

THE ATHLETIC SITUATION.

Unsatisfactory Condition of the Negotiations with Harvard.

No very satisfactory statements regarding the revival of athletic relations with Harvard can be obtained at present writing from the Yale athletic management. Just before college closed last term it was generally believed that the matter had been brought to a point where the ultimate healing of the breach seemed in sight, but on December 18 a contrary statement was officially given out by Mr. Garrison, manager of the Football Association. This statement is printed below and is the last that can now be obtained from official sources:

"While the pending negotiations regarding a series of contests in all branches of athletics between Yale and Harvard cannot be said to be definitely determined there is a hitch in regard to the date of the boat race, Yale having acceded to Harvard's condition that the race should be rowed over the same course as the race between Harvard and Cornell.

"Under no conditions could the Yale crew leave New Haven before June 12 the day after the close of recitations, this having been strictly adhered to even in the case of last year's trip to Henley.

"Yale has offered to row at any time after June 27, leaving the place of the race to Harvard. This condition the Harvard authorities are unable to accept."

The Hockey Team Trip.

The so-called Yale Hockey Club team played two games during the Christmas holidays and although defeated in both, made a very creditable showing. The team was unable to practice but one day before the close of the term, and as this was devoted to trying the candidates, no team work could be obtained.

Two games in Brooklyn and New York and several in Pittsburg had been arranged, but owing to the burning of the ice rink in the latter city, only the games in New York were played. On Wednesday evening, Dec. 16, the team was defeated by the Montclair A. C. in the Clermont Avenue ice rink, Brooklyn, by the score of 6 to 1, the Yale team showing great lack of practice.

On Thursday evening, Dec. 24, the St. Nicholas Club team was played in the St. Nicholas rink, and although the latter is considered the leading hockey team of the country, they scored but three goals to Yale's two. The latter's team work had improved wonderfully. Yale's point was obliged to retire at a critical moment with a broken skate. Hall, '97S. and Sheldon, 1900 did the best work for Yale in the two games.

Their line-up was as follows: Goal, Morris, L. S.; point, Sutton, '97S.; cover point, Sheldon, 1900; forwards, Hall, '97S.; Bennett, '98; Ryder, '97S.; S. Stoddard, '99; Barnes, (Capt.) '97S.

The management has received a number of challenges, among them one from the Queens College Hockey Club, the champion Intercollegiate team of Canada. It is practically certain that a game will be played with Princeton, and the Columbia University has sent in a challenge for two games in February. Nothing definite has been heard from Harvard or Brown, both of which universities have teams. But it is possible that an intercollegiate hockey league may be formed before the season closes.

College Theatricals.

[New York Sun.]

The refusal of the Harvard Faculty to allow the Hasty Pudding Club to appear in New York this year is one of the signs that indicate a change of feeling in regard to the college performances which several years ago were at the height of their popularity. Now the faculties of all the colleges are keeping a sharper eye on

such enterprises than they did in the past, and there is some likelihood that the real college spirit of the affair will be thoroughly restored just when it was about to disappear. The performances of the Hasty Pudding Club here in New York were quite as much a Harvard event as the Boston appearances, for the audiences that greeted the "Pudding shows" were always made up of Harvard graduates and friends of the college. Similar action on the part of the faculty in other colleges would deprive the glee and banjo clubs of their annual trips, which are their chief diversion. Now a number of these clubs are touring through the country. The particular interest of the college faculties in the amusements furnished by the students seemed to be directed toward the college theatricals, and this branch needed it most. The expensive and elaborate performances which, when they did not actually lose money, at all events made little or none for the college associations that were supposed to benefit by the performances, only began a few years ago, and any circumstances that tend to discourage them are for the best. The Yale Faculty, when it forbade the students to appear in skirts or represent female characters, did the most effective work that any interference with these entertainments has accomplished.

Preparatory School Representation.

The statistics given below show the number of men in the several classes of the Academic and Scientific Departments who prepared for college at one of the following preparatory schools—Andover, St. Paul's, Hopkins Grammar School, Hartford Public High School, Hillhouse High School of New Haven, Hotchkiss, Lawrenceville, Exeter and St. Mark's:—

ACADEMIC.

'97—Andover 30, St. Paul's 23, H. G. S. 14, H. P. H. S. 11, Hotchkiss 11, H. H. S. 10, Lawrenceville 10, Exeter 2, St. Mark's 5.

'98—Andover 46, H. P. H. S. 17, St. Paul's School 15, H. H. S. 13, St. Mark's 11, Lawrenceville 9, Exeter 8, Hotchkiss 7, H. G. S. 6.

'99—Andover 36, St. Paul's 23, Hotchkiss 12, H. G. S. 12, H. H. S. 9, Lawrenceville 8, H. P. H. S. 7, Exeter 4, St. Mark's 1.

1900—Andover 65, Hotchkiss 29, St. Paul's 24, H. P. H. S. 12, H. H. S. 11, Lawrenceville 7, H. G. S. 5, St. Mark's 1.

SCIENTIFIC.

'97S.—Andover 27, H. H. S. 17, St. Paul's 12, H. G. S. 10, H. P. H. S. 8, Exeter 6, Lawrenceville 4, St. Mark's 2, Hotchkiss 1.

'98S.—Andover 15, H. P. H. S. 11, H. G. S. 7, St. Mark's 6, Hotchkiss 5, H. H. S. 5, St. Paul's School 4, Lawrenceville 3, Exeter 0.

'99S.—Andover 22, H. H. S. 15, H. G. S. 9, St. Paul's 8, Lawrenceville 6, Hotchkiss 4, H. P. H. S. 3, St. Mark's 3, Exeter 0.

This gives Andover a total of 241 in the two departments, St. Paul's 109, Hillhouse High School 80, Hotchkiss and Hartford Public High each 69, H. G. S. 63, Lawrenceville 47, St. Mark's 29 and Exeter 22.

Hospitable Attitude of Columbia.

[Columbia Spectator.]

Columbia will be the first to welcome a cessation of the present athletic estrangement between Yale and Harvard. That there should ever have been good reasons for other than friendly relations between these two Universities is a source of sincere regret to every lover of true sportsmanship. Such estrangements do much to injure the reputation of athletics in America, in that they give the carping, cynical critics, who fortunately are in the minority, a chance to decry all intercollegiate competitions as productive only of evil. Columbia would be glad to see Yale represented by an eight at Poughkeepsie next June. The aquatic supremacy of America could then be decided to the satisfaction of all.

OTHER COLLEGE NEWS

COLUMBIA TO BE CONGRATULATED.

The Bookman says:

"It has been to many a source of surprise that Professor Sloane could be induced to exchange his chair at Princeton for the Columbia professorship, as he had been so long and so honorably identified with the former university, and had made for himself so exceptional a position there. It is no secret that on the death of Dr. McCosh, Professor Sloane would have succeeded him in the presidency of Princeton, had not the traditions of that institution required the incumbent of the office to be a clergyman of the Presbyterian faith. The social life of the place is also charming. Yet to one who, like Professor Sloane, is not only a scientific investigator, but in the best and highest sense a cultivated man of the world, the advantage and special attractions of metropolitan life must inevitably be an irresistible magnet. The facilities for research, the special historical collections, and the larger life of a great city could not fail to influence him, and it must besides have been a source of personal gratification to receive a second time so marked a compliment from his own Alma Mater. In any case, Princeton is distinctly the loser and Columbia no less distinctly the gainer by his acceptance of this call; and New York now owes once more a tribute of gratitude to President Low for bringing it about, and again making manifest his almost inspired instinct for always doing exactly the right thing at precisely the right time."

VALUABLE GIFT TO PRINCETON.

Mr. Junius S. Morgan of New York, has presented to the library of Princeton University his collection of early editions of Virgil, in commemoration of the institution's sesquicentennial. The collection, which includes 312 numbers, is surpassed only by two or three others, if at all. It includes the very rare first edition (Sceyheim & Pannartz, Rome, 1469) of which only six copies are known, and of which Deschamps says that there has not been a copy offered at auction since that of La Valliere, in 1783. The British Museum has no copy, and the copy of the National Library at Paris is defective. The collection includes also a copy on vellum of the first, dated edition (1471), which is about half as rare as the other, but is nevertheless rarer than the famous Gutenberg Bible. This is not Mr. Morgan's first gift to the Princeton library, which he has already enriched with a noteworthy collection of early printed books and a number of scientific periodicals and bibliographical and philological works. It is said that he proposes to extend the Virgil collection until it is complete. Mr. William Nelson of Paterson, N. J., has enriched the library with a valuable collection of documents and autographs of historical value in connection with Princeton. Ground was broken on December 11 for the new dormitory presented to the University at the recent celebration by Mr. John I. Blair, one of the Trustees.—The Critic.

REGARDING AN AMERICAN HENLEY.

A press dispatch from New London says: "A movement for a Henley-like series of boat races is assuming definite shape, although the first move is not for a week of racing. The Board of Trade of New London is sending out circulars to more than 400 colleges and athletic clubs, announcing the 'Thames Regatta' at New London, during June, 1897. The circular says: 'As to the merits of the Thames course the press of the country is unanimous in joining in its praise as the proper and only desirable course that college crews should select, either for a triple contest or a national regatta of college oarsmen.' The circular is signed by ex-Governor Waller, A. H. Chappell, President of the Board of Trade; C. B. Jennings, Superintendent of Schools, and others."

DEBATING LEAGUE FORMED IN THE WEST.

Arrangements have recently been completed for a debating league between the four Western universities of Michigan, Chicago, Wisconsin and Northwestern University. The league is to be operated by a system of preliminaries, which will give two of the four universities two debates each. The final debate is to be always held in Chicago.

Mr. F. W. Peck, of Chicago, is one of the prime movers in the project and has given considerable financial support. He has established a prize as an incentive to debaters, to consist of \$100 to the best debater in the league, \$60 to the second best, and \$40 to the third. A constitution has been drawn up by representatives of the four universities, and all but a few minor details settled.

HARVARD'S NEW STUDIES.

The New York Sun expresses itself as follows after running through the Harvard catalogue:

"Some interesting innovations hidden in the mass of facts contained in the catalogue of Harvard University, recently issued, deserve the attention of the friends of Harvard and of the higher education in the United States.

The University has launched into new philological fields, offering for the first time in its history instruction not only in the Slavic languages, in accordance with the suggestion made by the Sun a year ago, but in the Celtic and Egyptian languages. A young man at Harvard has now the opportunity to learn the Russian and the Polish tongues, and to study their philology in the Old Church Slavonic. The approach of two literatures of great interest and importance is thus opened to American scholars. Two courses in Irish are also provided, a good beginning toward placing Celtic studies in the position they deserve. By introducing into its curriculum the study of the Egyptian hieroglyphics, it opens up to the American student the field in which the most startling archaeological discoveries of recent times have been made.

For the first time, too, there appears in a Harvard catalogue the announcement of Radcliffe College, with its list of officers, its conditions for admission and its course of study. No list of students has ever been published either by the "Harvard Annex" or by Radcliffe College, and no list of students' names appears now. The number of students, however, is given, showing that 356 young women are in attendance, of whom 212 are graduates or members in full standing of college classes. For the first time also two names of women appear in the list of graduate students of the Harvard Medical School.

Another innovation in the catalogue is the summary of graduates of other institutions and the colleges they came from, which is given for the graduate and professional schools. This was given last year for the Law School only. There are 444 graduates of about 150 American colleges and universities at work in Harvard, ranging from Acadia and the University of New Brunswick to the universities of California and Washington in the West, and that of Havana in the South. In the list of students are graduates of German gymnasia, of French lycées, one from the Paris Ecole des Chartes, others from the universities of London and of Edinburgh. It is plain that Harvard is taking her place as a universal school of knowledge."

OTHER NOTES.

Professor Benjamin Ide Wheeler of Cornell, who spent last winter at Athens, is endeavoring to raise \$3,500 to carry on the excavations at Corinth. The Greek Government has agreed to appropriate (i. e., to make public domain by purchase) the land desired for excavation, with the understanding that three-fourths of the price are to be paid by the American School at Athens. It is to be hoped that the desired amount will be raised.

Dr. Frederick Bancroft has been selected to take the place of Dr. von Holst at the University of Chicago, this winter. He will deliver a course of lectures on "The Political and Constitutional History of the United States from 1840 to 1861."