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THE DEBATE.

Yale was squarely beaten in the debate last Friday. Princeton is to be very heartily congratulated. Her men routed Yale from a position very strongly taken. It was a victory of oratory. Yale had better material. Princeton used her material better. Yale's speakers were men of brains. Princeton's debaters were prominent for their spirit and dash. The men from New Jersey were good reasoners, but not invariably so. A more resourceful foe would have broken their line hopelessly at least at one important point. The victory was a good square debating victory and Yale has lessons to learn from it.

The College at large ought to be well ashamed of itself for its indifferent support. There were lots of empty seats in College Street Hall. Is the debating interest quite as genuine and quite as general as it was supposed to be?

THE 2.25 RULE.

Some criticism has been expressed, on an article in the last issue of the Weekly, on the 2.25 rule, because sufficient emphasis was not placed upon the fact that this regulation placed the responsibility where it belongs, to wit—on the individual student. Its aim is to benefit him. Its promoters say that he must be taught to look out for himself. He must not depend on his Captain or his Division Officer. Of course that is true, and yet in most things of that sort, we never take facts in a too coldly logical way. The Freshman, for instance, (for he is the man most to be considered,) is liable to be tempted not to look out for himself properly, by conditions for which he is not responsible, and which are not, in themselves, bad. The athletic system is as inexorable, in its way, as the Faculty system. It takes a long time for a man, even one who does not plunge into athletics, to become accustomed to the life here; to get on his "college legs," so to speak. How much more difficult is it for one who is at once drafted into the football squad for instance!

There is almost as much incentive, from the standpoint of college reputation and the individual's reputation, to keep a man above the 2.25 mark, as there used to be to keep him above the common average. The aim of every in-

telligent system of discipline ought to be to prevent trouble. A few examples may be necessary, but when this line of examples gets very long something about the system is wrong.

It is reported from Easton, Pa., that the Yale University nine attributes its defeat at the hands of the Lafayette nine, last Wednesday, to some unfortunate kitchen complication with an ice-cream freezer on the day before. It is true that a good many members of the Nine did not feel very happy last week, and the fact had its due place in the small talk of the day; but we had to learn from distant newspapers that anybody here thought for a minute of excusing their defeat on this ground. It has not, as far as we can learn, been suggested by anyone in authority or out of authority, who had any means of knowing. We have not even heard of any members of the nine intimating to their friends that they considered the victory of the visitors due to anything but superior playing. We refer to the fact of slight symptoms of tyrotoxicosis sometime last week, on the part of the ball-players, merely to indicate the only possible source for this story. If they were out of sorts from something which they had eaten, it was their own fault, but no one here even goes so far as to say that that was the reason for their being beaten. It was a case of straight defeat, by a team playing a superior game of base-ball, and it has not been considered anything else. Any report to the contrary may be described by a short word of three letters.

Phi Beta Kappa Banquet.

The annual banquet of the Phi Beta Kappa Society was held at the New Haven House last Monday evening, May 10. Covers were laid for eighty-five. The invited guests were: Prof. Tracy Peck, '61; Prof. A. M. Wheeler, '57; Prof. Simeon E. Baldwin, '61; Prof. George B. Adams, '77, D. S.; R. C. Lamphier, '97S.; and R. L. Munger, '97. Walter D. Makepeace, '97, was toast-master and the following toasts were responded to:

Welcome.....C. U. Clark, '97
"Thine, too, these golden keys, immortal Boy!"
Response.....S. E. Bassett, '98
"A good crier of green sauce."
Phi Beta Kappa....Prof. Tracy Peck, '61
"Think clear, feel deep, bear fruit well."
Chi Delta Theta.....C. P. Mitchell, '97
"He hath eat paper, as it were; he hath drunk ink. Here will be an old abusing of God's patience and the King's English."
Sigma XiR. C. Lamphier, '97S.
"Fair Science frowned not on his humble birth."
Kappa Beta Phi.....R. L. Munger, '97
"He doth nothing but talk of his horse."
Yale Tradition...Prof. A. M. Wheeler, '57
"Moribus antiquis res stat Romana virisque."

University Notices.

The examinations in competition for the Woolsey Scholarship will be held in Alumni Hall on the mornings of May 17, 18 and 19, beginning at 9 o'clock—in Greek on Monday, in Latin on Tuesday, and in Mathematics on Wednesday.

The examination in competition for the Berkeley Premiums for excellence in Latin Composition will be held in Alumni Hall on Tuesday morning, May 18, beginning at 9 o'clock.

Members of the Class of '98 intending to enter the examination for the Scott Prize in German, are requested to leave their names with Prof. Palmer, not later than Wednesday, May 19. Those who intend to compete for the Scott Prize in French are requested to leave their names with Professor Luyquens, on or before the same date.

The examinations in competition for the Winthrop Prizes will be held in Alumni Hall on the mornings of May 17 and 18, beginning at 9 o'clock—in Greek on Monday, and in Latin on Tuesday.

Members of the Junior, Sophomore and Freshman classes who wish to retain for another academic year the College rooms which they now occupy, must sign a new-room agreement and leave it at the Dean's office on or before Saturday, May 22. No student is allowed to retain or choose a room in the College buildings whose dues at the Treasurer's office, including the bill for the present half-term, are unpaid.

YALE-HARVARD DINNER.

San Francisco Alumni to Join Forces.
Yale California Banquet.

The Yale Alumni Association of California held its annual meeting, Saturday, May 1, at the Cafe Zinkand, San Francisco. The President of the Association, Prof. Thomas R. Bacon, in the opening address, expressed the gratification of the alumni on the Pacific Coast, at the renewal of athletic relations between Harvard and Yale. At the conclusion of his address, he laid before the Association an invitation from the Harvard Club, of San Francisco, to unite with them in giving a dinner as a pledge of the fellowship which subsists between the graduates of these two Universities. The fears of the timid were quieted by the assurance that a joint committee would select the songs, and that the banquet would be held before the foot ball game. The invitation was enthusiastically accepted. The two associations have never met in this way before, and, though the most cordial relations exist between them, it is not likely that the practice will become permanent, as each has a large and enthusiastic membership.

Prof. Edward B. Clapp, now of the University of California, formerly of Yale University, rendered his report as Chairman of the Committee appointed by the President of the Association a year ago to procure funds by subscription from the members of the Association, and to devise ways and means of maintaining, at Yale University, a graduate scholarship, the annual income of which was to be at least three hundred dollars. He stated that the efforts of the Committee had met not only with entire success, but with the cordial approbation of President Dwight, speaking on behalf of Yale University, and that a further most welcome result of this action on the part of the Association was the increased interest manifested by the students of the University of California in Yale University as a place for advanced study and investigation. Upon the conclusion of this report, Prof. Bacon read a letter lately received from Prof. A. W. Phillips, Dean of the Graduate Department of Yale University, offering to the recipient of the graduate scholarship established by The Yale Alumni Association of California, an additional scholarship of the value of a year's tuition in the Graduate Department at Yale.

The Association thereupon unanimously adopted a resolution to maintain a scholarship upon the same footing as last year. A subscription was taken among the members present in support of the scholarship; the amount realized was \$162.50. Prof. Bacon reported that absent members had agreed to contribute approximately one hundred dollars more. The President of the Association was authorized to appoint a Committee to complete the fund.

The officers elected for the ensuing year are: President, Mr. Charles Page, '68; Vice President, Mr. Gordon Blanding, '71; Secretary, Mr. Edward L. Brayton, '94S.; Prof. William A. Setchell, '87, and Mr. William B. Pringle, '95S., additional members of the Executive Committee.

After the transaction of business, supper was served, and was followed by informal speaking. T. R. Bacon, '72, described the old Sophomore societies, and gave an account of their demise. Inquiries as to the decline of the Freshman societies failed to elicit a response. J. R. Folsom, '69S., gave some recollections of Prof. Mark Bailey, and told of his dispute over the question of emphasis with the theological student who was going to put his head in the lion's mouth. W. A. Setchell, '87, explained the four-year question in the Scientific School, and W. B. Clapp, Ph.D., '86, in speaking of President Woolsey, paid a tribute to Martin Kellogg, '50, President of the University of California.

The past year has been one of the most prosperous in the history of this Association. Its meetings have been well attended and the natural result of efforts on behalf of Yale University have followed—increased interest in her success and more cordial relations between the alumni.

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