lane, the librarian of Harvard College, has been good enough to send us, he states: "I regret to find that the early annual catalogues of the College give only the lists of students and professors and contain no information in regard to instruction, so that I cannot tell you the character of Professor Frisbie's lectures. I think that it may be safely said that all three of these first holders of the Professorship emphasized the religious and moral side of their subject. With Francis Bowen (1853-1889), the Professorship was distinctly one of Political Economy. The Professorship has since been held by George Herbert Palmer, Josiah Royce, and W. E. Hocking, the present incumbent, all of whom have been philosophers rather than economists."

A search of the corporation and faculty records and annual catalogues of the period, which has been undertaken, through the kindness of Professor Taussig, by Mr. I. H. Gorovitz, has disclosed some interesting information.

The first catalogue of Harvard University to contain a list of the courses of instruction for undergraduates is that for 1820. In it is printed the "Course of Instruction for the coming year," that is, 1820-21. Among the authors and studies assigned to the senior class were Paley's *Moral Philosophy* and a course in "Political Economy." There is nothing to indicate by which professor the subject was taught or what text, if any, was used. The three professors to whom the task might logically have been delegated were: The Alford Professor of Natural Religion, Moral Philosophy, and Civil Polity; the Professor of Logic and Metaphysics; and the Professor of Natural Philosophy.

Whether the subject was taught before 1820 cannot be ascertained. That this is possible may be inferred from the following facts. We find, in the records of the College Faculty, that

