

CORNELL'S GREAT DINNER.

Good Feeling Towards Others—Cash for the Crew.

The seventeenth annual banquet of the Cornell Alumni of New York City was held at the Hotel Waldorf, on Saturday evening, February 27. There was a large attendance. Among others were present Colonel Henry W. Sackett, President of the Club; Jacob G. Schurman, President of Cornell University; Professor Goldwin Smith, the historian, and Professor Benjamin S. Wheeler, of Cornell. Great enthusiasm had been aroused among the Cornell Alumni prior to the dinner because of the successfully completed athletic arrangements for next June. President James G. Schurman spoke as follows concerning the race:

"In athletics the motto of Cornell University is an 'open field and no favor.' I find no fault with sister institutions which, in obedience to traditions, local sentiment or other reasons satisfactory to themselves, prefer a more restricted competition. And I greatly rejoice at any arrangement which eliminates from athletics the spectacular and commercial elements which of late have so largely possessed them. Success to all games played by college students, before college students, on college grounds! But I know no campus with a four-mile rowing course; and, therefore, I have no objection to the Hudson, and I only wish that Columbia and Pennsylvania were with Cornell to meet Yale and Harvard there in June. Cornell wanted it, but it is not to be. Our satisfaction has its alloy. Nevertheless, I rejoice that after twenty years Cornell is this year to try conclusions with Yale and Harvard in the noble art of rowing. It will be something to have the question of championship settled even for a single year."

But the enthusiasm at this meeting did not reach its height until Professor Benjamin I. Wheeler, the head of the Greek Department at Cornell, rose to speak. Professor Wheeler has long been the chief representative of the faculty in the Athletic Council and supported Cornell's interests in the recent negotiations. Prof. Wheeler's toast was "Hellenica." He spoke of the origin of the Greek athletic ideal and of the best form in which it survived at the present day. He went on to apply the lesson of those times to the athletics of modern colleges. From that he came to the story of the recent arrangements between Harvard, Cornell and Yale. He brought out the spirit of courtesy that had prevailed in all the negotiations. Harvard had shown a keen appreciation of the manly and generous spirit exhibited by Cornell in accepting the terms of the proposal that admitted Yale to the race at Poughkeepsie, although it necessitated two races by Cornell. "There has not," said Prof. Wheeler, "been a single indication throughout all this matter of any unfriendliness toward Cornell on the part of the undergraduates of Yale. On the contrary, the feeling has been quite friendly. What you have seen in the newspapers of that sort has only come from old alumni of Yale, who have not had their way there and who do not clearly understand present conditions. Our relations with all at New Haven, so far as I have discovered, are entirely cordial."

Prof. Wheeler then called upon the alumni to join with the undergraduates of Cornell to enable them to put themselves in the most favorable position for success in the coming contest. At this juncture W. R. Bronk, of the class of '80, called out: "Tell us what you want and we will give it to you." Prof. Wheeler answered that their most immediate needs were two new boats, to cost \$600 each, and a training table.

The manner in which the alumni responded to this call has seldom if ever been equalled in the annals of college athletics. Hardly had Prof. Wheeler finished speaking when Dr. Louis L. Seaman rose and said: "Mr. President, we might as well settle this question right here. I will be one of 10 to subscribe the \$1,200 for those boats." A moment later another alumnus rose and in less than three minutes the necessary \$1,200 were pledged to the Secretary of the Association. Next the question of the training table was brought up and \$1,600, the requisite amount named by Prof. Wheeler, was obtained in the same manner.

Princeton has refused the challenge of the Yale Whist Club, owing to lack of interest among its members.

Yale will be represented by a team of three men in the Junior team competition in fencing to be held in New York, April 16 and 17.

INTERCOLLEGIATE MEETING.

Action Taken by College Athletic Associations.

The annual meeting of the Intercollegiate Athletic Association was held at the Fifth Avenue Hotel on Saturday afternoon. It proved to be one of the shortest and most harmonious yet held. The following colleges were admitted to membership: Boston College, Pennsylvania State College, Haverford College and Leland Stanford University of California.

The recommendation by the Executive Committee of amendments to the constitution and by-laws were then taken up. President Kirby informed the delegates that the L. A. W. had granted the request of the Association, and that in future, colleges can pay the expenses of their bicycle riders to the intercollegiate meet, and that the Association will now have full jurisdiction over bicycle events without at first asking the L. A. W. The executive committee was given power to amend the laws of athletics to govern bicycle races in accordance with the constitution and by-laws of the association and the regulations of the L. A. W. It was voted to give the Executive Committee power to distribute the proceeds of the bicycle meet among colleges represented by not less than three competitors, who shall finish in their respective heats, preliminary or final. The Executive Committee shall also declare a dividend to be divided equally among the colleges which are represented by competitors in the annual track and field games by at least three men, who shall finish in the track events or compete in the field events.

Hereafter the best performance in the field events during the two afternoons shall win the event. That is, the best record made in either the preliminary or final meet, shall win the event. Every man who competes for the first time shall be compelled to show a certificate signed by three members of the Faculty stating that he has attended studies amounting to five hours a week since October 15th preceding. The Association left to the Executive Committee the selection of a date on which to hold the bicycle races, and also the selection of a ground for the annual championships. Pennsylvania offered the use of the Franklin Field, Philadelphia, to the Association, but many of the delegates preferred New York City.

It was decided that in future the Treasurer must send to each member of the Executive Committee a report of the financial condition of the Association on the last day of June, and on the last Friday of each month. It was also voted to declare a dividend of \$10 to each college represented at the last championship meeting.

The election of officers then came up and resulted as follows: President, Oliver Shiras of Cornell; Honorary Vice-Presidents, C. F. Jellinghaus of the College of the City of New York, and J. D. Clark of Lafayette; Secretary, R. W. Abbott of New York University; Treasurer, P. C. Martin of Princeton. The following men were elected to serve on the Executive Committee for the coming year: S. K. Gerard of Yale, W. H. Fearing, Jr., of Columbia, J. D. Winsor, Jr., of the University of Pennsylvania and H. W. Howe of Harvard. After a vote of thanks had been tendered to G. T. Kirby, the former President, the meeting adjourned.

The delegates were as follows: Brown, C. H. Lingham; Columbia, H. K. Bird, S. H. Bijur and W. H. Fearing; Columbia University, E. C. Campbell; Cornell, O. Shiras; Dartmouth, J. M. Pringle and W. S. Adams; Georgetown, J. S. Walsh and J. T. McColgate; Harvard, W. H. Vincent, H. W. Howe and F. H. Bigelow; Holy Cross, E. L. Devine; Lafayette, W. H. Earnest and J. D. Clarke; New York University, J. T. Featherston, R. W. Abbott and J. R. Evans; College of the City of New York, J. K. Roll and C. F. Jellinghaus; University of Pennsylvania, E. L. McKechnan, C. C. Segel and J. D. Winsor, Jr.; Princeton, S. Erdman, J. I. McVitty and R. Garrett; Rutgers, B. W. Hageman; Stevens, C. M. Kirby, H. Robinson and A. C. Barry; Swarthmore, R. Matteson; Syracuse, M. Fikes, Trinity, W. H. Sparkes; Union, H. Herring; Wesleyan, W. A. Voyatt; Yale, C. Gillette, '97, S. K. Gerard, '97, and I. N. Swift, '98.

At the joint games of the Pastime Athletic Club and Company I of the Twelfth Regiment, held on Thursday, February 25, in the Twelfth Regiment Armory, New York City, G. S. Oliver, '99, was second in the 600 yards run for novices.

Columbia will send representatives to the Yale indoor games, which will be held in the Second Regiment Armory March 13.

Obituary.

CHARLES T. H. PALMER, '47.

Additional facts regarding the circumstances of the death at Berkeley, Cal., of Charles Theodore Hart Palmer, '47, whose obituary was published in the Weekly for February 25, have been received from the Class Secretary. Some three months ago Mr. Palmer met with an accident in a quarry that he was inspecting, with a view to its purchase. He had apparently recovered from the effects of this accident, but upon attempting to resume business it was evident that his nervous system was shattered, and that he needed longer rest. On Wednesday evening, February 17, he fell into a comatose state and died the following morning.

The Class Secretary received a letter from Mr. Palmer last December, stating that it was his earnest desire and his intention to be present at the semi-centennial anniversary of the class on Commencement Day, 1897. In his mining business in California, Mr. Palmer was in partnership with his classmates, Charles T. Blake, Roger S. Baldwin and George G. Wheeler.

LUTHER H. TUCKER, '55.

Luther H. Tucker, '55, died suddenly at his home in Albany, N. Y., on the evening of Tuesday, February 23, from Bright's disease. He was the son of Luther Tucker, of Rochester, N. Y., where he was born, October 19, 1834.

He entered college from Albany in the beginning of Sophomore year, 1854. He received the honorary degree of A. M. with the class of '55 in July, 1858.

Immediately after leaving college, he entered business with his father, and from Dec. 1, 1855 became a partner in the firm of Luther Tucker & Son, editors and publishers of the "Cultivator and Country Gentleman," a weekly journal, devoted to Agriculture, Horticulture, and rural affairs. He became head of the firm at the death of his father in 1873, and took as a partner his younger brother, Gilbert M. Tucker, a graduate of Williams College. During the first 10 years of his editorial life, he published a number of addresses and pamphlets of which no record has been kept.

In 1859 he made an extensive tour through Great Britain for the purpose of investigating the methods of agriculture in that country, the results of which were embodied in a series of lectures on "English Agriculture," delivered by the late Prof. John A. Porter, '42, at New Haven during the winter of 1860. Mr. Tucker held the professorship of agriculture at Rutgers College for the year 1865 but the duties of the position being incompatible with more important interests at home, he resigned his chair, after having delivered a brief preliminary course of lectures. From 1858 to 1873 he was Treasurer and an active managing officer of the New York State Agricultural Society. He was for many years a vestry man of St. Peter's.

Mr. Tucker married Miss Cornelia Strong Vail, of Islip, Long Island, November 28, 1865. His wife and four children survive him.

GEORGE HADLEY ROUNTREE, '97.

George Hadley Rountree, '97, of Brooklyn, N. Y., died at Kinston, North Carolina, Wednesday, February 24. He was

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born and lived in Brooklyn all his life. He prepared for college at the Brooklyn Latin school. He returned to college last September, but remained only four days, as he was taken with an attack of typhoid fever. He went to his home in Brooklyn, where he was dangerously ill with the fever for more than a month. By the first of December he had become sufficiently convalescent to be taken to Kinston. It was hoped that the milder climate might prove beneficial, but he did not regain his strength, and lung complications set in, of which he ultimately died. As Kinston was the old family home he was buried there.

Mr. Rountree was a good student, having taken several prizes in his preparatory school, and always maintained a good stand while at Yale. He was much loved and appreciated by a large circle of friends in his class. His death came as a sudden shock to his classmates, as he had been confidently expected to return and take his degree in June.

At the meeting of the Senior Class held recently to take action upon Mr. Rountree's death, the following resolutions were adopted:

"Whereas, God, in His wisdom, has been pleased to remove from our number our friend and classmate, George Hadley Rountree, one to whom we were bound by ties of affection and admiration for his even temperament, gentle disposition and manly character; and

"Whereas, his loss is felt to be a deep personal one to each of us, Therefore, be it

"Resolved, that we, his classmates, do extend our sincere sympathy to his family in their bereavement; and be it further

"Resolved, that we wear mourning for 30 days and that a copy of these resolutions be printed in the College papers.

"For the class of '97,

Arthur W. Lawrence,
James F. Pierce, Jr.,
Wirt Davis,
Phillip Van Ingen,
Nathan A. Smyth,
Robert L. Munger."

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