

Plans for Yale Baseball.

The plans for baseball work this Fall are not yet announced, but it is understood that there will be a good deal of Fall practice, especially among the members of the entering class. The idea will be to discover the best men as early as possible in the year and have the material well in hand when the serious Winter and Spring practice begins.

It goes without saying that especial attention will be directed to the battery and to the development of one and two and three, if possible, reliable pitchers. The feeling is general that Yale University cannot afford to depend on one man for this position, and that in the past there has not been enough planning for the work of two and three years in advance. In that way, a season has sometimes opened with a limited amount of material, the issue depending on the endurance of one or, at the most, two or three especially good men. It is not only felt to be a necessity for successful athletic management to change this custom, but it is thought to be a need in the general conduct of athletics here to draw more men into practice and training.

As to pitching, of course it is hoped that Fearey will show a great deal of development next year and be a steady and effective man in the box.

Of the new material, it is hard to say much at present, and the Fall work will be little enough to show what is in the Freshman class.

The Yale Review for August, 1897.

The August *Yale Review* discusses editorially the causes of bad legislation ament the recent session of Congress and its tariff legislation and failure to pass any currency reform measure; it also discusses the questions at issue in the resignation of President Andrews. The body articles cover a wide field. Mr. P. C. Lyon, an official in India, outlines the measures to prevent and relieve the famine in that country. Professor Fiamingo, the Italian sociologist discusses the reasons for the great increase of public expenditure in Europe of recent times. The new Liberal administration in Canada under Premier Laurier and its measures in the Dominion Parliament are examined by Mr. Edward Porritt. The recent social and economic laws passed by our State Legislatures, especially the novel and radical ones, are enumerated by Mr. F. J. Stimson, the authority on American Statute Law. Finally, the "Sociétés de secours mutuels" of France are described by Mr. W. F. Willoughby of the U. S. Department of Labor. The editorial notes cover recent literature on the Liquor problem, lynchings in the South, and some phases of the Silver question. The book reviews are numerous. Among them is particularly noticeable one on Lowell's recent book on parties in Europe.

Yale Professors at the International Geological Congress.

Professors Pirsson, Marsh and Penfield have attended the International Geological Congress in St. Petersburg this Summer. Prof. Pirsson during July was traveling with Nansen in Norway, Sweden and Finland, and will not return to New Haven until about Nov. 1st. Prof. Marsh will return some time in October, and Prof. Penfield will be here on the 24th of this month.

A Gift to the Museum.

Dr. Jackson, recently appointed consul at Cognac, France, has presented the Peabody Museum with a collection of war implements, idols and various articles of manufacture of certain of the Central African tribes, among whom he has been a missionary. Dr. Jackson was educated in the Yale Medical and Yale Theological Schools.

The August number of the *Cosmopolitan Magazine* prints an article by President Timothy Dwight on modern education.

English at Entrance.

The report of the inspector of literature, who has been looking over the requirements for admission furnished by the various universities and colleges, in response to the circular letters sent out by the regents of the University of the City of New York about a year ago, has made his report, which contains the following passage:

"The replies herewith published indicate a wide diversity of opinion among college and university men as to the nature and extent of the preparation on these uniform texts which may be required of candidates for college. Indeed, it would appear impossible at present for any secondary school to get into consonance simultaneously with the college systems of the country. . . . Thus at Harvard they will be required chiefly to demonstrate their ability to write English; at Cornell to give the action of Comus in about 150 words arranged in two paragraphs of seventy-five words each (a requirement which would make Andrew Lang gasp and stare); in the University of Pennsylvania to give the lesson of Comus and tell in what act and scene the chief characters of the 'Merchant of Venice' appear together and why they do not appear together in any other scene (a question which no one but William Shakespere could answer and he would say that he had forgotten; at Trinity still others will indicate the correct and incorrect pronunciation of a list of words. At Rochester candidates will define and give the etymology of many words and will show definitely why the following statement is true, 'as civilization advances, poetry almost necessarily declines' (which is rather hard on the boys because it is not true). At the University of Indiana they may be asked to explain 'foreshadowing,' 'local color' and 'dramatic suspense,' and to discuss the fifth act of the 'Merchant of Venice.' At Wesleyan, in addition to minute questions on the prescribed texts, candidates may be asked whether they think Rosalind overbold and unwomanly in her talk with Orlando, and whether Portia gives Bassanio any clue to the right casket when he makes his choice, a question set by Johns Hopkins also. (And one which has the great advantage that it may be answered yes or no with equal correctness.)"

Among the replies received was the following:

"Yale University,
New Haven, Nov. 23, 1896.
"Professor Richard Jones.
"Dear sir—I am opposed to any entrance requirement in English. The vote establishing such requirement at Yale was passed over my head, and I have had nothing to do with the examination, which I consider useless. I have therefore passed your letter of inquiry over to Professor Cook, regretting that I have no light on the matter.
"Very truly yours,
"Henry A. Beers."

The Lampson Estate Contest.

Yale's interest in the Lampson estate, in the legal proceedings which are threatened against the will, will be represented by ex-Postmaster-General Bissell, '69. There is much confidence on the part of Yale that the effort to break the will has no legal strength. It will be stoutly resisted by Yale and there is no thought of compromising the University's position.

F. G. Beck, '99, took the 16-pound shot and was second in the 56-pound weight and the hammer throw at the games of the New Jersey Athletic Club in July.

At the Newport tournament, Robert D. Wrenn maintained his position as champion of America, defeating W. V. Eaves of London, England, in a close and very exciting match, by the following score: 4-6, 8-6, 6-3, 2-6, 6-2.

George W. Stoddard, for many years a janitor in the Scientific School, died suddenly August 25th. He was 65 years old.

R. Sheldon, '98S., was second in the shot-put in the games at Manchester, England, July 3d, with a put of 44 feet 5/4 inches.

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