



**YALE'S CHRISTIAN WORK.**

**The Secretary of the Yale Y. M. C. A. Shows its Progress.**

The strategic point in the Christian work among College men lies in the fact that a young stranger in a strange land is easily influenced. It is always an open question what that influence shall be, when a boy enters the new world of college experiences, and just here Christian work must begin. When the campus is all confusion and the new men are at sea in their new surroundings, the Young Men's Christian Association makes every effort to get a strong grip on the classes which will soon become the directors of College thought and feeling. If the Association can hold a student during these susceptible days, it will very likely have his influence for four years, and more.

In order to become acquainted with the entering classes, undergraduates are sent to the preparatory schools in the Spring of each year. Because of this work, through correspondence and many inquiries during the Summer months and through the acquaintances formed in helping men to find rooms and boarding places, the Association can pick, with a fair degree of accuracy, the nucleus of Christian men for the Freshman religious committee. This year the Association has been able to select an energetic committee from the new men. This is especially true of the Sheffield School Department. Hitherto it has been hard to keep in touch with the Sheff. Freshmen, but with the new house at 138 College st. this trouble has been overcome. From 1900 S. is confidently expected a deeper interest in the Christian work of the Scientific School than any class of the School has previously manifested.

The so-called employment bureau has played its usual part in the opening days of the University year. The secretary at Dwight Hall has had an unusually long list of applicants for employment, and during the last two weeks about thirty have been placed at some remunerative work. A hearty welcome is given to such earnest students. The Freshman reception on the first Friday evening of the term was crowded even more than in other years. All this work is simply preliminary to the first meetings of the new class for prayer and Bible study. This care for the temporal needs of the men leads to a more sympathetic touch in spiritual things.

**ADVANCE IN SHEFF. WORK.**

The advance in the work for the Scientific School this Fall is worthy of special notice. Previous to this time the Sheff. rooms of the Association have been inadequate for its purposes. After a few years of gradual growth, the Association is now able to occupy attractive quarters at 138 College st. Mrs. Cochran's generosity has made possible just what was needed for the Christian work at Sheff. and, we believe too, for the social life. During the Summer, Sheff. graduates contributed freely for the improvements to the building, and as a result the undergraduates have comfortable reading and lounging rooms. Every comfort, so much enjoyed by the College man, has been furnished. The College periodicals, the weekly and monthly magazines and the New York dailies are on file and can be read in what visitors have called "luxury." This luxury, however, is nothing more than pretty rooms fitted with easy chairs, a window-seat, settees and grates for open fires. The general secretary has an

office on the second floor, where he may be found at a certain hour of every day. This is an innovation and already has proven of advantage in keeping the leaders of the work closely united. Graduates have feared that a Sheff. Department distinct from the Academic work would make a wide breach in Christian activity. The constant touch of the secretary with the Sheff. interests has already shown that this new movement need in no way be detrimental to either Sheff. or the Academic Department. By the new plan, the secretary has an opportunity to meet more often the Sheff. men and to keep in more vital relation with the Scientific School than was ever possible under the old arrangement. Because of these broadening plans, we shall find that Sheff. men will be more and more attracted to Dwight Hall, the meeting-place of all University men. The same method of work so successfully followed in Dwight Hall, ever since its dedication eleven years ago, is being pursued at "138 College Street" College parlance has thus interpreted the longer sign, "Sheff. Dept. Yale Y. M. C. A.," placed above the portico of the building.

**FORMAL HOUSE OPENING.**

On Friday evening, Oct. 8th, from seven until nine o'clock, the building was formally opened to the Freshmen and the house-warming was eminently successful, with President Dwight and a quartet from the Glee Club to add greater interest to the occasion. The following Sunday noon, from 12.30 to one o'clock, the first prayer meeting was held, and by vote of a number of men these services are to be continued through the year. The Bible class meets for thirty-five minutes on Wednesday evening and will study, during the Winter, the life of Christ. Last week a graduate remarked that these studies would have been impossible in his day and he wished to know how they had been finally introduced. He was reminded that organized Christian work by students for their associates had been begun scarcely twenty years ago and that Dwight Hall itself was only a child in years. The work in Sheff. is in the same process of evolution, with the probability of more rapid development than that which has taken place on the campus. Mr. John R. Mott, who has recently been around the world organizing the Christian work among students, said in an address in New Haven a few days since that scientific men searching the Bible with their scientific method were more ready to accept it as the revelation of God than any other class of men. Upon past experience and present facts it seems certain that the Christian life of the Scientific School has entered upon a new period of its history. The entering class is accepting the opportunity offered to it, and with devoted leaders in all their classes we may be confident of the success which their enthusiasm will bring to the Association. Because of these broader plans for the University the inscription over the entrance to Dwight Hall will assume a deeper significance—"One is your Master, even the Christ."

**MR. MOTT'S VISIT.**

Within the last two weeks we have been led to look beyond our own walls by a visit of Mr. Mott, the secretary of the World's Student Christian Federation. It is an inspiration to know that what the undergraduates are doing at Yale other students are doing in every quarter of the globe. Yale graduates have taken a leading part in Christian work for students in foreign lands and it makes us proud to think that our College has trained men who are fit to lead these Christian movements. Yale's influence is world-wide in many ways

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**YALE CLUB NOTES.**

**Some Membership Figures—The Club House—Proposed Entertainments.**

Although the management of the Yale Club has as yet given out no official figures to show the membership secured from each class, the WEEKLY has made an effort to compile as correct tables as possible from the list of members placed in the reading-room some time since. This list contains the names of some 480 graduates, and does not therefore represent the complete membership of the organization. The tables have been prepared, however, in the belief that they will show the proportion of old and young alumni in the Club with sufficient accuracy, until some official figures are given out. As is to be expected, the younger graduates easily outnumber the older men, both from the fact that they doubtless feel the need of such a club more than the latter as well as for the reason that graduating classes are so much larger now than formerly. No account is taken in these tables of the classes before 1850, on account of the comparatively few names on the list of men graduating before that date, nor of graduates of the Law or Medical Departments.

The tables follow:

Classes.	Academic.	Scientific.	Total.
1850-59 inclusive...	13		13
1860-69 " ...	46	5	51
1870-79 " ...	85	7	92
1880-89 " ...	86	18	104
1890-97 " ...	150	56	206
	380	86	466

The largest membership recorded from any single Academic class is 31 from '95, which is followed by '94 with 25, '92 with 22, and '93 with 21. Of the Scientific classes, '95 again leads with 18, '92 is second with 12, and '94 third with 9. The largest membership in the '80's is '81 with 12, and in Sheff., '89 with four, while in the '70's, '75 and '77 tie with 11 each, the representation from the Scientific Department being very small in all these years. The Class of Sixty-Six leads the '60's with seven men and '54 is first in its division with four.

**THE HOUSE ITSELF.**

The Club House is situated midway between Fifth and Madison avenues, with a pleasant outlook over Madison Square. Aside from the advantage of facing on the park, the situation is most desirable on account of its central location.

The building, which consists of four stories and a basement, has readily lent itself to the purposes of a club. In the front basement is the billiard room, and above this, on the first floor, are a large reading-room, smoking-room and a dining-room. On the second floor are some smaller writing-rooms. The plan of the founders in having bedrooms to rent to members, has proved most successful, and all the apartments thus set apart are now occupied. They especially commend themselves to the younger graduates on account of their good situation, and reasonable prices.

**ENTERTAINMENTS IN THE WINTER.**

When the formal opening was held on October 15th, there was some talk of holding some kind of entertainment on the 15th or 20th of each succeeding month. No official announcement of these has as yet been made, but it is

understood that the idea is under consideration. Every evening many men may be found at the Club, but it is conceded that some sort of entertainment each month would bring the men together in large numbers. Some of the more recent classes are also talking over the plan of holding informal reunions at the Club now and then.

**RULES FOR GUESTS.**

It has been decided that members may extend the privileges of the Club to persons not residing in New York or Brooklyn, for two weeks, and these privileges may also be accorded college professors and "distinguished strangers." A member may only entertain two guests at a time.

**Phi Beta Kappa Society.**

Following is the list of the names and preparatory schools of the Juniors who received Philosophical and High Orations, and who thus become members of the Phi Beta Kappa Society:

**PHILOSOPHICAL ORATIONS.**

S. D. Ames, University Grammar School, Providence, R. I.; R. B. Anderson, Duluth High School, Duluth, Minn.; G. E. Atwood, Robbins School, Norfolk, Conn.; J. K. Clark, Brooklyn Polytechnic School, Brooklyn, N. Y.; C. E. Fisher, University of Minnesota; A. B. Hall, Middletown High School, Middletown, Conn., and private tutor; F. J. Hall, Kiskiminetas School, Saltsburgh, Pa.; C. M. Hathaway, School of the Lackawanna, Scranton, Pa.; A. W. Lovell, Hillhouse High School, New Haven, Conn.; A. S. Mann, Buffalo High School, Buffalo, N. Y.; J. H. Morey, Buffalo High School, Buffalo, N. Y.; J. P. Norton, Hartford High School, Hartford, Conn., and Los Angeles High School, Los Angeles, Cal.; H. C. Robbins, Hamilton School, Philadelphia, Pa.; B. C. Smith, East Orange High School, East Orange, N. J.; R. G. Van Name, Hopkins Grammar School, New Haven, Conn.

**HIGH ORATIONS.**

H. T. Bowles, St. Paul's School, Concord, N. H.; N. M. Burrell, Collegiate School, New York City; G. M. Carleton, Hartford High School, Hartford, Conn.; J. D. Carson, Bishop Scott Academy, Portland, Oregon; W. D. Cutter, Adelphi Academy, Brooklyn, N. Y.; J. L. Evans, Haverford Grammar School, Haverford, Pa.; W. E. Everett, Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass.; C. R. Fowler, Hillhouse High School, New Haven, Conn.; L. P. Fuller, Willimantic High School, Willimantic, Conn.; S. Gilman, Phillips Academy, Exeter, N. H.; B. Mills, Ball High School, Galveston, Tex.; F. H. Morely, University School, Cleveland, Ohio; W. B. Neergaard, Brooklyn Polytechnic School, Brooklyn, N. Y., and The Gunnery, Washington, Ct.; H. J. Nichols, Binghamton High School, Binghamton, N. Y.; H. R. Norman, Norwich Free Academy, Norwich, Conn.; H. R. Shipman, Hartford High School, Hartford, Conn.; C. Spitzer, Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass.; C. B. Tinker, East Denver High School, Denver, Col.

**Athletic Calendar.**

Saturday, October 30.—West Point at West Point.  
 Saturday, October 30.—Fall Athletic games at Yale Field.  
 Saturday, November 6.—Chicago A. A. at New Haven.  
 Saturday, November 13.—Harvard at Cambridge.  
 Saturday, November 20.—Princeton at New Haven.