

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM.

Convention of College Leagues at Philadelphia Last Week.

The National Civil Service Reform League held a regular meeting in Philadelphia, Pa., on Thursday and Friday, December 10 and 11. Several of the college leagues sent delegates to the convention and a meeting of these men was held on the afternoon of Friday. The report of the Secretary and Treasurer was read and approved and the following officers were elected for next year: President, E. E. Garrison, Yale, '87; Secretary and Treasurer, H. M. Stephenson, of Princeton. The appointment of the members of the Executive Committee and the various Vice Presidents, was postponed until the other colleges belonging to the league could be heard from.

It was decided to take active measures to further the organization of civil service reform clubs in the colleges and universities of the country, to aim to suggest practical educational work for them to do, and find the means of carrying out this work. It was also decided to make an attempt to increase the membership in the league, and take steps to inaugurate some kind of competition by which the different clubs belonging to the league shall be brought into closer correspondence.

The members of the National League and the college men present felt fully repaid for the exertion of attending, and could not but consider it a privilege to call themselves members of so active and important a body. Many ideas were gained regarding the business methods and concerns of the country, and some plans were suggested for making the various college clubs more active and practical.

A number of prominent men were secured for addresses and talks before the Civil Service Reform Club of Yale.

The Gneist Library.

In February of last Winter the announcement was made in the columns of the Weekly that a valuable collection of 10,000 books, belonging to the late Professor Rudolph von Gneist, of Berlin, Germany, one of the leading authorities on the legal and institutional history of England, had been bought for the University Library. This collection was supposed to contain works on politics, history, law, etc., besides a number of valuable periodicals, and would have been a considerable acquisition. The price for which the collection was offered for sale was \$2,500.

When the books arrived in New Haven from the Leipzig bookseller, who had the sale in charge, only half of them were found to be volumes of the original Gneist Library, the remainder being of very small value. In this way the Leipzig bookseller had tried to swindle the University by padding out half the collection with worthless books and pawn them off as the entire collection. The Library authorities immediately notified the seller of the books that they would not be accepted on the conditions named, but offered a fair price for the collection. The German book dealer was unwilling to accept these terms and the books have therefore been returned to Germany.

The friends of the Library are very much disappointed over this occurrence as they had hoped to obtain a valuable acquisition to the University collection.

Washington (D.C.) Alumni Association.

The annual business meeting of the Yale Alumni Association of Washington, D. C., was held on the afternoon of December 8. The following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year: President, E. O. Wolcott, '83 Hon.; First Vice President, Hon. John Dalzell, '85; Second Vice President, T. E. Clarke; Secretary and Treasurer, James H. Hayden, '87S.; Historian, F. D. Head, '74S.; Executive Committee, W. C. Whittemore, '75, Chairman; E. A. Bowers, '79; A. T. Ryan, '94; H. K. Willard, '79; A. G. Bentley.

The annual banquet of the Association will be given in January.

Itinerary of Hockey Team.

The Yale Hockey team will play the following games during the Christmas vacation; December 16, Montclair A. C. at Brooklyn, N. Y.; December 18, Pittsburg A. C. at Pittsburg, Pa.; December 19, afternoon, Duquesne Country and Athletic Club at Pittsburg; December 19, evening, Alleghany A. A. at Pittsburg; December 21, Western University of Pennsylvania at Pittsburg.

The team will consist of A. F. Barnes, '97S., Captain, cover point; H. V. Ryder, '97, forward; J. A. Hall, '97S., forward; G. P. Sheldon, Jr., 1900, forward; S. Stoddard, '99, forward; C. S. Morris, '97S., goal. The team left New Haven on Wednesday at 1:30 p. m., and will leave for Pittsburg on Thursday, December 17.

An attempt was made during the past Summer to arrange a hockey league between Yale, Harvard and Brown. The management of the Yale team, however, have decided that it will be impossible to join this league. The reason for this is that the Yale team plays the regular Canadian game in which broad sticks and a rubber "puck" are used while the Harvard and Brown teams play what is known as "ice polo" in which a composition ball is used. The difference in the two games is so great that a team accustomed to play under one set of rules would be at a very great disadvantage playing under the other.

Junior Literary Clubs.

The Kipling and Stevenson clubs in the Junior Class have now been under organization for over a year, and a marked course of work has been accomplished, which serves to show that success has attended the idea under which they were formed. The object of the clubs is to read and discuss the works of the author, after which they are respectively named, the discussion generally being attended with light refreshments. Bi-weekly meetings are held in the rooms of the different members, those of the Kipling Club being on alternate Thursday evenings, and those of the Stevenson Club on Monday evenings.

The Kipling Club now consists of sixteen members, its officers being President, Gouveneur Morris; Vice-President, R. J. Turnbull; Secretary, J. S. Mason. The customary annual banquet was held at Traeger's on Dec. 12, and in addition to the introductory remarks made by the toastmasters, J. S. Mason, and J. W. Wadsworth, Jr., toasts were responded to by F. G. Hinsdale, J. O. Rodgers, R. T. Garrison, I. N. Swift, R. J. Turnbull and F. Kernochan. Last year Mr. Kipling not being able to attend the banquet, sent an interesting poem in reply to the invitation. As he is this year in Europe it was again impossible that he should attend.

The Stevenson Club has a membership of fifteen with three members of the Faculty as honorary members. Its officers are: President, A. D. Baldwin; Vice-President, G. D. Montgomery; Secretary, C. D. Cheney. The last banquet was held in June of 1896. Dr. W. L. Phelps acting as presiding officer. It is proposed to hold this year's banquet some time in the latter part of the Spring, but a definite date has not yet been fixed.

California Alumni Dine.

The annual dinner of the Yale Alumni Association was eaten at Delmonico's, San Francisco, Saturday, November 21. Besides the Yale men present, were two guests representing Harvard, President George B. Merrill, of the Harvard Club, and Mr. William Thomas, each of whom responded to the toast to his Alma Mater. Their remarks were received with great enthusiasm, especially their expressed hope for the renewal of athletic relations between the two Universities.

Speeches were made by Thomas R. Bacon, '72, President of the Association; F. S. Butterworth, '95; General W. H. L. Barnes, Captain J. S. Pettit, President Martin Kellogg, '50, of the University of California, and Professor E. B. Clapp, '86 Ph. D. An interesting and enthusiastic letter was read from Warren E. Lloyd, who holds the graduate scholarship at Yale founded by the Association. On the whole it was the pleasantest meeting of the Association that has ever been held.

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