WHEN NEW CENTURY BEGINS.
High Authorities Do Not Agree.
A Difference of a Year in Dates.

OPINIONS OF COLLEGE PRESIDENTS AND PROFESSORS OF ASTRONOMY AND HISTORY.

HARVARD'S PRESIDENT SAYS 1900.

Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 18, 1899.

My Dear Sir:

It seems to me, after giving the matter some thought, that the century which is now at an end should be designated 1-999 as the year 1999, and that the first year of the new century should commence in 1900.

Very truly yours,

Charles W. Eliot.

WELLESLEY'S PRESIDENT SAYS 1900.


My Dear Sir:

A century, as we understand the term, is a period of 100 years, and that is how I understand the term to be used in the title of the new period which is now beginning.

Very truly yours,

Caroline Hazard.

OPINION OF CHICAGO UNIVERSITY HISTORIAN.

Chicago University, Dec. 18, 1899.

My Dear Sir:

I am in agreement with those who believe that the first year of the new century should be 1900.

Yours truly,

William Jay Smith.

YALE UNIVERSITY ASTRONOMER.

Yale University, New Haven, Conn., Dec. 18, 1899.

My Dear Sir:

I am of the opinion that the century which is now ending should be designated 1999, and that the first year of the new century should commence in 1900.

Yours truly,

Franklin G. Shlesinger.