

## SCHOOL AND SECTIONAL CLUBS.

## Undergraduate Organizations very Extensive and Flourishing.

There are at present in the University thirteen school clubs and eleven sectional clubs, which include in their membership a large percentage of the undergraduates as well as some men of the graduate departments. The object of these organizations is to bring together all men in College, who were prepared at the same school or who come from the same locality, and when the clubs are properly managed and well supported they may prove a source of considerable pleasure to their members and of benefit to the University.

## SCHOOL CLUBS.

Of the twelve school clubs, the Andover Club is by far the largest, having an enrollment of 238 members. Last year the club held a smoker in the Winter term, at which quartets from the Glee and Banjo Clubs were present, and a similar gathering will be held this year. The officers of the Club are: President, F. M. Crosby, '97; Vice President, H. W. Letton, '97S.; Secretary, E. Sawyer, '98; Treasurer, D. H. Day, '99.

The St. Paul's School Club, with a membership of 112, stands next to the Andover Club. Smokers are held annually to which a representative from the school is invited. This year's meeting will be held during the Winter term. The officers, elected this Fall, are: President, E. S. Harkness, '97; Vice President, E. H. Brewer, '97S.; Secretary, G. D. Montgomery, '98.

The Hillhouse High School Club was organized last year and at present has 80 members. At its first annual smoker, a slight departure was made by introducing a debate on an appropriate subject. Its second smoker was held November 30, 1896, a large number being present. The officers, elected last Spring, are: President, W. A. Hart, '97; Vice President, Arthur Brewer, '97S.; Secretary, H. B. Wright, '98.

The Hotchkiss Club was organized four years ago and has a membership of 69. At its annual smoker last year it was decided to offer a literary prize of twenty-five dollars, to be competed for by members of the graduating class of the school. Its fourth annual smoker was held on October 7, at which the following officers were elected: President, R. S. Hincks, '97; Vice President, W. G. Cooke, '97; Secretary, R. F. Dyer, '98S.; Treasurer, C. H. Welles, Jr., '99.

The Lawrenceville Club of 47 members like the others, holds annual smokers, but this year it was decided to have a dinner during the Winter term in addition to the smoker already held. A feature of last year's smoker was a negro quartet. The officers are: President, T. M. Brown, '97; Vice President, F. A. M. Schiefflin, '97S.; Secretary, M. Delano, '98.

The Cutler Club is of very recent origin, the organization meeting having been held only last week. The membership is not yet obtainable. It has been decided to hold a banquet some time in the Winter term. The following officers have been elected: President, Henry S. Coffin, '97; Vice President, Arthur R. Townsend, '97S.; Secretary, Forsyth Wickes, '98; Treasurer, G. Morris, Jr., '98; Supper Committee, R. W. Carle, '97, Chairman; J. S. Rogers, '98; John B. Adams, '99.

The Hill School Club of 33 members, the St. Mark's Club with 29 and the Exeter Club of 25 members, also hold annual smokers similar to those of other clubs. Last year Principal Amen of Exeter was present at the club meeting, while the St. Mark's Club invited guests from Harvard and Columbia, as well as representatives from the school to attend its gathering.

Other school clubs are the Taft's School Club of 18 members, the Westminster Club, the Mt. Herman Club and the Williston Club.

## SECTIONAL CLUBS.

The sectional clubs are in many ways similar to the school clubs and their object is the same. Some of these clubs represent single cities, others states, while the Southern Club includes all men from the South.

The Southern Club with 79 members is the largest sectional club. It was

organized some years ago, but held a smoker for the first time last year. In the present year, a smoker will be held in December and a banquet during the Winter. The officers are: President, G. L. Parker, '97; Vice Presidents, R. S. Hume, '98; R. M. Lester, '97S., and C. Stoll, '97 L. S.; Secretary, G. S. Cowan, '98.

The largest club representing a city is the Hartford Club of 75 members. At its smoker of last year addresses were made by several prominent alumni from that city. The officers are: President, E. L. Smith, '97; Vice President, E. H. Owen, '97S.; Secretary, E. T. Ware, '97; Treasurer, D. C. Twichell, '98.

The Chicago Club, organized this year, has a membership of 73. The officers are: President, H. W. Letton, '97S.; Vice President, J. S. Mason, '98; Secretary, J. C. Belden, '97S.; Treasurer, E. H. Noyes, '97S.

The Brooklyn Club also was organized this year and has 67 members. The officers are: J. F. Pierce, '97; Vice President, A. Corlies, '97S.; Secretary, F. H. Simmons, '98.

One of the most active and interesting of these clubs, is the Hawaiian Club. Though its membership is limited to 11, it is the most energetic of all the clubs. Meetings being held every three weeks. At its third annual banquet held last year students of Harvard and Wesleyan who reside at Hawaii were present, as well as the Hawaiian legation at Washington. This year's banquet will be held January 17 to celebrate the anniversary of the overthrow of the Hawaiian monarchy in 1893. The only officer of the club is the President, A. F. Judd, Jr., '97.

Other sectional clubs which hold annual smokers or banquets are: The Cincinnati Club of 41 members, the St. Louis Club of 33, the Cleveland Club of 31, the Buffalo Club of 22, the Colorado Club and the Minnesota Club.

Some of the cities which send the greatest number of men to Yale are not represented by clubs owing to the inconvenience of managing too large a body. Such is the case with New York and New Haven. There are, however, other cities than those above mentioned, which send enough men to Yale to warrant the foundation of a club, and the tendency at present seems to be decidedly in that direction.

## Co-operative Eating Clubs.

Among a number of members of the class of 1889 there originated the idea of forming eating clubs which should be managed by men from their own body. The advantages of this soon became obvious and the idea has been handed down and improved upon until at the present day it is recognized as the best method for the accommodation of students.

The plan is very simple. Rooms are rented in some suitable location, a cook obtained and the usual arrangements made for student waiters. It requires two men to manage these clubs; of these one orders provisions and attends to the details of the service while the other has charge of the financial affairs.

There are now four co-operative clubs in College and all are managed with great success, there being no difficulty in keeping a full list of membership. The price of board is six dollars per week and all the money collected is expended in whatever way the members choose. At the end of the year should there be any surplus it is equally divided. The club in the Senior class consists of eighteen members, each of the two Junior clubs has twenty members and the club in the class of 1899 has twenty-one members.

The advantages of such a system of board are chiefly that no money whatever is contributed except what is necessary for the direct support of the club, and also that the members have full control of their own table and can modify it as they please. Thus it is brought about that board is supplied at cost prices and there can be no chance for dissatisfaction on the part of any who share the expenses. This system also offers to the student who manages a club opportunities for helping himself through College, as these services entitle him to free board.

## THE BOOK SHELF.

(Conducted by ALBERT LEE, '91.)

The man who gets one bit of valuable information or knowledge out of every book he reads should esteem himself fortunate. Out of some books we may gather much more than a single nugget, but there are so many empty vessels we are forced to handle that the average in the relation of benefits to volumes is kept pretty low. Upon this premise I would not have it understood that there is only one thing worth remembering in Mr. Hamilton W. Mabie's "Essays on Books and Culture." (New York: Dodd, Mead & Co.), for this would be an injustice to a collection of carefully written studies, but I will say that the reader of the book may consider his time well spent if he retains in his memory one particular piece of advice that Mr. Mabie has to give. It is a hint that has been given by other writers in other books, but it is one that may be given again and again by essayists in the future to the benefit of all who will heed. Under the head of "Time and Place" Mr. Mabie discusses the subject of utilizing the many spare moments of the day in reading the books that one wishes to read but that one frequently leaves unread, because of "lack of time." There is no lack of time to the man who uses the waste of the day, the only secret is to "have his book at hand" when the precious minute arrives. There must be no fumbling for the right volume, no waste of time because one is uncertain what to take up next. The waste of opportunity \* \* \* is due to neglect to decide in advance what direction one's reading shall take and neglect to keep the book of the moment close at hand.

"Of course, it may be advanced that one cannot carry large octavo volumes about in one's overcoat pocket to read on horse cars and in trains—where most of us waste an hour or two each day—but there are many idle half hours at home where forty or fifty pages of the octavo, if conveniently near, may easily be disposed of. Thus, at the end of three or four days, we find that we have read a good book in the few minutes wait before dinner is announced. I have done this thing myself, and have been surprised at the achievement. And the octavo bugbear is not so great nowadays when publishers are learning the wisdom of providing us with "portable" literature. I have a fondness for the book that will slip conveniently into my coat pocket,—and most of my coats sag on one side from this habit of carrying books about with me. But there is truly a compensation for it all in the end."

A little book that will fit very well into anybody's coat pocket, and that is not heavy enough to make the lightest fabric sag (thanks to good paper and a graceful cover!) is "Lady Bramber's Ghost," by Charles Harrington (New York: Stone & Kimball). This tale may hardly be called a novel, scarcely even a novelette,—more properly an incident; but the incident is cleverly and interestingly told. Lady Bramber is a famous literary woman of London, but all her work is done by her "Ghost,"—a genius who has a passion for anonymity and who accepts a small annuity from her ladyship in compensation for everything he writes. Lady Bramber gets the glory that she revels in, and the "Ghost" retains his anonymity and his place in life. This scheme affords the author an opportunity to expound a peculiar philosophy. It is to the effect that the world has always been made up of the workmen and the exploiter, and that greater success may be achieved if such a division of labor is made, the workman being unable to give his best labor to the world without the help of an exploiter. This odd theory is very cleverly elaborated for the purposes of the story, and while exaggerated to a degree, it carries a certain conviction with it which is materially strengthened when we reflect that it has now become almost the rule for great writers and artists to have agents (exploiters) who do

nothing but place the work performed by their "workmen." The time has not yet arrived, however, (thank Heaven!) when the "exploiter" gets all the credit for the labor performed,—as was the case with Lady Bramber. But so long as the "Ghost" was satisfied, it is not for us to complain. All we may do is to refrain from being ghosts!

Still another edition of the "Rubaiyat" comes to us this week, this time from far San Francisco, where the Dodge Book and Stationery Company have published a small paper covered booklet containing the 101 stanzas of Fitzgerald's fourth edition. It is offered to us on good paper and in convenient form, and furthermore the price is low.


We have also received: "The Beginners of a Nation," by Edward Eggleston (New York: D. Appleton & Co.); "The Bible as Literature," with an introduction by the Rev. Lyman Abbott, D. D., (New York: Thomas Y. Crowell & Co.); "An Introduction to English Fiction," by W. E. Simonds, and "Four Years of Novel Reading," edited by R. G. Moulton, (Boston: D. C. Heath & Co.)

## Mr. Batterson's Papers.

The interest in finance, so wonderfully stimulated by the campaign, is not altogether abated, by any means, and the layman as well as the scholar still seeks for light. Either of them will find clear illumination in the volume of papers, written during the season of especial agitation for the Travelers' Record and now published in book form. Their author is Mr. James G. Batterson, of Hartford, president of the Traveler's Insurance Company, who writes of such themes not only in the light of the experience which his unusual business life has given him, but with all the aids at hand for the student and scholar, which he has always been. The title of the book is "Gold and Silver as Currency, in the Light of Experience, Historical, Economical and Practical." The work is at once most thorough and clear.

The Alfred Barnes Palmer Scholarship for the Class of 1900 has been awarded to Roger Crossman Peck of North Bennington, Vt. The fund for this scholarship was given in 1892 by the Rev. Charles Ray Palmer, D. D., in memory of his son, Alfred Barnes Palmer, '92. The income is paid to a student in avowed need of beneficiary aid, and of high rank in scholarship.

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