

BANQUET AT CINCINNATI.

Thirty-third Annual Dinner of the Oldest Yale Club.

The Cincinnati Yale Club held its 33d annual dinner at the University Club, Cincinnati, Saturday, February 13. This is the oldest Yale Alumni Association in the country, it having its origin in a meeting of Yale men in that city on November 26, 1864 called together by the late Alfonso Taft, '33, to take action on the death of Prof. Benjamin Silliman, 1796.

The recent meeting, while not a large one in point of numbers, was nevertheless a most enthusiastic one, and among the most successful ever held by the association. C. Hammond Avery, '75, President of the Club, called the meeting to order at 7 o'clock, and after the minutes had been approved, memorial papers were read on the late Channing Richards, '58, who was President of the Club in 1877, and who died September 12, 1896, and on the late Robert C. Price, ex '82, both of whom were loyal sons of Yale. The following officers were then elected for the ensuing year: President, F. H. Shaffer, '77; Vice-Presidents, Joseph L. Adler, '88, John W. Herron, jr., '91 S., and B. P. Hollister, '92; Secretary and Treasurer, George H. Warrington, '95; Executive Committee, George W. Johnston, '83, Gouverneur Calhoun, '91, and I. M. Jordan, jr., '95.

The following toasts were responded to:

The Faculty W. L. Dickson, '78
The Alumni George W. Johnston, '83
Yale at Henley Guy W. Mallon, '85
Yale and Education
..... Ben Wood Davis, '75
What the Recent Graduate is Doing...
..... Isaac M. Jordan, jr., '95

In addition to these regular toasts informal speeches were made by Merrill Moores and James M. Winters of Indianapolis. Mr. Johnston's response to "The Alumni" was an exceptionally fine speech. The list of those present follows: Frank J. Jones, '59; W. W. Seely, '62; B. F. Ehrman, '67; George P. Wilshire, '71; G. H. Wald, '73; C. Wammond Avery, '75; Ben Wood Davis, '75; Rufus B. Smith, '76; William H. Taft, '78; William L. Dickson, '78; F. D. Goodhue, '77; W. H. Whittaker, '77; Arthur Stern, '72; F. H. Shaffer, '77; George W. Johnston, '83; Guy W. Mallon, '85; F. V. Andrews, '76; M. R. Waite, '83; W. A. DeCamp, '90; Arthur Espy, '90; John W. Herron, jr., '91 S.; B. P. Hollister, '92; Stanley G. Bush, '92; Charles D. Jones, '93; George E. Mills, '93; Oliver C. Billings, '93 S.; H. B. Mackoy, '94; R. C. Anderson, '94 S.; F. J. Waters, '94; T. W. Gosling, '94; I. M. Jordan, jr., '95; G. W. Warrington, '95; E. W. Hobart, '95; D. M. Levy, '95; T. B. Paxton, jr., '96; Neil Mallon, '96.

The following came from out of town: Merrill Moores and James M. Winters of Indianapolis; I. N. Bloom, '78, of Louisville; B. E. Wright, '85 S., of Lexington; Charles Boeoy, '90, of Minneapolis.

New Freshman Courses.

With the beginning of the year a number of optional supplementary courses have been added to the regular courses in Freshman year. This extra work requires only one hour a week. The courses offered with the number of students in each is as follows:

A comparison of the great translations of Plutarch and a training in the art of translation. Given by Professor Perrin. Thirteen men.

A history of mathematics. Given by Professor Beebe. Eight men.

Higher algebra. Given by Mr. Strong, with regard to special preparation for the Woolsey Scholarship examination. Eighteen men.

The solution of equations by analytical trigonometry. Given by Mr. Westlund. This course will begin in about a week.

A supplementary course in English literature, consisting of recitations and lectures. Given by Mr. Lewis, Seventy-eight men.

With the beginning of the next half term a course in Greek composition will be offered by Mr. Brownson. This course will be for special preparation for the Woolsey Scholarship examination.

Yale, Princeton and the University of Pennsylvania will be invited to send relay teams to the Spring games of the Seventh Regiment of New York in April.

An interscholastic athletic league has been formed between Lawrenceville, Hill School and St. Paul's.

New Haven's Great Mistake.

(Hartford Courant.)

The action of New Haven in pushing up the Yale tax list about \$400,000 comes at a bad time for the city. Cheap demagogues there, have been railing at Yale ever since the late campaign began. Now's a chance to get even. That is the way it will look, and a very poor return the city makes for what Yale has given her.

To begin with, in the matter of reputation, Yale University has made New Haven one of the famous cities of the world. Yale is known and respected wherever intelligence flourishes. New Haven is known as the place where Yale is. Thousands of people know the city in no other way; none know her in any better way. She has reason for pride and gratitude every day in being the home of such a great civilizing institution, so loved by so many of the foremost men of the day.

Drop from things immaterial to things material, and think what Yale does for New Haven financially. Twenty-five hundred students must spend there a good deal more than a million and a half of dollars. Then there are the Faculty and all dependent on them, living in New Haven because the University is there, and disbursing in the aggregate a large sum, and there is all the money spent by visitors, by returning graduates, and by others who go there because of Yale. It is moderate to estimate the total amount of money that Yale brings to New Haven at \$2,000,000 to \$2,500,000. At a 5 per cent. interest rate that represents the income of \$40,000,000 to \$50,000,000. The city is by so much richer than if the University was not there.

It is said that the assessors see a difference between dormitories on the Campus and those off that sacred square. Both belong to Yale, both are used for identically the same purposes, both are essential parts of the college. It is a pretty fine distinction that makes one such taxable and the other exempt. And it is pretty small business to strain the law against an institution to which the community is so immeasurably indebted as New Haven is to Yale.

As nearly as we can make it out, the property is assessed because it is rented and yields a revenue. It is true the students do pay room rent. But look at the absurdity of such a construction of the law. It amounts simply to taxing Yale because she is poor. If the College were so rich that she could let her students have rooms free, then there'd be no revenue from real estate and so no such taxes. As it is, she is taxed because she hasn't wealth instead of because she has. Moreover, if Yale was so rich as to house all students free, where then would be all those New Haven householders who make a nice living by renting rooms to students? If all could go inside free, nobody would be renting rooms outside and a profitable New Haven industry would cease.

They ought to think a good many times there in New Haven before they turn against Yale University.

Meeting of New England Δ. K. E.

The New England Association of Delta Kappa Epsilon held its annual banquet February 16 at the Parker House, in Boston. Arthur C. Walworth (Yale '65) presided, and speeches were made by graduates of many colleges.

The following officers were elected: President, Samuel L. Powers, Dartmouth '74; Vice Presidents, Henry Hyde Smith, Bowdoin '54, and Dudley F. Bailey, Colby '65; Secretary and Treasurer, H. P. Codington, Massachusetts Institute of Technology '95. An executive committee of five was also elected.

The colleges represented were Yale, Brown, Bowdoin, Rutgers, Colby, Williams, Dartmouth, Amherst, Wesleyan, Rochester, Syracuse, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The Yale Basket Ball team defeated the Yonkers Athletic Association in Yonkers, Monday evening, February 22, by the score of 10 to 9.

The annual intercollegiate relay race meeting, under the auspices of the University of Pennsylvania, will be held on April 24. Silk banners will be presented as trophies to the winning teams, and watches and cups to the individuals. Special prizes will be given in the championship race.

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Elections to Sigma Xi

At the recent meeting of Sigma Xi, the Scientific honorary society of the University, the following were elected to membership: Prof. Harry B. Ferris, Prof. Graham Lusk and Dr. Charles J. Bartlett, of the Medical School; Prof. Percy F. Smith, John C. Tracy, William J. Comstock and Silas B. Paterson, of the Sheffield Scientific School; Dr. Charles E. Beecher, Wendell M. Strong, Dr. D. Albert Kreider, Jacob Westlund and John M. Gaines, graduate students and instructors; William Darrach, Arthur W. Ewell, Edward H. Hume and Phillip F. Ripley, from the class of '97. From the class of '97 S., Civil Engineering Course, William K. Pike and Harrie W. Peck; Electrical Engineering Course, Edward A. Bredt, Robert C. Lanphier and William K. Shepard; Mechanical Engineering Course, Edson A. Hoffman; Chemical Course, Anson G. Betts, William Valentine and Levi Wilcox; Natural History, John H. Porter.

Second Glee Club Chosen.

The following men will compose the Second Glee Club for this year, stars appearing before the names of the new men:

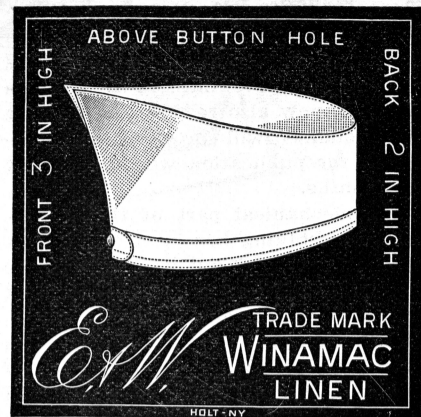
First tenors—S. N. Spring, '98, C. P. Dodge, '99, *C. M. Fincke, '97, *F. T. Andrews, '98S., F. Webster, '99, *H. R. Dennis, '99, *J. D. Carson, '99.

Second tenors—J. S. Porter, '99, L. M. Williams, '98, W. F. Cochran, '98S., E. T. Noble, '99, *A. G. Hupfel, jr., P. G., *T. D. Newmeyer, '99, *C. H. Walker, '99, *A. E. Richards, '98.

First bass—A. R. Baldwin, '98, G. W. Langford, L. S., T. W. Miller, '97, J. I. Lineaweaver, '97, F. D. Vincent, '99, *R. E. Hume, '98, C. H. Conner, jr., '99, *E. D. Pouch, jr., '98S.

Second bass—E. M. Sicard, '97, R. F. Dyer, '98S., H. S. Borden, '98, E. Tillotson, '97, H. M. Wilson, jr., '98, *H. A. Hatch, '98, *W. J. Grippen, '97S., *F. A. King, '99.

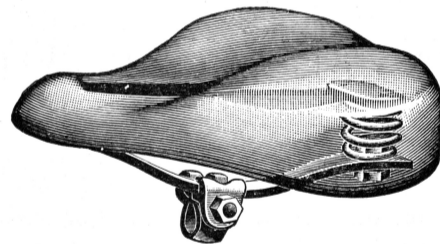
The Whitman College Pioneer says there is a movement on foot to organize an inter-state oratorical association between the leading colleges of Washington, Idaho, Oregon, and perhaps Montana.



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Change at Lafayette.

Rev. Dr. F. C. Porter, the professor of botany, zoology and geology of Lafayette College, is to retire at the end of the present college year. Dr. Porter worked over the Hayden collection made in the Rocky Mountains in 1870-74, and his eminence in botany has been widely recognized. He has held the same position at Lafayette for some thirty years, and his loss is a serious one.