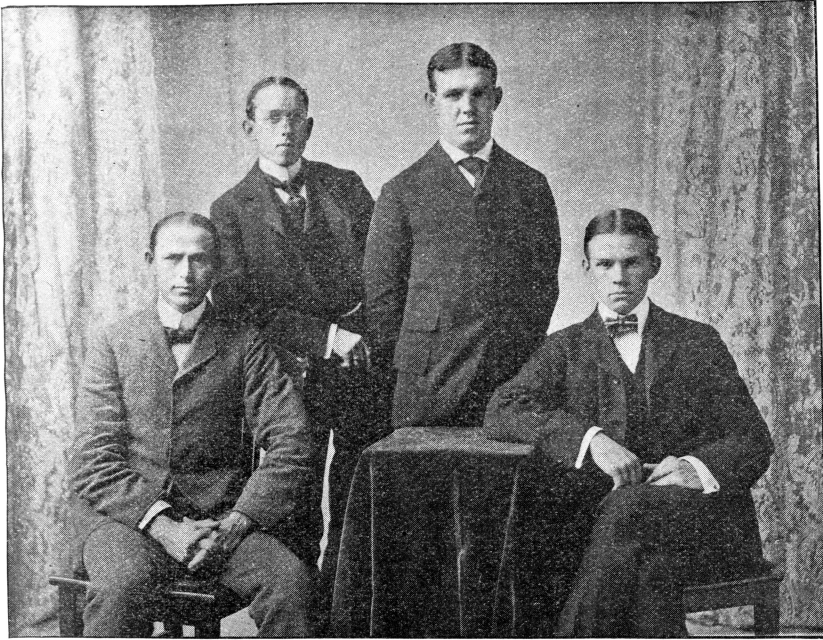


HARVARD DEBATING TEAM.



Wilbur Morse. Charles Grilk. P. G. Carleton.
J. A. H. Keith.

THE HARVARD SPEAKERS.

A Strong Combination—Personnel—Preparation about Completed.

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Cambridge, November 29.—The Harvard debating team which will meet Yale's representatives next Friday evening has all but completed the work of preparation for the approaching contest. Since the speakers were chosen, on the twenty-seventh of last month, they have been industriously at work with but one end in view—to discover enough arguments in favor of the annexation of the Hawaiian Islands to defeat Yale in the debate. Even the notable engagements on the football field during the past month have occupied a subordinate place in their consideration.

Harvard, after a series of successes on the platform, suffered her first defeat in 1895. Last year her team again encountered disaster when a different issue was confidently expected. Now, more than ever before, her representatives are awake to the realization that the debating prestige of the University is at stake.

For two years Harvard has supported the affirmative of the question. It was expected that this year, with the choice of sides, she would choose the negative. But this did not prove to be the case. Those who are directing her debating interests have apparently determined to demonstrate that the burden of establishing a proposition is not too great for accomplishment. Harvard will again champion decisive action on the part of the United States. Last year it was the definitive adoption of the single gold standard; this year it is a policy of territorial enlargement. But last year Yale had the "popular side," so-called; this year the opportunity for fireworks is Harvard's.

THE DEBATERS.

The Harvard team is composed of Charles Grilk of Davenport, Iowa, a member of the Senior class; John A. H. Keith of Walshville, Illinois, a special student; and Wilbur Morse of the Sophomore class, who comes from Philadelphia. The alternate is P. G. Carleton of Lawrence, Massachusetts, a member of the Junior class.

CHARLES GRILK.

Charles Grilk is the best known debater among his college mates. He prepared for college at Phillips Andover and Exeter and was prominent in literary and debating circles at both schools. At Andover he won a first prize in debate and spoke in the Means and Draper oratorical contests. Entering Harvard, he was chosen a member of the Freshman debating team and was President of the Freshman Debating Club. In his Sophomore year he was alternate in the Harvard-Yale University debate, the first intercollegiate debating contest in which Harvard was

defeated. Since that time his ambition has been to retrieve that disaster. Last year he was a member of the Harvard team that defeated Princeton, and closed the debate for Harvard on that occasion. He was the first choice of the judges in the trial debate last month. He participated in a joint debate between Harvard and the Trinity Club of Boston, in which his team was successful. He is a member of the Harvard Union and has been its President. Outside of debating his oratorical ability has won recognition. He received one of the first prizes of \$60 in the Boylston Prize Speaking last Spring, and was chosen this Fall to address the Freshmen on behalf of the undergraduates, at the reception tendered them at the beginning of the year. He is a member of the Hasty Pudding, Delta Upsilon and O. K. societies, and an honorary member of the Institute and the Signet. He has also been an editor of the Harvard *Crimson*.

JOHN A. H. KEITH.

John A. H. Keith is little known to Harvard men, but has had experience in debating before coming to Cambridge. At the Illinois State Normal University, where he graduated in 1894, he was a member of the Philadelphia Literary Society and represented his school in the annual contests against the Wroughtonian Society. He won first place in the college oratorical contest in 1894 and was selected by the Faculty to speak at Commencement.

Last year he advocated the free coinage of silver, in Illinois, during the early part of the campaign, and later in Massachusetts, after coming to Harvard. He is a ready speaker and his experience counts in his favor.

WILBUR MORSE.

Wilbur Morse, who is the representative of the East on the team, fitted for Harvard at the Central High School in Philadelphia. He has had an intermittent college career. He entered the University of Pennsylvania with the Class of Ninety-Eight and was prominent in debating circles during the year that he remained at the institution. In the Fall of 1895 he entered Harvard with the Class of Ninety-Nine and was a member of the Harvard Freshman team that met Yale the following Spring. He was active in the Freshman Debating Club during that year. Last year he studied law in Philadelphia, returning to college again this Fall in the Class of Nineteen Hundred. He is a member of the Harvard Forum. His manner is earnest and he impresses one as a student more than by his oratorical powers.

P. G. CARLETON.

P. G. Carleton, the alternate, shares with Grilk and Morse the honor of having represented Harvard in a Freshman contest with Yale. He is an active member of the Harvard Forum and an editor of the *Crimson*. He prepared for college at Phillips Andover and is the youngest member of the team.

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