

NINETY-EIGHT'S PROMENADE.

Advances Made in the Management. The Question of Expense.

The Junior Promenade festivities of the Class of 1898 came to a close with the Promenade itself on Tuesday evening, January 19. The program and arrangements of the week were substantially the same as last year, being limited to two days in accordance with the Faculty decree of a year ago.

In general it can be said of this year that the "Prom." guests were not as numerous as last year, but it was noticed that many more arrived in advance of the regular events. The tendency resulting from the above mentioned Faculty decree is towards an early beginning of the events and it has come to be almost a regular custom for many men to bring their friends on to New Haven on the preceding Saturday and to arrange an informal dance for that evening.

Each year the Promenade committee make every effort to avoid the mistakes and inaugurate improvements over the work of the preceding committee, and in two distinct lines the committee this year has taken a marked step in advance. Last year, as will be remembered, the prices paid for the boxes rose far above any figures previously given for this purpose, but this year the prices were all very moderate, and it can be said that the Juniors at least were given a good opportunity of entering into the Promenade gaieties without the usual extravagance. The cause of this decrease in the prices paid is attributed to two reasons: first, that the arrangements for the disposal of the boxes were more satisfactory than ever before; second, that there was an unmistakable falling off in the numbers, who wanted boxes and thus the bidding at the open sale did not rise as high as usual.

The plan for disposing of boxes has already been roughly outlined in the Weekly and is an entirely original plan of the Ninety-eight committee. A certain number of boxes were set apart for disposal among the Academic Juniors and Scientific Seniors. A certain reasonable price was set upon each box by the committee, determined according to its location, size and other advantages. Any member of these two classes who desired a box was called upon to hand in an application to that effect. In filling these applications preference was given to those handed in by four names, ahead of those presented by three persons or less. In this way a tendency was created towards an economical occupation of boxes. The order of choosing boxes was determined entirely by lot, and in this way each person, when his turn came, could take a box at whatever price he desired out of a fairly large selection. The prices of these boxes allotted at this sale ranged from \$30 to \$75, while the prices paid by Juniors in the corresponding sale last year ranged from \$43 to \$125, being a reduction of almost 50 per cent. This remedy for a previous important obstacle is one deserving of great praise and is keenly appreciated by all. The arrangements at the armory on the night of the ball were practically the same as those of last year, although a great improvement was noticed in the dancing floor, which had been newly laid by the armory authorities. This improvement therefore, is not entirely due to the members of the committee but was rather brought about

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The Chemical Club.

The Chemical club of the University, which was organized at a meeting of those interested in the matter on Friday, January 15, promises to be one of the most successful clubs in the University. Early in the term it was decided to form the club, and letters explaining the object and methods of the proposed organization were sent to thirty-eight men, who were known to be interested in such work. On Friday evening thirty-five men were present at the first meeting. Among them were President Dwight, Prof. A. W. Wright, Prof. Gooch, Prof. W. H. Brewer, Prof. Mixter, Dr. Mendel, Mr. Campbell of the experiment station and Prof. S. W. Johnson, who was elected president. In addition to these nearly all the assistant instructors in the laboratories were present.

Dr. Kreider read a paper on "Argon and Helium," in which he discussed the work done on these substances with reference to whether they are elementary substances or allotropic forms of known elements. Prof. A. W. Wright, Dr. Mendel, Mr. Bowden and Mr. Boltwood then read short papers on recent discoveries in chemistry, and other topics of interest to chemists.

The program for the year was then presented. The club will meet every two weeks in one of the laboratories, and papers will be presented on live topics of interest to chemists and in this connection the members will take up reviews of journals which deal with the branches of chemical work.

The officers elected are: Prof. S. W. Johnson, president; P. E. Browning, secretary, and a program committee consisting of Dr. Mendel, Mr. Boltwood and the secretary.

The Basket Ball Challenge From U. of P.

In regard to the refusal of the Yale Basketball team to play a match with the University of Pennsylvania, which has generally been construed as a desire to adhere to a certain athletic policy, an explanation is here pertinent.

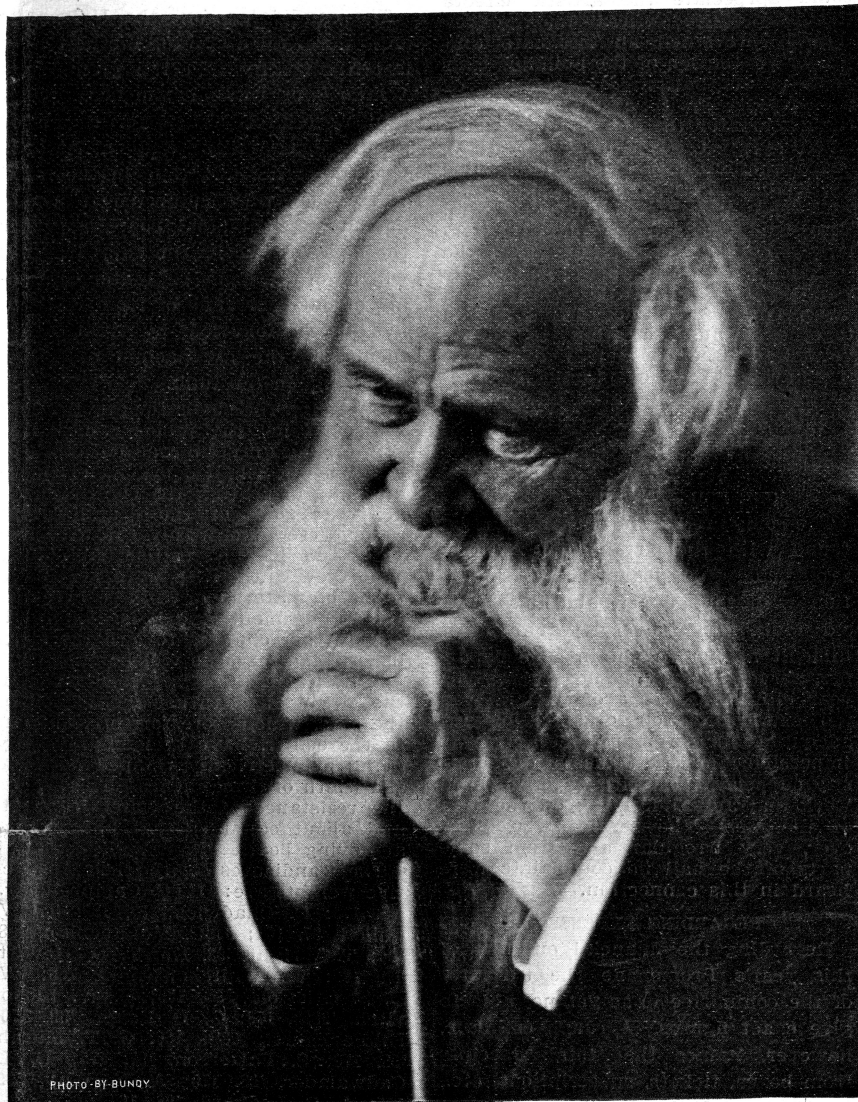
Last Fall a challenge was received by the management of the Yale Basketball team from the team of the University of Pennsylvania. At that time the Yale team was considering the advisability of taking a Christmas trip, and it was their intention to play Pennsylvania on this trip. The Christmas examinations forced the management to give up the trip and to decline the challenge of the Pennsylvania team.

Another letter was received from Pennsylvania asking for a game either in Philadelphia or New Haven. Owing to the slight attendance at basketball games in New Haven, it was impossible to guarantee Pennsylvania the expenses of their trip and the invitation for a game in Philadelphia had to be declined because of college work. These facts alone were the considerations that forced the management to decline Pennsylvania's challenge, the "Yale policy" having no effect whatever in the decision.

Law Students to Wear Caps and Gowns.

The Senior class of the Law School met last Friday morning and voted to wear caps and gowns at Commencement. There was a strong opposition to the proposition and before it was settled a motion to adjourn was made and lost. The opposition took the ground that the caps and gowns were an unnecessary and extravagant adjunct.

The class also voted to have half-tone portraits of each member printed in the Law School "Shingle."



DR. HENRY BARNARD, '30.

IN DR. BARNARD'S HONOR.

The Hartford Celebration—Professor Sumner's Suggestive Response.

On Monday of this week in the Hall of the House of Representatives at Hartford a remarkable tribute was paid to the work in the cause of education of the Hon. Henry Barnard, Yale '30, whose influence on the educational systems of many states, and indeed of the whole country, it is hard to exaggerate. The speakers at the different exercises of the day included men of every creed, and from the South and West, as well as from Canada.

At the banquet in the evening, which was enlivened by the presence of a double quartet from the Yale Glee Club, there gathered men and women from the most varied walks of life, and representatives of all forms of educational interests. Of the subject of all this celebration, which had been so admirably planned and carried out under the direction of the Hon. Charles D. Hine, Yale '71, the Hartford Courant says: "The central and notable figure of the day was, of course, Dr. Barnard himself, who never was more dignified, nor never so venerable, like a very sage of old, as he listened to the long and continued complimentary allusions to himself and his work."

A brief sketch of Dr. Barnard's work was given in the last Weekly, and the program of the celebration was also printed. The response by Professor Sumner was so suggestive a contribution to educational discussions that it is reprinted in full here. It was given at the banquet in Jewell Hall, after the toastmaster, Mr. Dwight Holbrook of Morgan School, Clinton, had made the introductory address, and had proposed the first toast to "Henry Barnard, Nestor of American Education," for which the sentiment was:

"So much one man can do,
That does both act and know."

PROFESSOR SUMNER'S RESPONSE.

Mr. Holbrook introduced Professor William G. Sumner of Yale University, who spoke on "The Teacher's Unconscious Success."

"Our respected friend in honor of the first illustration of the sentiment you have offered me. I remember him as he used to visit the schools of Hartford forty-five or fifty years ago, when I was a boy in one of them. The school boys were familiar with his figure and I recall him distinctly as we used to see him. Our teachers honored him and taught us to honor him. In some way which we did not understand he embodied the care and providence which was giving us our schooling. We then attributed to him more patriarchal dignity, perhaps, than he then deserved. We know now that he first introduced some system of regularity, some economy of time and money into the old happy-go-lucky sys-

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