



THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The Future of the Brick Row and Many Another Interesting Point.

The Quadrangle and the Old Brick Row are the opening subjects of President Dwight's annual report to the Corporation, which has just been issued in book form. The President says that the plan of the proposed Quadrangle was formed more than a quarter of a century ago during the Administration of President Woolsey. "It involved," he adds, "for its accomplishment, the necessity of large outlay for the provision of new college edifices as well as the necessity of the abandonment and removal of the older buildings." The development of this plan is found by the President to have been consistently carried out according to the means at command, through the Woolsey and Porter Administrations. During the present Administration the means for the completion of the scheme have been found more abundant and the erection of Phelps Hall has marked the completion of the main front of the proposed Quadrangle.

The President specifically takes up the question of the three old buildings. He says that North College and Lyceum must shortly go, and that no one will regret their removal. South Middle is, in his opinion, the only one which involves any element of genuine historic interest. The decision of its fate, he says may be left to the time when it alone of all the old buildings shall still remain.

The following passage shows what the present plan is in regard to it:

"The fact that there is no class in the Academic Department, to-day, the members of which ever saw the Atheneum and South College may well suggest the thought of the early period in the future when the new buildings will have become the old ones for the whole company of the then living graduates, and when the memories of the open square will be for all more full of satisfaction than those of certain rooms which they once occupied can now be to any. The sentiment connected with the occupancy of those rooms will have passed away with the passing away of the men for whom it was a living force.

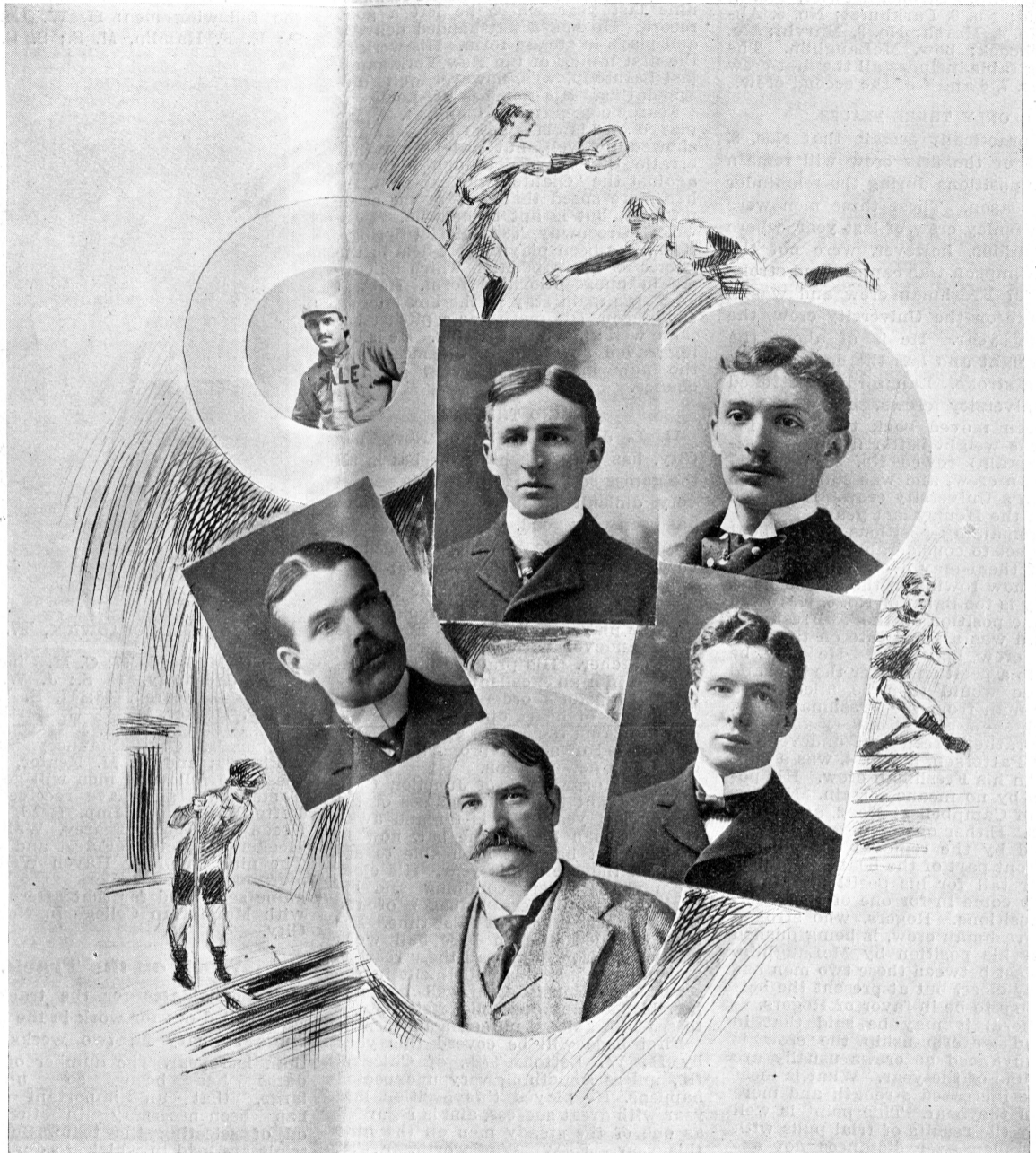
GREAT OPPORTUNITIES.

President Dwight's report always unfolds to the generous friend of Yale, almost limitless prospects of usefulness. The present report is no exception to the rule. After commenting on the erection of Pierson Hall, in which some rooms were set apart for graduate students, the President calls attention to the necessity of having some dormitory for the students of this large and rapidly growing Department.

The opportunity is also not omitted for calling attention to the need of a new Alumni Hall and, as the report is dated December 31, 1896, no mention is made in this connection of the gift of the late William Lampson. Among other possibilities for those of large purse and leanings towards Yale, he mentions the need of buildings which will afford accommodations for the various departmental clubs, like the Classical Club, whose quarters in Phelps Hall have made it so much more effective in its work.

A good deal of space is given to the connection with the University, and the distinguished services in its behalf, of the late Professor Newton. The report on this point includes the following passage: "He had shown himself to be a disinterested, generous-hearted, ever-continuing friend of the College and its students. He had kept an open mind for the advancement of knowledge and for the development of the best methods of instruction. He had shown the true scholar's hospitality for all branches of science and learning, and had been always ready to co-operate with his associates who were in

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CAPTAINS AND GRADUATE ASSISTANTS.

THE ATHLETIC SITUATION.

Work Well Conducted, Interest Keen, Outlook Most Uncertain.

The athletic season opens at Yale with the different departments in the charge of good men. That much is sure. Messrs. Bailey, Keator, and Gerard all know their duties well, have good hold upon their men and work with zeal and without fear or favor.

Of the value of the coaching, which the season promises, it is almost unnecessary to speak to Yale men. Mr. Cook remains in attendance here and is expected to be with the crew until the race. It is thought that Mr. Carter will give more time than any one man to the development of the ball nine. This will be invaluable assistance for Mr. Keator. The latter is credited with knowing 99 points out of 100 in baseball and Mr. Carter is counted on to know also the hundredth. Mr. Sherrill has not yet been with the track team but it is early for any effective handling.

While he may not be able to give in amount much time to this work, Captain Gerard confidently hopes for valuable assistance from him. Gerard is a good track man, and of Mr. Sherrill's ability the records show very plainly. Only one of the many excellent graduate assistants is indicated in each branch. The more detailed accounts tell what has been done by and is expected of the others.

In general the work of the different teams has been not only faithful but reasonable, and the spirit of the work has been free and open with no attempts at secrecy. Visitors are frequent on the launch and no attention is paid to them.

The interest of the University is keener than for many seasons. The athletic season is a particularly interesting one.

Of the issue no man can tell. If the crew develops a good deal more strength than it now has, it ought to get over the course in very good time. The stroke has been not a little changed, in appear-

ance at least, by the lengthening fore and aft. The reach is greater, the bodies bending well forward. The aim is to "rip the catch through" and pull an even, long stroke, keeping the oar in considerably beyond the point at which the stroke recently ended. The points were described in a former issue of the Weekly.

In baseball the question is: "Where will the catcher come from?" Any one a thousand miles from New Haven can answer this question as well as any one on the ground.

Yale's hope on the track is the hope of a number of second and third places, rather than a sweep of firsts. On the whole there is rather more definite reliance on what the track team will do than on either of the other main branches of athletics.

The Crew Candidates.

The University Crew candidates began training January 20, and practiced in the tank until February 11. This has been an unusually short season in the tank, and the crew was very fortunate in being able to take to the water a