

SLOW IMPROVEMENT.

Recent Work of the Eleven—The Second Game with Brown.

Little more than a week now remains before the annual football match with Princeton at Manhattan Field and a rather definite idea of the final make-up of the eleven can now be obtained. Last Monday, in conformity with customs of previous years, a training table was started at the New Haven House, to which were taken the following twelve men: Captain F. T. Murphy, '97; Clarence M. Fincke, '97; Louis Hinkey, '97; Lyman M. Bass, '97; Charles Chadwick, '97; Paul D. Mills, '97S.; Burr C. Chamberlin, '97S.; Lang Murray, '97S.; James O. Rodgers, '98; Josiah J. Hazen, '98; Hamilton F. Benjamin, '98S., and William B. Conner, '99.

This choice of men for the final training table includes only one extra man and all the positions seem fixed except at end and half.

Conner has been playing half instead of end for the past few days and if he is kept in this position either Mills or Benjamin will be crowded off the team. On the other hand Conner may capture one of the end positions and depose either Bass or Hazen, and this latter seems more than likely at present writing.

Chamberlin shows remarkable activity for a center rush and manages to break through and get into almost every play. His work has been hard and steady during the entire season, steadily improving all the time. At guard, Chadwick has improved some of late, but has not developed into such an effective guard as he was last year. Murray has also improved but he is not by any means a first-class man for the position. Rodgers and Murphy are playing very strong games in their positions at tackle and no fear of weakness need be felt in that quarter. At end, Bass and Hazen were looked upon as the leading pair in the early part of the season, but within the last two weeks Conner has been playing easily the best game in that position and unless he is needed behind the line as a half-back he will very probably hold one of the ends.

BEHIND THE LINE.

Fincke has been playing regularly at quarter-back and since his appearance at his old position has been a strong support to the eleven. When the eleven is playing on the defensive he has been placed at full back, being considered sure on the tackle and on catching the opponents' kicks. In general this plan has worked very well, although Fincke has missed one or two important tackles recently.

Mills, Benjamin and Conner are the candidates for half-back now left in the field. The latter is new at the position, but in the Brown game he made his gains exceedingly well, especially in the heavy formation plays. Mills and Benjamin are players of about an even grade. The former being considerably stronger on punting. They both had fallen off two or three weeks ago, but now are playing a strong game. Hinkey is the final choice for full back and has turned out a very good man in his new position. He bucks the line hard in spite of his light weight and is kicking well.

Goodwin, the Freshman half-back, who has shown up so well in spite of his light weight, has been prohibited from playing any more this season on account of low stand, caused by over-cutting. His loss will be seriously felt on the eleven. Sheldon, '98S., also appeared at practice for a few days last week, playing at guard, but his father has interfered and he will have to give up playing.

The practice during the last week has not been as hard as heretofore. During the first half a regular game has been played against the College eleven and then, only the University players being retained at the Field, the team has been drilled in their heavy formation plays and in the finer points of the game, preparatory to the final contest.

YALE VS. BROWN.

Yale met Brown in football for the second time this year on Saturday,

November 7 at Providence. The game was exciting and the playing hard, both teams seeming to be very evenly matched in the first half. But when the touchdown had been made and Brown had the leading score, Yale seemed to play with more snap, scoring three consecutive touchdowns with ease. The Brown team gave evidence of good training, their interference and end runs being especially fine. A number of men were injured during the game.

The teams lined up as follows:

YALE.	BROWN.
Bass, l.e.,	r.e., Chase, Summersgill
Rodgers, l.t.,	r.t., Locke, Bishop
Murray, l.g.,	r.g., Coombes, Locke
McFarland, c.,	c., Dyer
Chadwick, r.g.,	l.g., Wheeler
Alport, Murphy, r.t.,	l.t., Casey
Hazen, r.e.,	l.e., Murphy
Fincke, q.b.,	q.b., Colby, Watson
Conner, l.h.b.,	r.h.b., Gammons
Mills, Gilmore, Van Every, r.h.b.,	l.h.b., Fultz, Owens
Chauncey, f.b.,	f.b., Hall

Touchdowns—Conner 2, Bass, Rodgers, Fultz. Goals from touchdowns—Chauncey, Fultz. Umpire—R. Eckstrom, Dartmouth. Referee—Dr. C. S. Little, Dartmouth. Linesmen—W. Wing, Providence, J. M. Gerard, '97S. Time—Twenty-five minute halves. Attendance—3,000.

The Freshmen Win From Andover.

The Freshmen eleven defeated the Andover team at Andover on Saturday by a score of 42-4. The Freshmen put up the best game of the season, outplaying their opponents at every point. The Andover line was particularly weak, their opponents making big gains through the tackles and center.

Quimby and Schreiber played the best game for Andover. The feature of the game was the running of McBride and McCormick from tackle, and of Luce and Phillips behind the line. Andover scored one touchdown in the second half, getting the ball on a fumble on their opponents' 20-yard line and carrying it over in a few plays. Wickes kicked five of the six goals tried. The line-up follows:

YALE, 1900.	ANDOVER.
Eddy, r.e.,	l.e., Schreiber
McBride, r.t.,	l.t., Simmons
Marshall, r.g.,	l.g., Gordon
Wickes, c.,	c., Pierson
Allen, l.g.,	r.g., Ellis
McCormick, l.t.,	r.t., Funk
Young, l.e.,	r.e., Cady
Sullivan q.b.,	q.b., Quimby
Luce, l.h.b.,	r.h.b., Elliott
Phillips, r.h.b.,	l.h.b., White
Brinley f.b.,	f.b., Barker

Touchdowns—Yale, 1900 8; Andover 1. Goals—Wickes 5. Referee—A. F. Judd, '97. Umpire—Gould, U. of P., '97. Linesmen—Cheney, 1900, and Ames, U. of P., '97. Time—twenty-five minutes halves.

Car Improvement to the Yale Field.

It has recently been learned that the proposed double tracking and continuation of the West Chapel Street Electric car line, so as to improve the service to the Yale Field, is likely to be delayed owing to various difficulties, which have arisen, and that the improved line may not be in running order for several months yet. The bridge over West River is not strong enough for the purpose and the controlling authorities have not seen fit to remedy the deficiency. This bridge is owned by three distinct corporations, the City of New Haven, the Town of New Haven and the Town of Orange, while the highway which borders one side of the Field is controlled by the Derby Turnpike Company. The latter body refuses to allow any tracks to be laid on this road between West River and the entrance to the Field, but proceedings are under way to wind up the Derby Turnpike Company and turn the highway into the hands of the two bordering towns of Orange and New Haven. This action is now nearly completed and is expected to be successful.

The City of New Haven on the other hand, has until recently refused to allow double tracks to be laid on Derby Avenue, but when permission was given about two weeks ago the car company decided to carry out this plan immediately. It is also their intention to build a trestle over West River just north of the present bridge and so to continue their tracks beyond the entrance to the Field.

ABOUT DECLINING DEGREES.

Examples Set by Prominent Men on Former Occasions.

[Waterbury American.]

The American visitor at Oxford University is still told by the custodian of the Sheldonian Theater, of the regret felt in those academic shades that General Grant refused an Oxford D. C. L. To obtain it, it was necessary for General Grant to visit Oxford in person. This, with his usual modesty, he disliked to do. Besides, he felt personally that he was not a worthy recipient of an academic degree.

The example set by General Grant has twice been followed by President Cleveland. It is recalled that at Harvard's two hundred and fiftieth anniversary when enthusiasm ran so high for him and when James Russell Lowell made his famous speech in which he described Mr. Cleveland as the man "who held the rudder true," the President declined the proffered honor of a Harvard degree. At Princeton Thursday, where the enthusiasm for him was almost unprecedented, his modesty, as President Patton told the distinguished audience, prevented the University from honoring the President as it was desired to do. A good many smaller men than either General Grant or President Cleveland, have eagerly rushed in where they feared to tread. Is modesty on the part of these gentlemen, these chieftains of American politics, to be commended, or is it to be regretted as a mistake?

There is no doubt that there is a certain amount of embarrassment attending the custom of conferring a degree upon a high public official merely because he is a public official. For example, it was long the custom at Harvard to confer the degree of LL. D. upon the Governor of Massachusetts, when, for the first time in an official capacity, he visited the University on Commencement Day. This custom was first broken in the case of General B. F. Butler. He represented everything which Harvard University did not represent. Had Harvard made him an LL. D. it would have been a burlesque of its own teachings. The incongruity was so apparent that despite the unpleasantness of making an exception, Harvard withheld the degree, and has, we believe, abandoned the custom. When Vice-President Hendricks, some years ago, visited Yale to deliver the oration before the Law School, he went away unhonored by a degree. The discourtesy in this case, if it be a discourtesy, was more marked than in the case of Harvard and General Butler, because Mr. Hendricks was the guest of the University. At the same time, there was much in Vice-President Hendricks's career of which Yale could not approve, and it would hardly have honored itself in honoring him. It ought, however, not to have invited him at all, when the invitation had to be accompanied by an apparent slight.

On the other hand, it is, no doubt, a grievous disappointment, as in the recent case of Princeton, when the modesty of a distinguished man prevents a university from bestowing on him the only honor in its power. The degree of LL. D. conferred upon a man like President Cleveland means that the University recognizes in him high qualities of patriotism and statesmanship. In that sense it is appropriate. Such a degree is not a certificate of learning, but a deserved badge of honor.

Week of Prayer for Young Men.

The present week (November 9-14) is the week of Prayer for young men throughout the world. It is being observed by the Yale Young Men's Christian Association by Prayer meetings each morning in '98 Room, Dwight Hall, from 7:20 to 7:40 o'clock, to which men in all departments of the University are invited. Subject, "Conditions of Prevailing Prayer."

A trophy worth £100 has been offered to the Henley stewards to be competed for by the leading colleges of Great Britain and the United States.

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News From Harvard.

Harvard University has recently issued a pamphlet containing papers on the study of English composition in American colleges. The beginning of entrance requirements in English was made at Harvard in 1866, but it was then only a test of oral reading. Some six or seven years later written English began to be taken into account in entrance examinations, but in 1879 out of 316 candidates over 150 failed in the English entrance examination, so poor was their preparation in that study. At that time the ignorance of the average candidate in regard to composition was quite remarkable. Punctuation, spelling and knowledge of English literature were then woefully lacking in the majority of applicants for admission. The pamphlet also contains papers showing the condition of affairs in the high schools and grammar schools and the development of English in the last fifteen years.

The Intercollegiate Tennis Cup, which was won by Harvard at the tournament held this Fall, has been put in the Harvard trophy room in the Hemenway Gymnasium. It was first contested for in 1889, on condition that it should be permanently owned by the college first winning seven points, first place in singles or doubles each counting one point. The following names appear on the cup as winners of the various years:—

Singles—1889, R. P. Huntington, Jr., Yale; 1890, Frederick H. Hovey, Harvard; 1891, Frederick H. Hovey, Harvard; 1892, William A. Larned, Cornell; 1893, Malcolm G. Chace, Brown; 1894, Malcolm G. Chace, Yale; 1895, Malcolm G. Chace, Yale; 1896, Malcolm D. Whitman, Harvard.

Doubles—1889, O. S. Campbell and A. E. Wright, Columbia; 1890, Q. A. Shaw and S. T. Chase, Harvard; 1891, F. H. Hovey and R. D. Wrenn, Harvard; 1892, R. D. Wrenn and F. D. Winslow, Harvard; 1893, M. G. Chace and C. R. Budlong, Brown; 1894, M. G. Chace and A. E. Foote, Yale; 1895, M. G. Chace and A. E. Foote, Yale; 1896, L. E. Ware and W. M. Scudder, Harvard.

The cup was made by Tiffany and is valued at \$500.

The work of the Freshman crew began on November 5. Seventy-two candidates, of whom twelve have had some experience in rowing, responded to the first call.

At a meeting of the Senior class held last Thursday, the following officers were elected: President, R. H. Stevenson, Jr.; Vice-President, J. W. Dunlop; Secretary, J. Dean.

On Friday the Sophomores were defeated by the Seniors in the final game for the interclass football championship. The score was 10-0.

Edmund Heard, of Boston, has been elected permanent captain of the Freshman eleven. He prepared for college at Hopkinson's School, where he was captain and end rush of the school team.

E. C. Chamberlin, '97S., has broken the record of the University in strength tests of the back, legs and hands.