

HARVARD LETTER.

Class Day Officers Chosen—Harvard Threatened with Increased Taxation.

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Cambridge, Dec. 20.—The election of Class Day officers of the Class of Ninety-Eight was held last Wednesday. It was the first election by ballot and the polls were open all day at Holden Chapel. The new system developed no objectionable features and over ninety per cent. of the Class voted. Nearly every successful candidate received a majority vote. Many of the officers were uncontested, as the expected vigorous campaign on the part of the non-society men did not develop. The only successful candidate, not on the Pudding-Pi Eta slate, was Charles Griik, who defeated C. E. Morgan, 3d, for the honor of Class Orator. Mr. Griik is himself a member of the Hasty Pudding, but, failing to secure the Society nomination, he bolted the ticket and won on an independent nomination by 259 votes to 130. Both the candidates had competed in Freshman intercollegiate debating contests, and Mr. Griik was last year a University speaker against Princeton and this month was a member of the team that was defeated at New Haven. He has been prominently before the class as a Boylston prize speaker, and so had a considerable following which enabled him to win.

The officers chosen were: James Handasyd Perkins of Milton, First Marshal; David Marvin Goodrich of Akron, Ohio, Second Marshal; Norman Winslow Cabot of Brookline; Third Marshal; Charles Griik of Davenport, Iowa, Orator; Guy Hamilton Scull of Boston, Poet; Robert Palfrey Utter of Denver, Col., Ivy Orator; Waldron Holmes Rand, Jr., of Dorchester, Chorister; Fullerton Leonard Waldo of Bridgeport, Conn., Odist; Bartlett Harding Hayes of Jamaica Plain, Secretary; William Woodward of New York City, George Winthrop Bouvè of Brookline, and James Lloyd Knox of Newtonville, members of the Class Committee; Frank Horace Bigelow of Worcester, J. E. Norton Shaw of Mattapoisett and Harry Kelley Brent of Lexington, Ky., members of the Class Day Committee; Leon Wallace Redpath of Newtonville, Samuel Lester Fuller of Andover and William Edward Dorman of Lyme, members of the Photographic Committee.

Of the eighteen successful candidates, twelve are from Massachusetts and eight of these are from Boston or the immediate vicinity. D. M. Goodrich is Captain and J. H. Perkins a member of the University crew; N. W. Cabot, captain, J. E. N. Shaw, G. W. Bouvè and J. L. Knox, substitute, played on the football eleven; F. H. Bigelow is captain and L. N. Redpath a member of the Mott Haven team, and W. H. Rand is captain, and B. H. Hayes has been a substitute on the ball nine.

LECTURES OF THE WEEK.

The lecture room at Harvard has opened well. At a meeting of the Graduate Club last Friday evening, Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes of the Massachusetts Supreme Court addressed the members, taking as his theme, "Some Thoughts on the Labor Question. An informal discussion followed the address. On Wednesday evening, Professor McL. Harper of Princeton, spoke before the Cercle Français on "Le Caractère National de la Poésie lyrique française." On the same day in the afternoon Professor Mitsukuri, who was the representative of the Japanese government in the recent conference at Washington on the Seal Fisheries, gave a talk before the Harvard Zoölogical Club on "Zoölogy in the University of Japan and the Marine Laboratory."

On Thursday evening, Maj. Henry L. Higginson gave a reception to the holders of the leading scholarships in the College. Thirty-five students were included in the number. Among others who attended the reception were: Gov. Roger Wolcott, President Craft of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, President Agassiz of Radcliffe, Prof. Shaler, Prof. J. M. Pierce, Prof. John Fiske and members of the Corporation and Board of Overseers.

The sixtieth anniversary of the Nat-

ural History Society of Harvard was celebrated on Friday evening by a meeting in the Fogg Art Museum. Addresses were made by Prof. Shaler on the history of the Society, and by Mr. William T. Hornaday of the New York Zoölogical Society on "The Preservation of our Native Animals. After the meeting a reception was tendered Mr. Hornaday.

UNIVERSITY TAXATION AT HARVARD.

In view of the contest now in progress in the Connecticut courts to test the right of the municipality of New Haven to tax the realty of Yale University, the prospects of a similar controversy between Harvard and the City of Cambridge is of unusual interest. Following the decision of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts which held that the houses of professors at Williams College were taxable property, professors' houses have this year been taxed at Harvard and Tufts as well as at Williams. The Foxcroft Club at Harvard was also taxed this year for the first time. This building is owned by the University and leased to a club of students for the purposes of a dining hall. It is now stated that the student dormitories and Memorial Hall will be taxed next year. In this event, the University will test the right of such taxation in the courts, and the decision of the Connecticut court on the same question will become an important precedent.

J. WESTON ALLEN.

Arrangements for Prom. Week.

The Junior Promenade, the social event of the College year, will take place Thursday evening, January 25th, in the Second Regiment's Armory. The festivities will as usual open with the concert of the Glee, Banjo and Mandolin Clubs on Monday evening, in the Hyperion Theatre, after which the different classes will hold their Class Germans. The number of teas and receptions will be very large this year. All but the final arrangements have been made, and from present indications the Prom. of 1898 will not be inferior to any of those of previous years.

The Committee elected from the Junior class having entire charge of the Prom. are: W. E. S. Griswold, chairman; F. H. Brooke, floor manager; William F. Whitehouse, Carroll F. Sweet, James McD. Magee, Henry T. Bowles, Alfred G. Vanderbilt, Charles H. Wells, Jr., and Harold C. Cheney.

The color scheme adopted for decorating the Armory is red and white walls with black Japanese panels and a ceiling of pale blue. Each box will be surmounted by a canopy of red and white.

C. H. Koster of New York City will carry out these decorations. The music will be furnished by Lander's Orchestra of thirty-five pieces, and Dreka will engrave the programmes. If possible the method of disposing of the boxes employed last year will again be used, which will materially lessen the expense to each man. A fair price is placed upon each box, and the applications of the members of the Junior class having been arranged by lot, they may choose any box they wish. This does away with the exorbitant bonus which have prevailed at the auction sales of boxes in past years. The program will consist of eighteen dances with as many intermissions and five extras. The carriage contract has been awarded to Murray, and the prices will be substantially the same as last year.

Following the custom of previous years the members of the Committee have decided not to send flowers to their partners and all who attend are requested to do likewise.

CLASS GERMAN.

The Senior German will be held in Lenox Hall immediately after the Glee Club concert, Monday evening. The German will be led by H. B. Wilcox and F. H. Simmons. Seniors who wish to attend and have not signed the book at the Coöp. may obtain tickets by applying or writing to 374 White Hall, before December 31st.

The Junior class will hold its German in Alumni Hall on the same night. The leaders of the German will be F. H. Brooke and W. E. S. Griswold. There will be four favor and one souve-

nir figures. Applications for tickets will be received up to Saturday, January 15th.

The Sophomore German will be held the same evening in Warner Hall. There will be four favor figures in addition to the souvenir figure. Maresi of New York will be the caterer and Weil will furnish the music. The German will be led by S. B. Camp, P. A. Rockefeller and F. B. Adams. The patronesses will be Mrs. William W. Farnam, Mrs. Henry L. Hotchkiss, Mrs. William Rockefeller and Mrs. Barney.

The Committee in charge are: S. B. Camp, J. C. Greenway, F. B. Adams, P. A. Rockefeller and W. L. Chittenden.

"Law Journal" Contents.

The December number of the Yale Law School Journal, which appeared last Friday, contains the following articles: "Our Duty to Spain," by Professor Theodore S. Woolsey; "The Effect of a Decree of Confirmation Under The California Irrigation District Law," by W. B. Bosley of San Francisco; "Rights, Duties and Remedies of the Parties to a Sale of Personal Property, Which is to be Delivered and Paid For in Installments," by R. S. White of the New York Bar.

"Record" Editors' Election.

At a meeting of the Board of Editors of the Yale Record held Wednesday, December 15th, the following men were elected to positions on the Editorial Board: Henry Hunt Tompkins, Jr., '09, of Denver, Col.; Edward Buffman Hill, 1900, of Yonkers, N. Y., and Warren Parsons Thrope, 1900, of Philadelphia, Pa.

The Berzelius Dormitory.

The new dormitory which is being built on Hillhouse avenue for the Berzelius, the Sheff. Society, is being pushed to completion as fast as possible. The brick work is now up as far as the mezzanine. The building will be ready for occupation by June first, 1898. No changes have been made to the plans as described in the WEEKLY last Spring.

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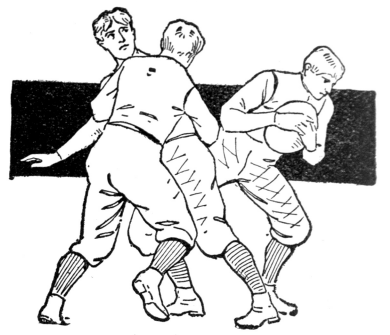
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