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PHELPS HALL OPENED.

The Position of the Classics in Yale Education Made Conspicuous.

Phelps Hall is now a part of the working equipment of the University. As a finished structure its architecture is now a feature, perhaps the commanding feature of the College buildings.

Before the exercises of last week, in connection with the opening of the rooms of the Classical Department in that structure, the workmen and their apparatus had disappeared. The feature of the opening exercises, as the account hereafter shows, was the emphasis laid on the position of the classics in the College curriculum.

A description of the building has appeared in these columns and the cut of the hall is reproduced here. The Weekly readers know that the building has four rooms on each floor. Twelve of these rooms are given to the regular recitations of the two lower classes in Latin and Greek, and to the larger optionals in the same subjects. Two small rooms on the top floor are devoted to advanced work in Classics, especially to the work of graduate students, where the instructors and the class can sit around a long table in familiar fashion. An apartment on the first floor and a room on the fifth floor are assigned to College officers of the philological department.

But the most important room in the building is that set apart for the library and reading room of the Classical Club, occupying about one half of the fifth floor, with windows looking out upon the city and its neighboring country and sea—from East Rock and the "Smokies," to West Rock and around to Long Island. An elevator facilitates access to the upper floors. The building is lighted in the evening by electricity.

Certain limitations were necessary in the erection of Phelps Hall. Doubtless a large lecture room, of a size to hold two or more divisions, would have been convenient; but Osborn Hall with its two large auditoriums is close at hand. If the stories had not been quite so high, and another had been added, with additional small class-rooms and rooms for College officers and graduate students, the building would have been more useful; but this proposition was vetoed by the architect, who desired certain proportions and arrangements of windows. But the classical officers are not in a critical mood as regards the building. The rooms are all light and airy, and well adapted to their purpose.

ALL CLASSICAL DEPARTMENT EXERCISES.

All of the exercises of the Classical Department and of the Department of Sanskrit and Comparative Philology are to be held in Phelps Hall. The convenience of this arrangement can be appreciated best by the teachers; but any one can see that for the organization of the Department, it is well if the instructors can be convened easily, at short notice, and with slight interruption. Thus, now, all the College officers who are engaged in teaching Latin and Greek are in Phelps Hall every morning at half past nine o'clock, with slight exceptions.

More important is the encouragement which this arrangement of rooms gives to the acquisition of illustrative material by the Classical Department,—maps, casts, photographs, and books,—which can be conveyed as needed from

WELCH HALL.

PHELPS HALL.

LAWRANCE HALL.



PHELPS MEMORIAL GATEWAY FROM COLLEGE STREET.

[From a photograph by Pach.]

one room to another. Each room is to have a set of shelves, for books of reference and texts to be used in the class room. This is the only building in America in which the work of the classical department of a University is so united.

THE LIBRARY.

The large library of the Classical Club on the fifth floor—130 steps removed from the ground—is the most quiet room on the College ground, and admirably lighted. By the gift of President Dwight, it is furnished with handsome oak shelves, for about 2,000 volumes, long tables for the use of readers, a cabinet for photographs, and two cabinets of drawers, that each worker may have a "locker" for his papers. This is intended to be, and doubtless will be, the center of philological work at Yale. The graduate students, and the more advanced undergraduates, will have here the advantages of an excellent private library—better than the public library of most colleges, and the stimulus of companionship in research. The importance of a good collection of the best of books of reference in the immediate vicinity of the lecture rooms of advanced students, is manifest.

On Friday, October 9th, the rooms of the Classical Club were opened

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'98 PROMENADE COMMITTEE.

Nine Men Chosen to Conduct the Juniors' Ball.

A meeting of the Junior Class for the election of the Junior Promenade Committee was held last Friday evening in Alumni Hall. Clarence M. Fincke, '97, Chairman of last year's Promenade Committee, presided. The result of the preliminary ballot was announced as follows: Grenville Parker, 116; F. H. Simmons, 104; H. D. Gallaudet, 73; G. G. Schreiber, 70; R. M. Crosby, 67; D. C. Twichell, 65; E. Sawyer, 58; J. S. Mason, 47; A. S. Hay, 47; J. O. Rodgers, 45; D. Rogers, 43; M. V. Ely, 41; A. I. Lewis, 40; J. H. Scranton, 26; J. W. Wadsworth, 23; Payne Whitney, 23.

The final ballot resulted in the election of the following nine men: Grenville Parker of New York, 144; Frank Hunter Simmons of Brooklyn, N. Y., 129; David Cushman Twichell of Hartford, Conn., 117; Herbert Draper Gallaudet of Washington, D. C., 106; Morris Upham Ely of Brooklyn, N. Y., 101; Jewett Hamilton Scranton of Madison, Conn., 97; Julian Starkweather Mason of Chicago, Ill., 95; George Gebner Schreiber of Hoboken, N. J., 91; David Francis Rogers of New Canaan, Conn., 90.

Sophomore Political Club Rally.

The first rally of the Sophomore debating clubs was held last Monday evening. Prof. W. L. Phelps addressed the meeting on the national election and the relation of the Sophomore debating societies to it. The regular proceedings of the evening were then opened by A. S. Mann of the Palmer society. K. O. Guthrie next spoke for the McKinley club and he was followed by C. J. Herrick of the Bryan club. C. L. Darlington of the Palmer and G. W. Brown of the McKinley club also spoke.

The first regular debate will be held Monday, October 19th, between the Palmer and the McKinley representatives.

Medical School Statistics.

The Yale Medical School opened for its eighty-fourth year, on last Thursday, October 1. The list of students thus far, shows an increase of eight over that of last year. The following is the list by classes: Seniors, 36; Juniors, 40; Second year, 8; First year, 48; Special, 1; total, 133.

There are at present 1,335 Yale graduates engaged in the practice of law in the United States.