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by a chance which favored them greatly. For several years the attempt has been made to produce a good dancing surface by laying crash over the armory floor, but has been always attended with disadvantages, chiefly in producing a stinging and disastrous dust from the lint of the cloth. Last year the floor was bare, but no amount of waxing and polishing seemed to render it at all slippery for dancing and this year the new dancing surface was a great improvement. The floor was still very hard and devoid of any spring, but this fault cannot possibly be obviated.

The decorations were very much the same as usual, the colors being light blue over the ceiling and orange and white around the walls. Everyone could appreciate the artistic effects thereby produced, except for the fact that it prevented an adequate and proper ventilation of the building. This point of ventilation is indeed one of the greatest drawbacks to the use of the armory for the Junior Promenade. Every year the same complaint is heard and it seems almost impossible for it to be satisfactorily remedied.

The music was without criticism. Two bands, as usual, played alternately during the evening and the selection of pieces was exceptionally well made. The greatest enthusiasm was produced when both bands played together thus creating a double volume of sound and making the temptation to dance practically irresistible. Encores were called for frequently and during the early part of the evening were given with great willingness.

ONE POINT FOR CRITICISM.

The only real fault that can be found with the arrangement at the Promenade this year was in connection with the supper, and this is an old fault. It is every year a most difficult matter to obtain a good supper, served promptly and warm. This year either the corps of waiters was too small or their organization inadequate, for in many cases it was impossible for the guests to obtain any supper at all, without much hard work and actual fighting on the part of the men. The service was, however, very irregular and from some parts of the hall no complaints were heard in this connection.

REGARDING EXPENSES.

Regarding the financial outcome of this year's Promenade the treasurer of the committee is as yet not able to give exact figures. A rough estimate, however, names the total receipts from boxes, tickets, subscriptions, etc., at \$6,400, and the total expenses at \$5,100. The usual cost of Promenades is in the neighborhood of \$5,000, and the Faculty have always requested that the committees should not allow the expenses to greatly exceed that amount. The surplus, which is expected to be about \$1,300, will be used primarily to pay off the class debt of about \$1,000, contracted in Freshman year by the football eleven and crew. Any sum in excess of that will be donated either to the Athletic Financial Union or the University Library.

Last year the surplus of the Promenade was \$3,700, the total receipts having amounted to \$8,500. This means that the college men who enjoyed these two Promenades paid in the aggregate \$2,000 more last year than this year for the same amount of pleasure and benefit. If such results as this reduction of expenses can be obtained by careful management and new arrangements, this will always be appreciated by college members and friends, who would rather see their contributions devoted to a successful and moderate Promenade than to the creation of an enormous surplus, to be ultimately donated to some outside purpose.

Any discussion of such events as Junior Promenades, which are conducted by undergraduate management, even if it be not at all in the form of a criticism of any special acts committed, cannot help but make conspicuous the advantages that would accrue from some permanent element in the governing body. To be sure, the members of each Junior Promenade committee step into office with the advantage of a certain amount of experience in such matters gained by attending the ball of the preceding season, as guests, and this advantage is the strongest reason why an exclusion of Sophomores from the Promenade (a plan suggested in order to

reduce the numbers, and hence the competition for boxes and other necessary adjuncts to a proper entertainment) would be a disastrous measure to accomplish the desired aim. What form of a permanent management could be adopted without depriving the event of its strictly undergraduate character, it is indeed hard to determine, but it is a matter worthy of discussion, and deserves a place in the same general line of questions as to how the Junior Promenade can be made a more genuine Yale affair.

CREW WORK BEGINS.

General Character of the Work—The List of Candidates.

The candidates for the University crew were called out for the first time last Wednesday and the preliminary Winter work was commenced. The men were first taken for a run of about three miles and afterwards worked for a short time in the tank, where they were subjected to a due amount of individual coaching. For the next few weeks the daily training will be of the same character consisting of out door runs of from three to five miles, followed by light calisthenics in the gymnasium and then by rowing in the tank.

In rigging the shells for practice last Fall, and for the indoor work this Winter, the question was discussed of adopting the English system of tholepins and of seating the eight men on alternate sides of the boat. These ideas were thoroughly tested last Fall, and in the estimation of the Yale crew authorities were not found to be of material advantage over the old arrangement, and it is doubtful if any further changes toward the English rowing methods will be adopted.

A radical change has been made in the rowing apparatus, the blades of the oars, which were formerly cut out in the center, have been improved by being symmetrically thinned down to the width of three inches. This makes the resistance of the water less felt, and about equal to that obtained in a moving boat.

The candidates with their respective weights are: H. C. Campbell, Jr., '97, 170; C. Chadwick, '97, 183; T. W. Miller, '97, 161; J. C. McLaughlan, '98, 164; T. Wright, '98, 175; T. D. Hewitt, '99, 160; W. Whitehouse, '98, 165; W. E. S. Griswold, '98, 165; G. W. Slocovitich, '98S., 173; G. P. Baker, '99, 170; H. Parkhurst, '98S., 166; G. T. Marsh, '98, 170; S. Patterson, '97, 175; B. L. Cadwalader, '98, 175; A. F. Way, '99, 155; A. C. Ledyard, '98, 165.

Indoor Athletic Games.

It has been finally decided that Yale shall be allowed to hold as usual the annual Winter indoor games in the Second Regiment armory this year. This has been decided by the state officials, who have just notified the Yale athletic management of their decision.

Much more than the mere question of allowing Yale to hold the regular games in the armory hung on the decision of the state military authorities. A year ago the state took the ground that no organizations should be allowed to hold public events in the state armories.

The ground for the decision of the state militia in making an exception to their rule in Yale's case is that the University supports a military company, which drills regularly in the armory, and that the University pays a military tax, thus entitling it to hold its usual events in the armory.

The annual Winter indoor games will be held on Saturday evening, March 13. The arrangements and list of events will be the same as usual, except that fistic bouts in three classes will be substituted for the tug of war events.

Most of the large Eastern athletic clubs are expected to send teams, but it is not yet known what colleges will compete. A request has been received from the Seventh Regiment to enter a team in the relay race. The request is under the consideration of the committee, and it has not been decided whether this team will be taken or some college team in its stead.

NEWS FROM OTHER COLLEGES.

HARVARD.

The midwinter training of the Harvard crew this year is quite different from that of former years, which is largely due to the radical changes introduced by Mr. Lehmann during his Fall work with the men. The glycerine pressure machines which were introduced by Mr. Watson have given place to the tank and stationary boat rigged with the English thole pins and level sides, as was the barge in which the crew rowed last Fall, so the practice now obtained is far more practical than that previously employed.

Another innovation is the entire disappearance of secrecy which was prevalent during Mr. Watson's reign. Now anyone is welcomed at the rowing room, and a far more unrestrained atmosphere surrounds crew training. At present the training is not very rigorous, owing to the crew's hard season on the river in the Fall and the fear of their becoming stale if pressed too hard at the start. Mr. Lehmann indeed has little faith in the efficiency of indoor training, save in the aim to keep the men in good physical condition and not to allow them to become unfamiliar with the essentials of the stroke. He believes that the oarsman's skill is to be obtained on the water alone.

As most of the present crew men rowed on last year's University crew no call for candidates has been issued, so those working for places in the University boat are out with the various class crews, from which the extra men are taken to the University tank.

The seventh ten of the Institute of 1770 from the class of Ninety-nine were taken out Monday night in the following order: H. Sampson, Jr., New York; B. H. Whitbeck, Rochester, N. Y.; G. F. Baker, New York; W. S. Fitz, Newton; T. H. Endicott, Boston; G. D. Hall, St. Louis, Mo.; H. Talmadge, 2d, Netherwood, N. J.; P. French, Boston; W. P. J. Dinsmoor, Keene, N. H.; R. A. Jackson, Boston Honoraries: D. F. Murphy, '97; I. Bowditch, '97; W. J. Denholm, '97; J. B. Swan, '98; H. Wood, '98; E. L. Pruyne, '97; R. S. Warner, '98.

The Harvard Corporation has voted to give fifteen thousand dollars towards the improvement of Soldiers' Athletic Field, provided the Carey building be abandoned after this year so far as athletics are concerned. Even if the petition to keep Holmes Field for athletics is granted for the remainder of this year, the work of improving Soldiers' Field will be begun as soon as the weather permits, and it is expected that hereafter all athletics will take place there instead of on Holmes Field.

There is considerable feeling among the Harvard undergraduates, and especially the Senior class, in regard to the action of the Corporation in abolishing the "old and honored" Class Day custom of "scrummaging" for the flowers about the "Flower Elm."

Harvard University is now considering the endowment of a memorial window to John Harvard, to be placed in St. Saviour's, Southwark, England, where he was christened in 1607.

PRINCETON.

The annual Princeton alumni dinner, held in New York, under the auspices of the Princeton Club of that city, last Thursday, was by far the largest and most successful one of recent years. The banquet room of the Savoy Hotel, where the dinner occurred, was appropriately decorated, and nearly two hundred alumni were seated at four tables running the length of the room, the older classes being in the center and the recent graduates on the sides. Those who sat at the head table as guests of honor were: President Patton, President Low of Columbia, Hon. James C. Carter of Harvard, Hon. Henry E. Howland of Yale, Professor West, William E. Annin, '77, Professor William Libbey, Charles E. Green, '60, Abram S. Hewitt, John S. Billups and Charles S. Gleed of the University of Kansas.

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COLUMBIA.

"Cleopatra" is the name of the production which the Columbia University Musical Society will give at Carnegie Lyceum on February 15 for the benefit of athletics in general. But as the crew began training this season with a debt of \$3,500, the various other athletic managements have resigned their claims in favor of the University crew, and as the amount cleared will probably determine whether the crew will go to Poughkeepsie or not, it is greatly hoped that the affair will be as much of a financial as it has been a social success.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The instructors and students of the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, desiring to give expression to their grateful appreciation of the worth and services of the late Francis A. Walker, who died in Boston on January 5 have passed the following resolutions:

"Resolved, That we have heard with deep regret the news of the sudden death of Dr. Francis A. Walker, the foremost exponent of economic science in the United States. We cannot but feel deeply grateful for his memorable services to the cause of economics, which have so lightened our labors as teachers and students, and are profoundly conscious of the great loss our American economists have suffered in being deprived of his clear judgment and luminous exposition of economic doctrine and phenomena. In regretting his loss, we rejoice that he leaves behind him, in his numerous works, so fitting a monument to his memory, and so rich a source of inspiration and assistance to all who may follow after him in economic research.

"Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be sent to the family of President Walker, and be placed upon the minutes of the Wharton School Committee.

Scranton Alumni Organize.

In response to a notice sent to the different Yale men in and around Scranton, about fourteen assembled in the office of Col. H. M. Boies, '59, to hear the report of the committee on the constitution and by-laws appointed at the last meeting.

Col. Boies was elected temporary chairman, and the report of the committee was then read. The constitution and by-laws drawn up by the committee were adopted as read.

The election of officers was as follows:

President, Hon. W. H. Jessup.
Vice-President, Mr. Henry Belin, Jr.
Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. J. M. Boies, ex-'95 S.

Mr. James Oakford and Hon. R. W. Archbald were elected to serve on the executive committee.

It was agreed that the time and place of the next meeting and banquet be referred to the executive committee, but April 20 was recommended as the date.

It was voted that all undergraduates were eligible to membership in the Association, and that the secretary send notices to all Yale men in Scranton and vicinity, of the next meeting and banquet.