

appointment for a term of years—seems satisfactory.

Doubtless largely by mutual agreement and partly by natural diversity of tastes, the members of the Greek Faculty have studied in detail different parts of the large field of Greek language, literature, and life, so that no important topics are wholly neglected. Some such division as this is essential where so many closely related subjects have been investigated minutely. Thus, courses are offered which allow each student to follow his own bent, whether it be to read a drama simply as a work of literature, or to study the plays of Aristophanes with special attention to the portrayal of Athenian life, or to make himself familiar with the linguistic side of Greek philology.

Classical studies at Yale are fortunate in the support which they receive from the Department of Sanskrit and Comparative Philology, which is more perfectly equipped than the like department of any other American University, since neither Professor Lanman at Harvard nor Professor Bloomfield at Johns Hopkins, has such a coadjutor as Professor Hopkins has in Professor Oertel. Professor Hopkins in addition to his work in Sanskrit is particularly interested in comparative syntax, while Professor Oertel has paid more attention to phonetics. Both are thoroughly Orientalists.

From another side, too, the Department of Classical Studies receives aid: Professor Lang includes in his work in Romance philology, a two years' course in Low Latin, giving an historical account of the popular speech of Rome and the Roman provinces.

CLASSICAL ARCHAEOLOGY.

One side of classical study at Yale, however, needs strengthening. Our University should have a professor of Classical Archaeology, who might also give instruction in Ancient History. This part of the classical field has not been left entirely untended at Yale. For instance, nearly every one of the Greek instructors has offered at one time or another a course in Greek History, or Greek life, or Greek art, or Greek epigraphy, or Greek political antiquities, and a graduate course is offered in the history of Greek religion. One of the officers has been for a year professor in the American School at Athens, and two others have studied there. But classical archaeology has become in our time a subject of sufficient importance to receive one man's undivided attention. The study of this subject is the more natural for us now since the addition of the Ernst Curtius Library to the previous stores of the University has made the Yale collection of books on this subject the most complete in the country. In this connection, too, the University collection of ancient coins deserves mention, while the Art School contains much that could be made more useful than at present to classical students. In this connection it may be remarked that our University possesses a collection of philological periodicals probably exceeded by none in the country.

The readers of the Yale Alumni Weekly have been told of the sumptuous quarters of the Classical Club, in Phelps Hall. The library of this club receives extensive additions to the value of more than \$1,000 from the Ernst Curtius books. It is growing steadily, but should have a larger income. Most of its new Latin books have been purchased by gifts from the class of '74. Most of its new Greek books have been bought by the income from a bequest of \$1,000 from Prof. Packard, though other gifts have been received. The Classical Club should have a stated income of at least four or five hundred dollars. The Classical Department ought to have, also, more money for the purchase of photographs and casts, and other material of this sort, to be used in instruction. This material gives a clearer idea to the student than much explanation, and saves time for other things.

Yale men should remember with pride that this was the first institution in America to offer advanced courses of classical study, first under President Woolsey, and then under Profs. Hadley, Thatcher and Packard, with Prof. Whitney as a most able ally. The arrangement of work now gives to graduate students of Greek and Latin at Yale a variety and extent of choice such as is offered by but one other American University, while it is excelled by none. On the other hand, at the other end of the scale, provision is made for the instruction of the lower classes in smaller divisions than is customary even in colleges which have far fewer students.

The Classical Department of Yale is certainly strong, but will not refuse any new favors which it may receive from Mr. Lampsom's bequest or from other friends.

T. D. SEYMOUR.

A LETTER TO A PRIZE FIGHTER.

Juniors Send Good Wishes and a Banner to Corbett.

The following letter has been sent by a dozen or more students of the University to James J. Corbett, the champion fighter of the world:

YALE UNIVERSITY,  
Friday, March 2, 1897.

For James J. Corbett, Esq., Champion of the World:

Dear Sir: We, of the Junior class of Yale University, desire to express to you our heartiest wishes for your success in the battle on St. Patrick's Day. Ever since your first visit to New Haven, last Fall, and your appearance on our football field, the College at large has felt the deepest interest and hope for your triumph. Here at Yale we realize how much brain and science count in all athletic contests. We regard you as the highest exponent of the brainy boxer; hence our implicit faith and confidence in the outcome of the battle.

We learn from the New York Journal of your splendid physical condition, and can see only one finish for this fight. Now, Jim, we hope that you will hang this Yale flag in your training quarters and in your corner at the ringside, and remember that it waves to you a message of Yale luck and pluck. Go in and win, and delight the hearts of all true Yale men.

J. W. WADSWORTH, Jr., Washington, D. C.

BRUCE CLARK, Chicago, Ill.  
J. C. M'LAUHLAN, Cleveland, O.  
FORSYTH WICKES, New York.  
FREDERICK KERNOCHAN, New York.

ROBERT J. TURNBULL, JR., Morristown, N. J.

PAYNE WHITNEY, New York.  
JOHN S. ROGERS, New York.  
DALLAS C. BYERS, Pittsburg, Pa.  
MOREAU DELANO, New York.  
G. MORRIS, New York.  
F. W. SHEEHAN, West Haven.  
F. H. SIMMONS, Brooklyn, N. Y.

The Yale flag referred to was a silken banner of the University colors, blue and white. It is 24 inches long, 18 inches wide and bears the word "Yale" in letters four inches high. It is made of fine heavy twilled silk, and the entire work is characterized by fine and excellent workmanship. The Associated Press report says that Mr. Corbett received the gift with the following words:

"I am going to put this flag in my corner, and I am very glad, indeed, to have the good wishes of a lot of brainy young college fellows, who take interest in athletics and who have sense enough to appreciate the difference between a mere fighting brute and a student in scientific boxing. The encouragement of these young fellows is very pleasant to me at this time. I have always sought the approbation of this class of young men. Perhaps that is why I have never been popular among rowdies."

The News' Opinion.

(Editorial in Wednesday's Yale News.)

The letter printed in one of the New York papers, yesterday, written and signed by a few men in the Junior class, is utterly disowned and repudiated by Yale undergraduates.

Its senders doubtless composed the document with the idea that it would be a good joke, but where this comes in, it is hard to see, even for men in college, while outsiders and graduates will certainly consider it a most serious thing.

The very fact that it purported to represent the opinion of the University on an event that should be and is of no interest here, absolutely prevents its being considered as a joke, nor is the harm it has done Yale and the strong condemnation of it by the many communications sent to the News, very funny things. By pretending to give college sentiment or even implying that there is college sentiment on such a subject, the letter is a direct insult to every Yale man.

Then, too, the disgrace to the University in having its flag appear in that prize-fighting ring cannot be measured or perhaps appreciated at once. No one here will be able to deny truthfully that the banner was sent by Yale men, pretending to give Yale's feeling, but the first step towards creating an understanding of the real worth of this happening has been taken by the men who are to blame for it.

It seems too bad that Yale men should be the first to throw mud at Yale, but it is certainly so in this case, and all that the guilty ones can do is to beg pardon for it.

ATHLETIC TEAMS' PROGRESS.

University Baseball Candidates—Winter Athletic Games.

The work of the candidates for the University base ball nine, ever since they were called out two weeks ago, has consisted of daily runs, cage practice and light gymnasium exercises. The winter training was commenced at a later date than usual this year, as Capt. Keator is not very much in favor of indoor practice. The candidates were reduced to the following men, Saturday, March 6: C. M. Fincke, '97; H. L. deForest, '97; R. J. Turnbull, '98; F. Hecker, '99; G. Hecker, '99; W. R. Betts, '98; J. W. Wadsworth, '98; W. R. Hamlin, 1900; W. P. Stewart, '98S.; H. B. Wallace, '99; L. Williams, '98; A. C. Williams, '98; E. Atkins, '99; G. L. Wakefield, '99; E. J. Drummond, '98S.; N. T. Montague, '99; W. Noyes, '99; A. Warren, '99; N. M. Burrell, '99; W. B. Conner, '99; C. R. Bennett, '97S.; J. McKell, '97L.S.; C. Squire, '99; D. S. Barney, '97S.; S. B. Camp, 1900; R. E. DeBuys, '97S.; C. Bartlett, '99; R. E. Broatch, '98S.; N. W. Hobbs, '97S.; C. M. Reed, '97; A. Goodwin, 1900; E. Alexander, 1900; J. E. Davis, 1900; S. R. Hall, '99S.; R. L. Dunn, '99S.; G. Chauncey, '98S.; J. Wear, '99; E. F. Davis, '98S.

The Freshman candidates have been drilled in much the same way. The following are still in training: McBride, Russell, Small, Shattuck, McKelvey, Ferguson, Maloney, Hackett, Hutchinson, Seeley, LeBoutillier, Segelbaum, Bowden, C. W. Bronson, Saunders, Seabury, B. S. Adams, E. S. Bronson, Lyon, Winter, Dashiell Lamb, F. H. Winters, Burns, Colvocoresses, Norton, R. F. Grant, Phillips, Decrow, Simmons, Ellerbe, H. L. Bronson, Tiffany, J. P. Adams, Gile, McCullagh, Ames, E. J. Grant, Dore, Pitch, Ogbley.

The Freshman crew has been rowing in their barge on the harbor during the past three days, the candidates having been transferred gradually from the tank to the harbor and first coached in pair oars. The crew has been composed of the following: Bow, F. S. Hunn; No. 2, T. Simons; No. 3, H. M. Bell; No. 4, J. C. Greenway; No. 5, J. W. Cross; No. 6, R. A. McGee; No. 7, J. C. Greenleaf; stroke, J. H. Niedecken. Other men rowing on the harbor in pair oars are: F. W. Allen, U. L. Chittenden, R. R. Flint, F. S. Jackson, R. M. Patterson, R. J. Schweppe, E. Walker and H. Wickes. The remaining candidates now working in the tank are: H. Rowland, C. A. Warden, W. B. Williams, S. Campbell, D. M. Kellogg, Jr., H. W. Babcock, W. R. Clarke, C. J. Freeborn, and W. B. Lowndes.

The candidates for the track team have been working since January 21 and at present number about 100 men. So far the work has consisted mainly of indoor exercise, but if the weather holds warm and fair the men will be able to use the track at the Field in a week or so. Last year the men did not commence outdoor work till the first of April, and it will be a great aid this year if they can use the Field earlier.

The bicycle squad has been training for about two months and numbers about 25 men. They have not been able to take more than seven or eight outdoor rides on account of the weather, but within the last few days have gone out every afternoon. The training table for the track team will probably start before Easter.

The candidates have shown up well in the different meets that they have entered, and now attention is being paid towards preparing them for the Winter games, which are held in the Army next Saturday. Besides this, representatives will be entered in the Seventh Regiment games which occur on April 3. Yale will run a mile relay race with Princeton then, and will run the University of Pennsylvania next Saturday.

ANNUAL WINTER MEET.

The annual Winter meet of the Yale Athletic Association in conjunction with the Connecticut National Guard will be held in the Second Regiment Armory on Saturday, March 13, at 8 P. M. An innovation this year will be the introduction of boxing matches and the omission of the usual inter-class relay races. There will be heavy, middle and light weight boxing.

The following events will be contested: Open to all amateurs: 50-yard dash, 880-yard run, one-mile walk, 50-yard hurdle, one-mile run, putting the 16-pound shot, running high jump and pole vault. Open to Yale men only: 440-yard dash. Open to Connecticut National Guard only: 50-yard dash, relay races, boxing in heavy, middle and light weights. The prizes in each event are handsome silver cups to first and second. The admission fee is 50 cents, and tickets are on sale at the

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A large number of entries have been received from the different colleges. Among the competitors will be W. H. Vincent, E. D. Gould, F. H. Bigelow and G. S. Hubbard, of Harvard, and J. D. Winsor and A. Grant, of the University of Pennsylvania. The Princeton entries have not yet been received as the Weekly goes to press.

The list of officers who will serve in the games is as follows: Referee, J. E. Sullivan, N. J. A. C.; judges of runs, R. Fisher, N. Y. A. C.; L. P. Sheldon, '96, N. Y. A. C.; Allen Hubbard, B. A. A.; Charles H. Sherrill, '89; judges of field events, J. I. Lineaweaver, '97; Capt. McCabe, W. Hall, P. T. Lowell, B. A. A.; judge of boxing, W. Dole; timers, W. Dole, W. J. Lapham, '97; McLane Van Ingen, '97; L. W. Jenkins, B. A. A.; clerk of course, I. N. Swift, '98; inspectors, E. Hill, Jr., '97; A. R. E. Pinchot, '97; H. Kauffman, '97; C. M. Fincke, '97; announcer, Dr. Anderson; starter, Keene Fitzpatrick.

Football Candidates Called.

Last Monday evening there was a meeting of the candidates for next Fall's foot ball team. About forty men presented themselves. Captain Rodgers said a few words urging on them the importance of maintaining a good stand in scholarship. He said that the practice for the line men would consist of wrestling, boxing, putting the shot and throwing the hammer. The practice for the backs will consist of kicking, passing and starting. Special importance is being laid upon finding big men. Captain Rodgers said that he expected to be able to get some graduate coaches up for the Spring practice.

The Punishment of the Freshmen.

In speaking of the action of the Faculty in regard to the penalty which has been imposed upon the members of the Freshman class, Professor Phillips, who has charge of all such matters, said that in all probability the decision of the Faculty would remain unchanged, and that, if any movement were made to bring the matter up again, the chances were that a heavier penalty than the former would result. Professor Phillips said that he regarded the action of the Faculty as being very lenient under the circumstances. The Freshmen had been repeatedly cautioned against making any disturbance at the Promenade Concert. Without any regard to the advice which they had received, they made a great disturbance by letting down a large flag from the upper gallery and interrupted the concert with prolonged cheers.

But not only in that case did the Freshmen show want of judgment. Previous to the concert a circular was issued, apparently by the class, which was most decidedly against all precedent at Yale. The circular was disgraceful and savored of the preparatory school and was entirely unworthy of the Freshman class at Yale. It may seem hard that the whole class should suffer for what, in all probability, was the work of only one or two men, but it is the only means of reaching the real offenders.

It has always been said and understood that the Faculty would take away the privilege from the Freshmen of playing the Harvard Freshmen in baseball, for an offense of this kind, but owing to the recent reunion of Harvard and Yale the Faculty have thought best to penalize the Freshmen in this way rather than to put anything in the way of a complete re-estab-  
lishment of the former relations.