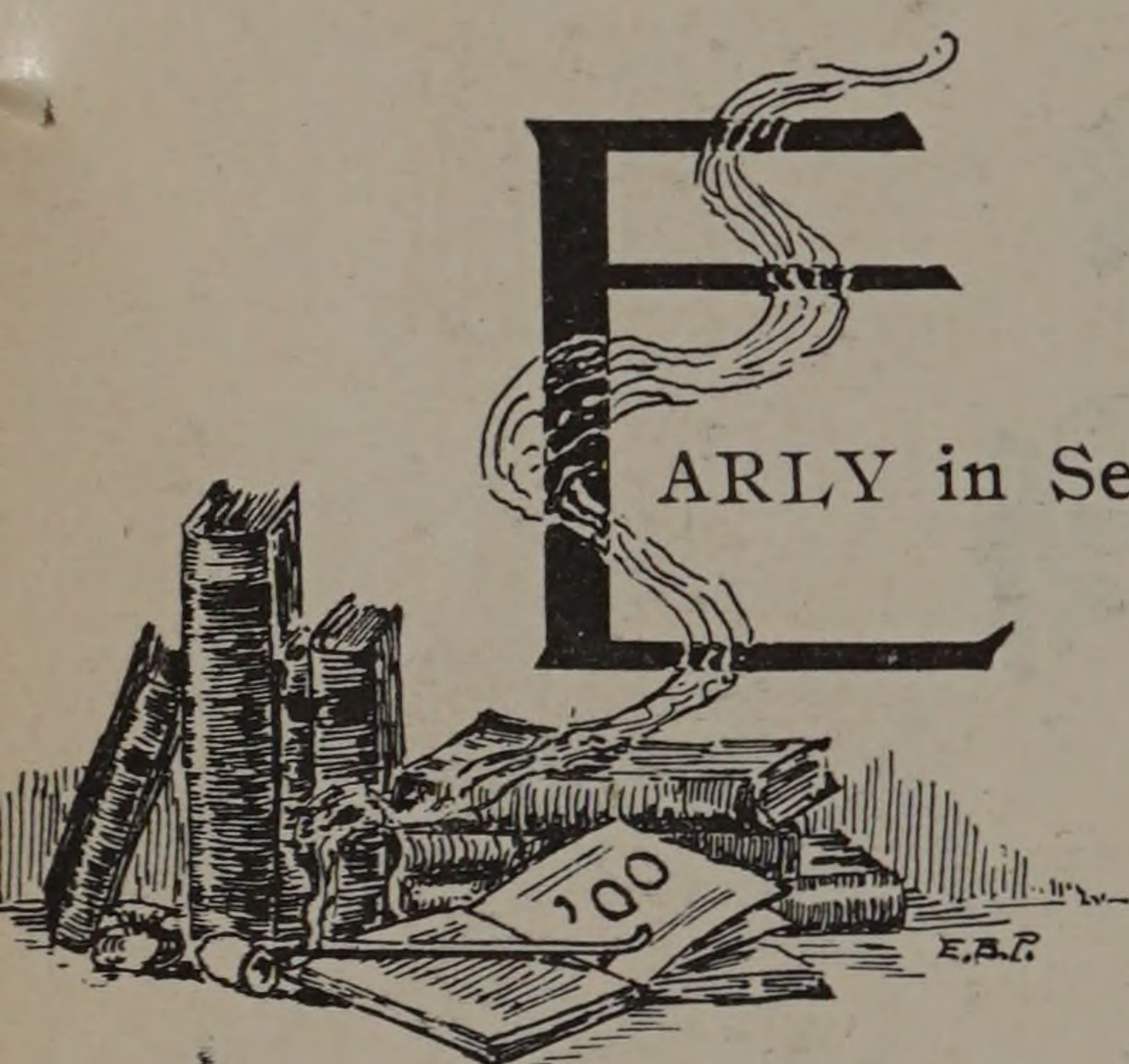
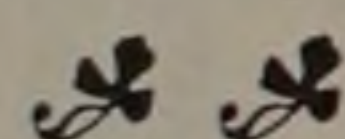


## Sophomore History



**E**ARLY in September, '95, we began to be. We spent the first two or three days in looking around at what we were told were the "Profs.," of all of whom we formed favorable opinions; then, later, when we had more solid ground on which to base our views, we began to—but possibly it would be best to stop, lest some might feel embarrassed at receiving praise of which they modestly deem themselves unworthy. It is a noticeable trait of all truly brilliant men that they never force themselves into public notice, and that they dislike to have their merits publicly lauded.

We had a fairly large class, and the members thereof immediately proceeded to distinguish themselves, both severally and collectively. We were always noted for our class loyalty and for eagerness on the part of each one to do all that he possibly could to further the interests of the organization. This was particularly noticeable in the attendance at our regular meetings, which once reached a number as high as eight. The elections were, therefore, always extremely exciting on account of the large number of candidates for office as compared with the number of voters.

It wasn't very long before '99, in its arrogance, expressed a desire to wipe up the gymnasium floor with us—said wiping to take the form of an indoor athletic meet of about ten events. A prominent member of '99, after prophesying in a gentle and sympathetic manner about the coming defeat of 1900, wound up with the remark, cheerfully and condescendingly made, "that it would be the best joke of the year." It was. '99 got two or three events—modesty forbids our stating what became of the rest—including the pole vault, half-mile run, 30-yard dash, broad jump, and several others, excepting the wrestling event; we have forgotten what did become of that.

Then, too, there was Field Day. To be sure, we didn't get that mile bicycle, but then—pole vault, broad jump, half-mile bicycle—it might have been a deal worse. And we have things all our own way this year on the Athletic Board, with four members.