

HARVARD'S 262D YEAR.

**A Substantial Increase in the College.
Yale Men in the Law School.**

Cambridge, Oct. 4—The two hundred and sixty-second academic year at Harvard began last Thursday. The work of registration and the arranging of courses and classes has since been progressing after the routine method of previous years and the real work in recitations and lectures has but just commenced. The first step with the student entering the University is to register and then he is confronted with the more difficult task of choosing his courses. The elective system makes the process of selecting courses and arranging classes much more involved than would be the case if all students in the entering class were required to take certain prescribed courses. Too frequently the Freshman upon entering the college does not himself know what studies he wishes to pursue, and accordingly a committee on the reception of new students has proven most valuable in guiding the work of selection. On this committee are placed each year a number of prominent undergraduates to co-operate with members of the Board of Instruction in the different departments. The students have shown themselves a most valuable adjunct to the committee. This year the committee numbered thirty-eight men under the direction of Prof. U. S. Shaler.

Besides this committee there are other reception committees of the Graduates' Club and the Young Men's Christian Association. These committees are provided with a varied assortment of maps, charts, pamphlets of courses, lists of boarding places and similar aids.

To-night, being Bloody Monday, as the first Monday in the year was known in the earliest days of the institution, an especial effort is made to keep the classes from celebrating in the lawless fashion of former years. A reception to new students is given, at which an attractive program is arranged and addresses are made to the new arrivals by prominent men in the University. The object of the gathering is only partially realized, however, for the rush and frolic begins after the reception is over.

VERY LARGE ENTERING CLASS.

The number of students in the University this year cannot yet be definitely ascertained. A list of Academic and Scientific Freshmen and first year specials, which has been compiled by the *Harvard Crimson*, contains 717 names. This indicates a substantial gain in entering classes over last Fall. The Class of 1901 is stated to be the largest class that ever entered the University. How much larger can only be definitely learned when the catalogue is issued. At the time of the June examinations this year, 396 students were admitted as against 336 the year previous. The indications are that this gain has been increased by the Fall examinations, the results of which are not yet computed. Another fact which will serve to increase the college total is the large size of the Senior class this year. The Class of Ninety-Eight is an unusually large one, while the Class of Ninety-Seven, which preceded it, was numerically somewhat below the average.

Changes in the buildings, the Faculty, and the curriculum are fewer this year than usual. Building enterprise for the past year has been exerted mainly in the construction of large private dormitories.

The University mourns the loss during the Summer of two of its most eminent men, who have already been mentioned in the *Weekly*, Prof. George Martin Lane, the Latin scholar, who had given longer continual service to the college than any other teacher with the exception of Professors Child and Cook; and Prof. Frederick DeForest Allan, for many years professor of philology and eminent classicist.

The following members of the Faculty will be absent from the University—taking their Sabbatical year; C. L. Smith, Professor of Latin; E. S. Sheldon, Professor of Romance Philology; P. N. Hanns, Professor of History; H. K. Schilling, Professor of German; and R. D. Thaxter, Professor of Cryptogamic Botany.

Members of the Faculty who returned from Sabbatical years abroad to resume their duties are: Prof. Goodwin of the Greek Department, Prof. Greenough of the Latin Department, Prof. Munsterberg, who teaches Experimental Psychology and Mr. Santayana, instructor in Philosophy.

YALE MEN IN THE LAW SCHOOL.

Reports from the Law School indicate smaller numbers than last year in the two upper classes with an increase in the entering class. The total enrollment in the entering list thus far is 177 as against 169 at the time of publishing the catalogue last year.

Yale men in the Law School will be fewer this year than last in spite of the fact that there is quite a delegation from New Haven entering this year. The decrease is due to the decision of a large number of those who have been studying at the Law School not to return. Of eighteen Yale men, who were enrolled in the second year work, only three have thus far returned to complete the course. These are J. B. Hone, '95; L. W. Smith, '95 S.; and J. R. Swan, '95. A similar falling off is noted in the middle class. Of eleven men who were enrolled last year, only four have as yet returned for a second year. Those who have thus far reported are: Theodore Eaton, '94; G. B. Hatch, '96; S. Thorne, Jr., '96; and W. H. Wadhams, '96.

A delegation of twenty-one men from Yale will begin the study of law in Cambridge. The number includes several prominent athletes among them H. P. Cross, '96; H. W. Letton, '97 S.; Howland Twombly, '96; Sumner K. Gerard, '97; Dean Sage, '97; and Lyman M. Bass, '97. The other Yale men in the entering class are: T. R. Kimbley, '97; T. F. Fitzgerald, '97; I. D. Vann, '97; D. S. Tate, '97; J. S. Smith, '97; Wm. S. Hubbell, '97; R. A. Baker, '97; Wm. A. Hart, '97; Worrall Wilson, '97; R. Hitchcock, '97 S.; L. B. Bacon, '96; Arthur J. Draper, '97; P. H. Tirrell, '97; Arthur P. Morrill, '96 S.; Henry Ledyard, '97.

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Saturday's Football Games.

- At Cambridge—Harvard, 20; Williams, 0.
- At Philadelphia—U. of P., 33; Bucknell, 0.
- At Boston—Newton, 24; Boston University, 4.
- At Hanover, N. H.—Dartmouth, 34; Exeter, 0.
- At Providence—Brown, 24; Tufts, 0.
- At Princeton—Princeton 43; Lehigh, 0.
- At West Point—West Point, 38; Trinity, 6.
- At Andover—Andover, 14; Worcester A. C., 0.
- At Southboro—St. Marks, 6; Newton H. S., 0.
- At Easton, Pa.—Lafayette, 24; State, 0.
- At Ithaca—Cornell, 16; Syracuse, 0.

Harvard's Soldiers' Field.

Considerable work has been done this summer on the general plan of development of Soldiers' Field of Harvard into a home for all branches of Harvard athletics. The improvements, when completed, will cost in the neighborhood of \$50,000. They include a new boathouse and new athletic buildings of various kinds, besides a football field and diamond for the University games and several practice fields. The new foot ball field here has been prepared with the utmost care, and will undoubtedly be in perfect condition at the time of the game with Yale, November 13th.

Burke a Harvard Freshman.

Thomas E. Burke, the world's champion quarter-mile runner, who graduated from the Boston University Law School last June, has entered Harvard in the Freshman class. This will give Harvard almost a certainty for the quarter in 1899. The clause in the intercollegiate agreement which permits no man who has competed in any University event for one college to participate in any like event in another college until he shall have been a member of the latter institution for at least one year, will keep Burke from representing Harvard this year.

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