

THE BOOK SHELF.

[Conducted by ALBERT LEE, '91.]

It used to be the custom of the Indian tribes in the northern part of New York State to assemble occasionally at Niagara and offer a sacrifice to the spirit of the Falls. It was a cruel sacrifice, for the spirit claimed the fairest daughter of the tribe. The girl was placed in a white canoe, with garlands of flowers and bunches of ripe fruit and turned adrift some distance above the cataract. The rest of the tribe then watched the progress of the frail craft and shouted praises to the Great Spirit as the poor maiden was dashed to her death.

William Trumbull, '83, has chosen this theme in "The Legend of the White Canoe" (New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons). The tale is told in verse, and, for lack of a better description, I suppose it may justly be called a short epic. The metre adopted is suitable to the subject, and is handled throughout with care and skill, with the single exception of the lines in which the words "Seneca" and "cataract" are introduced. These words break the lines and spoil the cadence, and could very well have been omitted so as to allow the poem to reach closer to perfection.

But this is merely a technical fault, —there are enough good points in the work to make up for it. The legend is well told and the interest of the reader is held from beginning to end. As a piece of story-telling in verse, Mr. Trumbull's "White Canoe" is a success. The illustrations by F. V. Du Mond are excellent, and the entire make-up of the book is artistic and tasteful.

Another book of verse is Mr. G. F. Gourand's "Ballads of Coster Land" (New York: Herald Square Publishing Co.) As the title indicates, these rhymes treat of the costermonger, and the scene of a number of the incidents depicted is New York City, a queer place for a costermonger, but we know that 'Enery 'Awkins, in the guise of a concert hall singer, did actually wander about that city last year. And, doubtless, Mr. Gourand caught him in the act. The dialect is well done and some of the rhymes contain humor—of a costermongery kind.

In the "Cambridge Edition" of the poems of James Russell Lowell (Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co.), the poetical writings of that eminent author are for the first time included in a single volume. This edition contains, substantially in the order established by Mr. Lowell, the poems included by him not long before his death in the definitive Riverside Edition of his writings, and in addition, the small group contained in the little book, "Last Poems," collected by his literary executor. The type is large, the paper is of excellent quality and the binding firm and flexible. The volume includes a Biographical Sketch, Notes and Indexes. The frontispiece is a fine portrait of Lowell, and a picture of Elmwood, his home, is given on the title-page.

It is only natural that an American, visiting Cuba at the present time, should approach the scenes he must witness with a strong prejudice in favor of the lusty insurgent, who, we have all hoped, would soon oust the Spanish from our neighborhood. It is not surprising, therefore, that Mr. Richard Harding Davis, in his "Cuba in War Time" (New York: R. H. Russell) should appear a partisan. Mr. Davis went down to the revolution as the correspondent of a New York newspaper, and he was accompanied by Mr. Frederic Remington. In the drawings sent back to the newspaper by Mr. Remington, were depicted a number of strange things which Mr. Davis affirms he never saw, and which it is now very generally doubted that Mr. Remington ever saw. The illustrations, however, which were selected to be included in this volume, have presumably been passed upon by Mr. Davis as authentic, and consequently the picture, on p. 51, of the wooden man standing in a threatening attitude beside the soldier, in a hammock, should be taken as seriously as the climate will permit. A number of the illustrations, however, are good.

Mr. Davis tells his story in his usual interesting manner. He has the acknowledged power of holding his readers, whatever he writes about, and with such a subject as Cuba it has been easy for him to make a most interesting book. The volume is exquisitely made. While the cover is apparently of an inexpensive design, it is artistic and attractive, and quite up to the standard of bookmaking of the day.

The Principles of Sociology.

[Reviewed by Philip P. Wells.]

The Principles of Sociology by Herbert Spencer. Volume III, New York, D. Appleton & Co. 1897. 645p 8vo.

This volume completing the syncretical philosophy, traces the evolution of ecclesiastical, professional and industrial institutions. The origin and growth of ecclesiastical institutions depend on the nature of religious ideas. The author finds the germ of all religions in the reverence and fear felt by the primitive man for the ghosts of the dead, conceived as having like bodies, passions and wants as they had in life with large and indefinite powers to injure or benefit the living. From offerings of good clothing and weapons to the ghost of an ancestor and from the recital of his praises and other methods of propitiating him, have grown religious ceremonial of all kinds, and from the patriarch, a chief on whom this duty chiefly rested, and his deputies for this purpose the priestly class has developed. The author considers fetishism and nature worship outgrowths of this primitive ghost worship and takes little account of the theory of animism, or the attribution of spirits to inanimate objects as an explanation of them. Polytheism, ecclesiastical hierarchies, the civil and military functions of priests, relations of church and state, nonconformity, the moral influence of priesthoods, and the probable religious and ecclesiastical development of the future are outlined in suggestive chapters. Professional institutions are traced from their origin in the priesthood, who originally busied themselves with professional activities as adjuncts of worship or forms of propitiation, through their several differentiations to their present form. Thus have grown the professions of physician and surgeon, dancer and musician, orator, poet, actor and dramatist, biographer, historian and man of letters, man of science and philosopher, judge and lawyer, teacher, architect, sculptor, and painter. Some of them, notably the teaching profession, are shown to remain to this day largely under priestly control or in priestly hands.

The final part of the book relating to industrial institutions is perhaps the most important and unfortunately the least elaborate of all. Specialization and the division of labor, production, distribution and exchange are briefly treated. The complexity of the modern industrial organism and the certainty that all attempts to meddle with or artificially control any part of it are certain to react harmfully in other related parts is well set forth in the chapter on interdependence and integration. Labor regulation is traced through the phases of paternal, patriarchal, communal and guild regulation, through slavery, serfdom, free labor and contract, compound free labor (exemplified in the factory system), trade-unionism, and cooperation and the objections to socialism as a mode of labor regulation are briefly and forcibly stated. The author looks for increasing socialism as a result of militancy in the near future, but believes that the individualistic society is the fittest to survive and will be the ultimate type, a type wherein private and public welfare will more and more coincide.

The vast range of its subject matter gives the book an air of incompleteness. The impression is that of a bare outline. Moreover the volume loses much by the delay in the publication, being largely a summary of conclusion already familiar. The patriarchal system of descent seems not to have been given the weight which might have been expected. The phenomena examined and classified include nearly every stage of culture, but apt illustrations from colonial and recent American history frequently occur to the reader. This is a field which the author seems to have left almost untouched.

In the College Pulpit.

The list of preachers in the College Chapel for the remainder of the College term is as follows:

May 9—Rev. S. E. Herrick, D.D., of Boston.

May 16—Rev. A. J. F. Behrends, D.D., of Brooklyn, N. Y.

May 23—Rev. W. R. Richards, D.D., of Plainfield, N. J.

May 30—Rev. A. J. Lyman, D. D., Brooklyn.

June 6—Rev. J. W. Cooper, D. D., New Britain.

June 13—Rev. George Alexander, D. D., New York.

June 20—Rev. W. B. Wright, D. D., of Buffalo.

June 27—Baccalaureate Sermon, by President Dwight.

THE DUAL ATHLETIC GAMES

Yale's Chances Very Doubtful—Depends on Weight Men.

The event for which all the efforts of the track men are now being directed and which is almost first in importance of the features of the track athletic season, is the Yale-Harvard dual athletic meet, which takes place at the Yale Field, Saturday, May 15. Any attempt to forecast the result of the contest must be very vague indeed, as these events are always very uncertain, so much depending upon the circumstances of the day, the condition of the track and even of the individual athletes themselves. W. B. Wright, '92, has been in town two or three days and spent much of his time at the track.

It is possible that three of Yale's most valuable men in the hammer and shot events may be prohibited from entering this meet, although every effort is being made to secure their admission. R. Sheldon, '98S., has had an attack of chills and fever, which prevented him from entering the Spring games a week ago. It cannot be ascertained definitely whether or not he will be able to compete for several days yet. His physical condition does not warrant it as yet. F. G. Beck, '99, has been disqualified for a year by the Faculty because he entered the Princeton dual games last year, when his stand was below 2.25. He was not at the time fully aware of the meaning of the Faculty rule and there is a chance that on this account his term of exclusion from athletic games may be shortened. C. Chadwick, '97, also did not enter the Spring games, as his stand was then rather low. It can confidently be expected, however, that he will be allowed to enter the dual games next week, as his stand can probably be raised by his own efforts before that date.

The managers of the Yale and the Harvard track athletic teams have agreed to place the details of the coming dual games on May 15 in the hands of a committee of two, one from each college. Yale's representative is H. S. Brooks, '85, and Harvard's is Col. Morrison of the Boston Athletic Association. They will appoint the officials for the games.

THE OUTLOOK AT PRESENT.

The following comparison of the Yale and Harvard athletes will show to some extent how the chances of victory seem to lie at present. The decision of the meet seems to lie in the question whether the above mentioned men can enter in the field events or not.

In the 100 yards dash Graff, '99 S.; Chappell, '98 S.; Byers, '98; Dyer, '98 S., and Burnet, '97, will represent Yale, while Harvard's men will probably be Roche, Bigelow, Redpath, Denholm and Dunstan. Graff is expected to take this event and either Byers or Burnet is a possible man for second place, but not sure. Of the Harvard men Roche, a new sprinter, is very fast, but his running is uneven and cannot be depended upon. Score, Yale 5, Harvard 3.

In the 220 yards dash, Garvan, '97, Chappell, '98 S., Gerard, '97, and Fisher, '98 S., will run for Yale. Denholm, Dunstan and Bigelow will doubtless be among those on the Harvard list, and it is generally thought that the former will here score five points for the Crimson. Chappell is a very good man in the long sprints and should certainly take a place, as should also one of Yale's remaining trio. Score, Yale 8, Harvard, 8.

In the 440 yards run, Yale will have Gerard, '97, Garvan, '97, Fisher, '98 S., and Luce, 1900; Harvard, E. Hollister, Vincent, Fish and Butler. Barring accidents Hollister will take this event, with one of Yale's men second. Third place is also given to Harvard. Score, Yale 10, Harvard 14.

It is reported that Hollister will also enter the 880 yards run and that through him Harvard is relying on ten points. In this event Yale will run Hinkleley, '97, Ordway, 1900, W. S. Johnson, '99, Atha, '98 S., Betts, '98, and Hubbell, '97, while Hollister and Draper will in part support Harvard. First place in this event is also given to Hollister. The first three on Yale's list are fast men and are well backed by their successors, so it is possible that Yale may win a second and third, although not more than two points are counted on. Yale 12, Harvard 20.

Buckingham, '98 S., Lewis, '99, Speer, 1900, Palmer, '99 S., and Poynter, 1900, will run the mile for Yale, and Grant, Fenno, Starbuck and Foote probably for Harvard. Buckingham is getting back his old form and has done the

mile under 4.37. Lewis, Palmer and Poynter are all good milers and Speer, a Freshman, has been showing up so well that he has been taken to the training table. Grant, who holds the Harvard mile record of 4.27, will undoubtedly win first place. Second is also allowed Harvard with Yale in third. Score, Yale 13, Harvard 27.

WHERE YALE IS STRONG.

In the 120 yards hurdles, Yale counts on E. C. Perkins, '98, to win and expects to see a close race between Van Ingen, '97, Van Buren, '98, and Thompson, '97, for second. Harvard is working hard to train some men for the hurdles, but is hardly able to get them into very good shape before the games. Score, Yale 21, Harvard 27.

Through Fewsmith, '98, Perkins, '98, Van Buren, '98, and Van Ingen, '97, Yale hopes to score seven points in the 220 yards hurdles, but just what order the men will come in is hard to predict. Score, Yale 28, Harvard 28.

From the two miles bicycle race seven points are expected by Yale. The team will probably be composed of E. Hill, '97, J. I. Butler, '97 S., and L. Tweedy, '99, with the fourth place undecided. The first two should cross the line in the order named. G. F. Baker is one of Harvard's strongest men, and may get third place. Score, Yale 35, Harvard, 29.

Entered in the high jump from Yale are Merwin, '97 S., J. M. Gerard, '97 S., Berger, '99, and Thompson, '97; from Harvard, Morse, E. H. Clark, A. N. Rice and C. J. Paine are among the entries. First and second places in this event are conceded to Harvard, but Yale hopes for third place. Score, Yale 36, Harvard 36.

Yale's broad jumpers are C. D. Cheney, '98, Weston, '97 S., and Spreyer, '98 S. For Harvard there are J. G. Clarke, E. H. Clark, and E. P. Sommers. Of these Sommers will probably get first and J. G. Clark second place, with Yale in for a close third. Score, Yale 37, Harvard 43.

It is not unlikely that in the pole vault Yale will score six or seven points as B. Johnson, 1900, and Van Winkle, '97 S., are both good for over eleven feet, and Cook, 1900, Setin, '98, and R. C. Clapp, '99 S., for over ten feet six. Hoyt, of Harvard, is put down for one place. Score, Yale 44, Harvard 44.

The two remaining events are the hammer and the shot. Chadwick can be counted upon to win the former and Sheldon the latter, in case they are able to compete. In their absence both events would go to Harvard, without doubt. Yale might have a fighting chance of winning more points than have been here conceded her in the sprints and broad jump.

Correspondence Chess Game.

One of the two chess games which the Yale Chess Club has been playing with Harvard, by correspondence, was recently declared a draw, after 51 moves. The opening was a Ruy Lopez to which Harvard replied with the Berlin defence.

The other game is not quite completed but will probably be finished before College closes. Yale is a pawn ahead but the result cannot be predicted. These games were begun in February of last year and were discontinued during the summer vacation and taken up again last fall. About two moves are made each week.

The score of the first game follows:

| OPENING—RUY LOPEZ. | | | |
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| YALE. | HARVARD. | YALE. | HARVARD. |
| White. | Black. | White. | Black. |
| 1 P-K4 | P-K4 | 27 B-Q4 | R-K7 |
| 2 Kt-KB3 | Kt-QB3 | 28 P-B4 | P-QKt3 |
| 3 B-Kt5 | Kt-B3 | 29 P-KR3 | Kt-R3 |
| 4 P-Q4 | P x P4 | 30 R-B5 | Kt-B4 |
| 5 Castles | B-K2 | 31 B-KL | P-QKt4 |
| 6 P-K5 | Kt-K5 | 32 P-QKt4 | R-Kt7 |
| 7 Kt x P | Castles | 33 P-R3 | K-B2 |
| 8 Kt-B5 | P-Q4 | 34 R-KB | K-Kt3 |
| 9 Kt x B ch | Kt x Kt | 35 R-B3 | P-R4 |
| 10 Kt-Q2 | P-KB4 | 36 R-Q3 | R-Q7 |
| 11 P-KB3 | P-B3 | 37 P-KB3 | Kt-R5 |
| 12 P x Kt | Q-Kt3 ch | 38 R-Kt3 ch | K-B3 |
| 13 K-B | Q x B | 39 B-K3 | Kt-B4 |
| 14 P x QP | Q x QP | 40 R-KB3 | R-Q3 ch |
| 15 Kt-B3 | B-K3 | 41 K-R2 | K-R4 |
| 16 Q x Q | B x Q | 42 P-Kt4 | P x P |
| 17 P-QKt3 | KR-K | 43 P x P | Kt x B |
| 18 Kt-Q4 | B-K5 | 44 R x Kt ch | R-B5 |
| 19 B-Kt2 | QR-Q | 45 R-K7 | P-Kt4 |
| 20 R-B2 | R-Q2 | 46 R x P | K x P |
| 21 Kt-B6 | Kt-Kt3 | 47 R-QB7 | R-Q6 |
| 22 Kt-B5 | R(Q)2 K2 | 48 R x P | R x P |
| 23 Kt x B | P x Kt | 49 R-Q6 | R-Q Kt6 |
| 24 R-K2 | Kt x P | 50 R-Q4 ch | K-R4 |
| 25 R x P | Kt-Kt5 | 51 P-B6 | Drawn |
| | R x R | | |

The University Golf Team was defeated by the Staten Island Cricket Club by a score of 21 holes to 6, at Livingston, N. Y., Saturday, May 1.