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NEW YORK LETTER.

Harvard Entertains Yale—Return Reception Probable—Notes.

[Correspondence of YALE ALUMNI WEEKLY.]

Perhaps the most pleasant and noteworthy of recent college happenings in New York was the reception tendered the officers and members of the Yale Club by the Harvard Club at its house on Forty-fourth street, last Saturday evening. That the members of both Universities appreciated the opportunity of meeting one another was evidenced by the crowd present throughout the evening, and it was at times difficult to say whether Harvard or Yale was more largely represented at the gathering. From every standpoint the affair must be considered to have been a complete success, and anyone who was present, even if only for a short time, must admit that such meetings are of undoubted value in cementing the friendly and cordial feelings now entertained by the alumni and undergraduates of the two Universities for one another.

What added in a great measure to the pleasure of the evening was the entire lack of formality. After a short business meeting, President Carter, of the Harvard Club, delivered an address of welcome, and later on interesting speeches were made by Mr. Beman, of Harvard, Mr. Thatcher and Judge Howland, of Yale, and one or two others. Supper was served in one of the rooms on the second floor, and afterwards a crowd gathered around the piano on the same story to listen to individual selections by various graduates and to join in Harvard and Yale songs with equal enthusiasm. Outside on the landing, an orchestra played throughout the entertainment, while in the billiard room on the third floor there was singing by impromptu quartets mingled with cheers for Harvard by Yale men and Yale cheers from Harvard graduates. The management of such a large reception must have been a strain upon any club, and the Harvard committee was with justice highly praised for its effective work.

As a natural consequence of this courtesy on the part of Harvard, there is at present no little talk about a return meeting at the Yale Club. Just what steps, if any, have been taken by the officers in regard to this are as yet unknown, but it is conceded that if possible a similar invitation should be extended to New York's Harvard colony. It is, of course, true, as is pointed out in informal discussions among the members, that the Yale house is smaller and would not probably lend itself so readily to a large entertainment of this kind. Still it is urged, on the other side, that the house is deep, and that by opening the dining room and throwing all the rooms on the first and second floors into one, as far as possible, a fairly large floor space could be obtained. Before long there is to be a dinner and meeting of the Council at

the Club and, although there is no authority for so thinking, it is believed some definite action will be taken on the matter.

A LOOK INTO THE FUTURE.

In connection with the discussions as to the size of the present house, it is interesting to look ahead to the future of the Yale Club in New York. The Harvard organization is, of course, much older and now has a handsome and well appointed house, while the Yale Club in its first year has been enabled to lease its attractive home on Madison Square. As the Club grows, it will necessarily feel the need of larger quarters, and it remains to be seen whether or not this need will manifest itself before the end of the three years the lease has to run. At present there are over seven hundred qualified members, which is a splendid showing for the few months the Club has been in existence. From now on the rate of increase in membership will be, of course, less rapid, but from present indications the Club should continue to gain ground right along. If this prediction is verified, and the interest manifested by both the older and younger members remains undiminished, there is no reason why the Club should not, at no distant date, commence to think of a newer and larger home.

EVENTS OF THE MONTH.

After the meeting of the Council, already referred to, it is probable that some announcement will be made as to the next club night. Apparently the committee have found these entertainments are sufficiently appreciated, for they have promised more of them from now on to Spring. It is said that there will be one of them about the twentieth of this month, but beyond this indefinite report and the rumors of some class smokers there is nothing to record. Some of the members of Ninety-Six are now discussing a dinner or reunion of their Class, it being some time since they have gotten together as a body. Ninety-Seven has been more fortunate or enterprising in this respect in its first year out of New Haven, and the last of this month or the first of next will see the second of its big meetings. From time to time little crowds from various classes gather at the Club for dinners or reunions, but as they often fail to announce these affairs very publicly, it is hard to get reports of them in season for the WEEKLY.

University Athletic Club.

The University Athletic Club of New York City was founded in 1891 by prominent college athletes, to create a headquarters for college athletes and a point from which might spring the best things from collegiate sports.

The prospectus said that the object of the Club would be to cultivate the love of athletic sports in the amateur spirit without a trace of professionalism, and incidentally to furnish athletic facilities for its members. Probably no club in the country exercises so much influence in its line as does the University Athletic Club.

Most of the founders were members of other clubs where they could enjoy all the ordinary club advantages, but had another object at heart—the advancement of undergraduate collegiate athletics in general.

The founders of the Club were, George A. Adee, Yale '67; William W. Skiddy, Yale '65 S.; William H. L. Lee, Yale '69; Henry S. Brooks, Yale '86; Olin G. Jennings, Yale '87; from other colleges, C. F. Mathewson, W. S. Tod, Edward S. Rapallo, Cornelius C. Cuyler, Evert J. Wendell, Tracey H. Harris, Wendell Baker, Guy Richards, Richard Trimble, Edward D. Appleton, George W. Green, Henry S. VanDuzer, Robert C. Cornell, Henry W. Banks, Jr., and Collin Armstrong. Mr. Adee was the first president and held this position for four years. The prominent amateur college athletes all over the country were asked to join the organization, and in that way the list of members soon embraced the names of the best men in the country.

THE PRESENT CLUBHOUSE.

The Club rented the old clubhouse of the Racquet and Tennis Club, in Sixth av. and Twenty-sixth st., for a term of five years, and last May took possession of the present clubhouse, No. 19 West Thirty-fourth st. This building is connected with another house, which is large enough for a well-arranged gymnasium and five courts, and it is the object of the Club to make the changes, in order to supply athletic facilities to those members who are members of no other clubs.

The Club members are college men, the requirements for admission being similar to those of the New York Yale Club. Of its 400 members, about 300 are residents of New York. The entrance fee to the Club is only \$50, and the annual dues are \$50, while non-resident members pay only half of these amounts.

The University Athletic Club is being looked upon more and more each year as a mediating body in case of disputes, and the fact that all colleges are represented makes each feel sure of impartial treatment. The Club has acted as a Board of Arbitration between Yale and Princeton in a minor baseball controversy, and in a baseball misunderstanding between Harvard and Princeton. The recently revised football rules were prepared by a committee from the Club, who this year have been informally requested to call the rules committee together, but no action will be taken until an official communication has been received from the larger colleges.

The committee consists of Paul Dashiell of Lehigh, Sears of Harvard, Walter Camp, '80, of Yale, Bell of Pennsylvania, Moffatt of Princeton and Dennis of Cornell.

The present officers of the Club are C. C. Cuyler, Princeton, President; Lawrence E. Sexton, Harvard, Vice-President; Clark Williams, Williams, Treasurer; J. Sanford Barnes, Jr., Yale '91, Secretary. The Athletic Committee is composed of the following members: George A. Adee, Yale '67; Walter Camp, Yale '80; Lawrence E. Sexton, Harvard; Evert J. Wendell, W. A. Meikleham, Tracey H. Harris and C. F. Mathewson.

To Answer Questions.

A new system was adopted in the University Library the week before vacation, by which a person unable to find the answer to a question can put the same on a bulletin board, and anyone knowing the answer or references to authorities on the subject is requested to write the information below the query.

A bulletin board with printed slips has been provided for this purpose at the left of the long desk in the Chittenden Library. It is requested, that the answer (or references to authorities on the subject) be written below the query; that both query and answer should be signed with the writer's name; and that the inquirer will please remove the slip when his question is answered.

Although anyone is invited to answer the questions, it is expected, as most of the queries will no doubt be historical, that the librarians and professors will give much of the information. This system has met with the greatest success in the Harvard Library, as well as in the Boston Public Library.

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