

HARVARD LETTER.

Preparing for the Yale Debate—The University Club—Tribute to Justin Winsor.

Cambridge, Mass., November 8.—Interested in debating at Harvard shares with football the honors of the Fall term. While the athletes are busy preparing for the meeting on Soldiers' Field next Saturday, those whose inclination leads them to argumentative and oratorical effort, have been not less industrious in making ready for the annual intercollegiate debate at New Haven. It is rather unfortunate that this debate comes so early in the college year, for the student body takes more interest in the contest when it occurs during the Winter term, when college activities are less diverted. But the early date for the meeting has not caught Harvard napping. The successive defeats for two years have touched the University pride, and students and Faculty are aroused to the necessity of putting forth every effort to alter the verdict of recent contests.

ENTHUSIASM IN PRELIMINARIES.

The debate to chose Harvard's representatives was the most creditable competition that has been held in Cambridge since these debates were inaugurated five years ago. Forty-seven men competed, and the hall was well filled. The men showed a good grasp of the subject and handled the question with discrimination as to the relative importance of the arguments they presented. The judges were Professor James Barr Ames, Mr. Solomon Lincoln, Dr. A. C. Coolidge, Prof. George P. Baker and Mr. E. H. Warren. The question was the same as that offered for the intercollegiate contest, "Resolved, That the United States should annex the Hawaiian Islands." The speakers had the option of sides, but most of them spoke on the affirmative. The successful contestants were Charles Grilk, '98, J. A. Keith, Sp., and W. Morse, 1900, with P. G. Carleton, '99, as alternate. Grilk is, in popular estimation, the best debater in the University, having been a member of a successful team against Princeton. He was also an alternate in the Yale debate two years ago. Morse was the best speaker on the Harvard Freshman team last year that won from Yale. Keith is a new man, but is an effective debater.

FIRST INTER-CLUB DEBATE.

At the first inter-club debate between the Forum and Union held last Friday evening, the subject of the Harvard-Yale debate was discussed, the Union supporting the affirmative. The debate, in spite of a large number of speakers, proved a poor one and the judges withheld their decision. The date for the Harvard-Princeton debate has been fixed. It will be held in Cambridge on May 6th.

THE UNIVERSITY CLUB MOVEMENT.

The movement in favor of a University Club seems to be gaining strength. The undergraduates are much in earnest and opinion seems unanimous in favor of it. Resolutions in approval have been passed by nearly all the University organizations. The Hasty Pudding Club, the head of the social life of the University, passed resolutions of hearty endorsement and the Pi Eta, Zeta Psi, Delta Phi, Theta Delta Chi, Delta Upsilon, Alpha Delta Phi and Institute of 1770 have followed the lead of Hasty Pudding. In all, forty-eight University organizations have thus far put themselves on record in favor of the movement, and these include musical, literary, classical, athletic, religious, scientific, debating, school and sectional clubs.

TRIBUTE TO JUSTIN WINSOR.

The death of Justin Winsor on the 22d of last month deprived the University of one of its strongest men. The Harvard Memorial Society has passed appropriate resolutions in recognition of his services. As President of the American Library Association, his influence has been exerted in a wide field. The following tribute to him by the Massachusetts Library Club gives recognition to the value of his

work to librarianship and learning throughout the country:

"Standing for many years at the head of his profession, he united in a remarkable degree the accurate and extended learning of the older generation of librarians with the administrative force and understanding of the needs of the hour, which are demanded of the modern librarian.

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"As a bibliographer he worked in many lines, and as a historian he has set in order for other students the materials in the field which he made his own, and has had the good fortune to finish a well-rounded task, beginning with a history of his native town published nearly fifty years ago, followed by a history of the city which he served, and by a monumental work on the history of America, supplemented by the story of the geographical discovery of America from the time of Columbus and his companions till the occupation of the continent was won.

"So great was the respect for his judgment and position that but few of the larger libraries of the country have not at some time sought his advice and profited by his counsel, always freely given to those who asked it. In his death we have lost 'a master and a friend.'"

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Final Trial Debates.

The final trials for the Yale-Harvard debating team were held Friday evening, November 5, at Osborn. Fifteen men spoke, eight from the Academic department, two from Sheffield, two from the Divinity School and three from the Law School. The judges were Professor A. T. Hadley, Judge S. E. Baldwin and Prof. W. L. Phelps. Each speaker was allowed ten minutes.

The order of speaking was as follows: O. H. Dowell, '98 S.; G. L. Hedges, '98 L.S.; H. A. Jump, '99 T.S.; F. E. Richardson, '98; B. C. Smith, '99; G. M. Ripley, '98; H. W. Fisher, '98; C. L. Darlington, '99; C. W. Ferris, '98 T.S.; J. K. Clark, '99; K. Bruce, 1900; M. Shepard, '98 L.S.; G. Sumner, 1900 L.S.; J. E. McIntyre, '99 S.; H. Bingham, Jr., '98. Three of the above men spoke on the affirmative, the remainder on the negative side.

The four men chosen were: Herbert Westcott Fisher, '98, of New Haven, Conn.; Fred Erwin Richardson, '98, of Lancaster, N. H.; John Kirkland Clark, '99, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; and Herbert A. Jump, '99 T.S., of Albany, N. Y.

The Thatcher prize of seventy-five dollars, which is awarded that Academic speaker whom the judges shall deem best fitted for an intercollegiate debate, was awarded to Herbert Westcott Fisher, '98.

Sheffield Junior Elections.

At a meeting of the Junior class of the Sheffield Scientific School, held for the purpose of electing officers for the year '97-'98, the following men were elected:

President, Clarence Sidney Verrill of New Haven, Conn.

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Mr. Lehmann at Harvard.

Mr. R. C. Lehmann, who coached the Harvard crew last year, arrived in New York on Wednesday, November 3d, on the steamer Teutonic. He left at once for Cambridge, where he will begin the training of the candidates for next year's crew. He was met at Harvard Square by a large number of men and was heartily cheered. He has the entire confidence of the University.

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