



MEETING OF THE I. A. A.

Several Amendments Proposed—Final Action to be Taken.

The regular annual meeting of the Intercollegiate Association of Track Athletes of America will be held on Saturday, February 26th, at 2.30 o'clock at the Fifth Avenue Hotel in New York City. This meeting will be a very important one, as a number of radical changes in the constitution are to be considered. The proposed changes will be submitted by the Executive Committee, which met recently and drew up a report. This committee consists of Henry W. Howe of Harvard, Oliver Shiras of Cornell, G. T. Kirby of Columbia, and S. K. Gerard, '97, of Yale. Yale will be represented at the meeting on the 26th by Capt. E. C. Perkins, '98, and Manager I. N. Swift, '98.

An amendment to the section of the constitution relating to the awarding of the championship cup will be proposed as follows: "In all field and track events, points shall be counted as follows: A first place shall count five points; a second place shall count three points; a third place shall count two points; a fourth place shall count one point." There will, however, be no fourth prize. The present way of scoring is five points for first place, two points for second place, and one point for third place.

One of the most important of the proposed changes is the substitution of the three-mile run in place of the mile-walk, beginning with the meet in 1899. This move has been advocated for some time. Other proposed changes provide that there shall be no pace-makers in any of the bicycle events, and that the mile run be held before the quarter-mile event instead of after. Another amendment provides that every athlete pay the same amount for board at the training table as he was paying before he was taken to it. This, however, has no bearing on Yale, as that system has been followed here for years. The question of building a third-of-a-mile bicycle track outside the regular track at Berkeley Oval will be brought up.

Work on the Harbor.

The University and Freshman crew candidates rowed on the harbor last Saturday for the first time this year, a day earlier than the date of the first barge work last season. The harbor work has continued this week and the tank will hereafter be used only in event of another cold spell. The length of the slides in the University barge has been reduced by about one-half.

The first University crew rowed on Saturday, in the following order: Stroke, R. P. Flint, '99 S.; 7, J. C. Greenleaf, '99 S.; 6, F. W. Allen, 1900; 5, R. A. McGee, '99 S.; 4, J. H. Niedecken, 1900; 3, J. P. Brock, 1900; 2, J. C. Greenway, 1900; bow, P. Whitney, '98.

During the course of last week, W. E. S. Griswold, '99, was tried at 7, J. W. Cross, 1900, at 5, and D. F. Rogers, '98, at bow. With these exceptions the order of the crew throughout the week was the same as that on Saturday. W. B. Williams, 1900, returned to work on Monday, after a week's absence, necessitated by illness.

The Brown Conference.

Brown University has, by calling a conference of five or six colleges, taken the initiative in her discussion of eligibility standards at the various universities. Professor Munro of Brown wrote to President Dwight, inviting as representatives of Yale one member of the Faculty, one graduate, and one undergraduate. The President suggested to Prof. Munro that he write Mr. Camp. This he did, and at a meeting of the four Presidents, Mr. Simmons of the Baseball Association was asked to confer with Prof. Munro. The machinery of Yale's athletics does not provide for any such general conference, each president and captain being absolute in his own province, but in no way interfering with the others. The Athletic Committee, or Council, or Faculty Committee, of other universities has no parallel here, and such a provision would probably entail a University meeting, and, unless the consent of each captain and president were secured, the overriding of their established prerogatives. Mr. Simmons was asked to explain this to Prof. Munro and at the same time to assure him of Yale's hearty sympathy with any movement of this nature and her willingness to give proper consideration to any proposed revision of existing eligibility rules that would tend toward elimination of objectionable features.

Freshman Crew.

The Freshman crew rowed as follows on Saturday: Stroke, A. Cameron, Jr., 1901; 7, T. Kelly, 1900 S.; 6, F. G. Brown, Jr., 1901; 5, W. E. Dowd, Jr., 1900 S.; 4, G. S. Stillman, 1901; 3, R. H. Gillett, 1900 S.; 2, T. S. Montague, 1900 S.; bow, J. A. Keppelman, 1901.

The Freshman crew will continue the use of fixed seats in the barge. The squad was reduced again last week, and now numbers about twenty-five.

Fifteen men have signified their intention of trying for the position of coxswain.

Bicycle Team News.

The candidates for the bicycle team under Captain L. Tweedy, '99, are working daily in the gymnasium and taking short outdoor runs. *The team will not commence riding so early as last year, but will wait until the roads are in good shape, which will probably not be until well into March. The work will then consist of daily runs on the road varying from five to ten miles. The track at the Field will be in condition about Easter time, and the team will train here until about a month before the Harvard games, when they will use the cement track at Bridgeport. Besides the Harvard and Intercollegiate games the team will be entered in several other games to gain experience in racing. The bicycle races in the Harvard games will be held on the Charles River track the morning of the games. There is some talk of building a bicycle track outside the regular track at Berkeley Oval for the Intercollegiate races.

The material this year is excellent and the prospects for a winning team are bright. Three, of last year's team, Capt. Hill, Butler, and French, have graduated, but there are four left. The Freshman material is also good.

In the account of the Glee Club's Christmas trip the dance at Minneapolis, stated by mistake to have been held at Germania Hall, was given at the residence of Mrs. L. K. Hull.

A GREAT BANQUET.

Four Hundred Alumni at the N. Y. Association Annual Dinner—The Speeches—Chronological List of Graduates.

The annual dinner of the Yale Alumni Association of New York, at Sherry's on Monday night, was not only the largest ever held by that Association, but the largest ever held in this country by the graduates of any college. Over four hundred alumni, guests of honor, and friends of the University took their seats at 7.30, filling the great ball room and annex a little more than comfortably. The decorations of the rooms were simple, banks of palms and wreathed smilax. An orchestra of eight pieces in the narrow gallery played college and popular tunes throughout the banquet. This gave the diners an opportunity of expressing some of the enthusiasm they felt and of assisting the musicians with deep-toned, resonant choruses, sung with a dash, power and sweep that only college men seem to acquire. A double quartette from the Glee Club, consisting of Messrs. Schreiber, Butler, Wadsworth, McGee, Stalter, Greenway, Brooks, and Parker added much to the pleasure of the evening with a number of songs. Grenville Parker sang several solos. Not the least of the pleasant features of the evening was the gathering of forty of fifty of the more recent graduates around the table where the Glee Club quartette sat, after Mr. Adee had adjourned the meeting. Led by Noah H. Swayne, 2d, an hour was spent in informal melody.

The presiding officer of the evening was George A. Adee, and on either side of him sat the guests of honor, most of whom spoke. They were: Professor A. T. Hadley, Hon. Henry C. Robinson of Hartford, Dr. E. V. Reynolds, Rev. Joseph H. Twichell of Hartford, Professor E. L. Richards, Professor O. C. Marsh, Walter Camp, Isaac H. Bromley, and Norris G. Osborn. Besides these and seated prominently were the successful debaters over Harvard, Messrs. Fisher, Jump, Clark, and Bingham; and the football team of Ninety-Seven and a number of the loyal band of coaches who helped Yale to win over such odds, among whom were noticed Frank S. H. Knapp, P. T. Stillman, and G. T. Butterworth, Dr. J. A. Hartwell, Harmon S. Graves, G. Foster Sanford, Howard H. Knapp, P. T. Stillman, and G. T. Adee. The menu and toast list was a modest one to look upon, but had printed on it the names of things good for the body and for the mind—indeed, the best obtainable for both.

GOOD PLACE FOR A BOY.

The first toast of the evening was "The University," which was responded to by Prof. A. T. Hadley. After speaking of the cohesive body of students and alumni which gave victories which a loosely organized body could not hope for, Prof. Hadley said:

"When we want to inquire about Yale, we generally inquire of the New York Alumni. So I will present but a plain, straightforward statement of work and hopes. Yale has an annual income of \$600,000, and Harvard has \$1,200,000, yet we are progressing on the same plane and are still in the same class. It has its advantages. Poverty makes a man work harder. President Lincoln, when an army officer once

asked him how Garfield was able to clear Kentucky of Confederates in a week, and the officer sneeringly said, 'Because he was not a West Point man, I suppose you will say,' replied, 'Because he always had to work for a living.' Our friends at some of the colleges object because we have not athletic committee enough to suit them, but their way is not our way.

"I believe we are developing at Yale what we have wanted—a literary sense and literary achievement among the students, and that we are in a fair way to have a Yale English style, a Yale literature and Yale literary productions."

Prof. Hadley closed his remarks something as follows: "An especially healthful manifestation of the Yale Spirit is seen in the matter of temperance. I know of no place in the world where a boy can pass from the protection of his home life into the large life of society; with more to support him and less to drag him down. If a boy goes to Yale with the intention and desire of refraining from the abuse of intoxicants, he will find more help from the public sentiment of his fellows than in any other college I know, and much more than if he goes directly into business life without attending college at all. As an under classman expressed it to me the other day, 'Excessive drinking 'queers' a man for the best societies faster than almost anything else.' If a boy believes that he can best secure himself from temptation by total abstinence, he will find many others who are doing the same thing. If he preaches such abstinence not as a protection to himself, but as a help to his fellows, he will be respected and honored for so doing. But if he demands strict rules to render such action compulsory upon others, he will find himself in a hopeless minority. The mass of the College world—students and Faculty alike—believes that public sentiment counts for more than rules, both for securing honesty in athletics and temperance in drinking. It believes furthermore that the enforcement of rules and the espionage connected with them so weakens a healthy public sentiment as to stunt its growth and deprive it of its powers—in other words, to carry us away from the very result which the advocates of such rules are anxious to promote.

Some people who do not understand the force of public sentiment, and the weakness of laws which try to act outside of it, naturally fail to accept this view; and give too ready credence to irresponsible statements concerning drunkenness at Yale, which can be disproved by anyone who takes the trouble to examine the records of the New Haven police. Whether the indirect influence of such charges will tend to keep some students away from Yale, I do not know; nor do I think we should greatly trouble ourselves about the matter. I like to fall back on the words of Arnold of Rugby. "It is not our chief concern whether this should be a college of one hundred and fifty boys, or of three hundred boys; but that it should be a college of Christian gentlemen."

At the close of the address, amid great enthusiasm, Julian W. Curtiss, '79, called for the long cheer for Prof. Hadley, which was given.

THE YALE SPIRIT.

Hon. H. C. Robinson of Hartford, in speaking to the next toast, "The Yale Spirit," said in part:

"When I see the bountiful spread and the smooth things that you have given us to eat and drink and smoke—I fear without considering the tastes of the New Jersey W. C. T. U.—and the large number of Yale 'boys' gathered here to-night, I feel that you are to be congratulated. Speaking of the New