

LINCOLN DAY AT HARVARD.

University Club—Graduate Suffrage—
Gift to Harvard.

[Correspondence of YALE ALUMNI WEEKLY.]

Cambridge, Feb. 16.—Lincoln's birthday was commemorated by appropriate exercises in Appleton Chapel at the regular morning service yesterday. It is the first time that the day has been recognized here, and it is now proposed to hold similar exercises in future years. At the service yesterday, Dr. Harris of Andover, who has just completed his term as University preacher, officiated, and President Eliot spoke on the value of Lincoln's part in the events of his time.

The University Club project continues to occupy attention. A week ago the undergraduate committee recently appointed to further the movement met the Boston members of the graduate committee to discuss ways and means of advancing the plan for a clubhouse. President Eliot was present and took part in the discussion. On Tuesday last, Mr. Charles Francis Adams of the graduate committee issued a letter to the undergraduate committee endorsing, on behalf of the graduates, the action taken by the student body. A suitable club, which would form a nucleus of university, rather than undergraduate, life, would in the opinion of the graduate committee, require an outlay of from \$200,000 to \$250,000 at the outset, and an annual expenditure for maintenance of from \$25,000 to \$50,000.

So large a sum, the committee believes, could hardly be raised at this time by general subscription, but an active campaign of education is advocated in the hope that some alumnus will be found ready to step into the breach and contribute as generously for this purpose at Harvard as did the Houston family at the University of Pennsylvania. In concluding, the committee suggests as a preliminary step that the matter be brought to the notice of the Corporation of the University at the earliest practical moment with a request that it be given serious consideration, and if, in the judgment of its members, it seems expedient, that a suitable site for the building of the proposed club may be assigned—within the limits of the college yard, if possible—in case the necessary funds for its erection shall be forthcoming within a reasonable time.

EXTENSION OF SUFFRAGE RECONSIDERED.

At a special meeting of the Board of Overseers held on Wednesday, the extension of the right to vote for members of the Board to all graduates of the University of five years' standing was again brought up for discussion, and occupied most of the time of the meeting. A petition was before the Board, signed by 150 alumni of Boston, asking that definite action on the question be postponed for at least a year. The ground of objection to the previous action of the Board is the fact that their vote was taken before the results of the postal vote of the alumni due on February 21st, had been fully ascertained. The action was taken by the Overseers without waiting for the expiration of the time set for receiving answers from graduates, because of the lack of interest as indicated by the small number of votes which had been received. Owing to the protest, the Board voted to instruct the committee, appointed by them at the January meeting to procure from the legislature the necessary modification of the article of 1865, in relation to the election of Overseers, that they should take no further steps until after the next meeting of the Board on March 2d. The legislative committee has postponed until after that date the hearing on the petition of the Board.

A committee was appointed to have printed and distributed among the alumni entitled to vote at the next election of Overseers, the reports to and votes of the Board upon the extension of the right to vote for Overseers.

NEW GIFT TO HARVARD.

Announcement is made of a gift of \$20,000 by Mrs. William Belden Noble of Washington, to endow a lectureship in memory of her husband, who graduated in the Class of Eighty-Five. After graduation he studied for the ministry and was a clergyman of the

Episcopal Church. The lectures are intended to perpetuated the influence of religion as exemplified in Phillips Brooks's life and teachings and the selection of the lecturers is committed to seven trustees. The first course of lectures will be delivered in Appleton Chapel on Sunday evenings during March and April, on the general subject: "The Message of Christ to Manhood." The opening lecture will be by Professor A. V. G. Allen, on "Christ's Mission to the Individual Man." In subsequent years, the course will be given in the Brooks House. The lectures are to be published.

A strong sentiment is developing in favor of courses in physical training to be included among the required work of the Freshman year. Dr. Sargent, the head of the Department of Physical Culture, has long advocated adding such courses to the curriculum. Mr. Copeland announces a new course of lectures on English novelists during March and April. Recent deaths among the alumni include John A. Loring and F. V. Balch, both prominent members of the Boston Bar.

Captain Goodrich will call out candidates for the class crews this week. The number of aspirants for baseball honors in the Freshman class continues deplorably small. The second call for candidates brought out only nine men, making the total of those who have thus far handed in their names only forty-seven. There are some good men in the number, but Captain Rand of the University nine is making a diligent search for more recruits. Since the victory of the relay team over Yale, in the B. A. A. games a week ago, the track team has competed in no important contests. A number of men will enter the handicap cross-country run of the Boston Athletic Association on Washington's Birthday.

J. WESTON ALLEN.

Mr. Tracy's New Book.

To the beginner in Mechanical Drawing or to those undertaking the primary instruction of students in this subject, the selection of a suitable outline to pursue as an introductory course has generally been attended with more or less difficulty. There have appeared from time to time books in which the endeavor has been to instruct the student in the elements of Mechanical Drawing and, by prescribing a course of exercise, to prepare him for a more advanced specializing of the subject.

Some of these are too cumbersome, giving, in what is intended as an introductory course, many special applications to machine designing and thereby burdening the student who desires merely a general preparation. Others, although perhaps not to be criticised for this fault, may be said to offer a course of instruction which is not made clear enough, either owing to the absence of sufficient illustrations or by prescribing a course that is not above criticism in respect to its arrangement. Such books may do well as an adjunct to a course under an able instructor, but to the student desiring to master the subject unaided they are inadequate.

This Introductory Course in Mechanical Drawing by J. C. Tracy, C.E., Sheffield Scientific School, (New York: Harper Bros. Publishers), appears to have successfully avoided the faults just mentioned and will certainly supply a long felt want. The book, as its name implies, is intended as introductory. Mr. Tracy has had very successful experience in the preparation of the students of the Sheffield Scientific School in Mechanical Drawing and he has used this experience as a valuable aid in the preparation of this book. The author has omitted entirely the more advanced applications of Mechanical Drawing, thereby presenting a course which will be suitable as an introduction to any kind of instrumental drawing.

One noteworthy feature of the book is its large number of illustrations, which are principally photographs of models. This excellent method of illustrating calls to mind the work of Professors Phillips and Fisher on Geometry which appeared a few years ago. In this book the illustrations were photographs of models and they added very materially to the marked success of the book.

By the liberal use of these photographs throughout the chapters on Orthographic Projection and its applications, Mr. Tracy has not only fur-

nished a material aid to instructors in elementary Mechanical Drawing, but an invaluable aid to the student who desires to master this somewhat difficult part of the subject without the aid of a teacher. The chapter on Perspective, contributed by Mr. E. H. Lockwood, M.E., puts this part of the subject in a clearer and more concise form than can be found elsewhere.

In the selection of problems illustrating the various sub-divisions of the subject, the author has exercised great care. Each problem is intended to apply to some definite principle and the whole collection, arranged by plates, forms a progressive series of exercises.

The entire make-up of the book reflects great credit upon its publishers as well as upon its author and it will undoubtedly meet with the success which it certainly deserves.

L. R. HOPTON.

Yale-U. of P. Exhibition.

The Yale Gymnastic Team gave its first joint exhibition this year with the University of Pennsylvania on Saturday evening at Philadelphia, before an audience which completely filled the Academy of Music.

The teams alternated in exhibitions on the horizontal bars, trapeze, ladders, flying rings, and parallel bars, in fencing, tumbling, boxing, and club swinging, through a program of fifteen events. Yale's representatives were: F. A. Lehlbach, '98, Captain; W. K. Shepard, P. G.; G. L. Buist, 2 M.; F. T. Anderson, '98 S.; W. L. Otis, 1900; R. G. Clapp, '99 S.; S. Peterson, P. G.; B. C. Chamberlin, P. G.; M. U. Ely, '98; Manager. The team of the University of Pennsylvania consisted of J. S. Williams, 1900 L., Captain; F. P. Gengenbach, '99 M.; F. M. Paul, 1900 M.; W. P. Taylor, 1901 C.; H. P. Gardiner, 1901 M.; O. T. Cruikshank, 1900 M.; E. A. Staab, 1900 M.; J. H. Noble, '99 D.; A. B. Crane, '99 D.; C. S. McCowen, '99 D.; L. J. Lane, '99 M.; P. E. Gires, '98 D.; W. E. Greenwood, '99 L.; C. L. Lapp, 1901 C.; W. P. Taylor, Manager, J. H. Noble, Stage Manager.

After the exhibition the Yale men were entertained at a smoker given by the Mask and Wig Club at the club house, and a luncheon was given for both teams the following day at the University Club, 1316 Walnut street.

The Gymnastic team will give an exhibition at Bridgeport to-morrow evening under the auspices of the Bridgeport Y. M. C. A.

Dr. William G. Anderson, Instructor in Gymnastics and Associate Director of the Gymnasium, is the author of a book entitled, "Physical Education," published by A. D. Dana.

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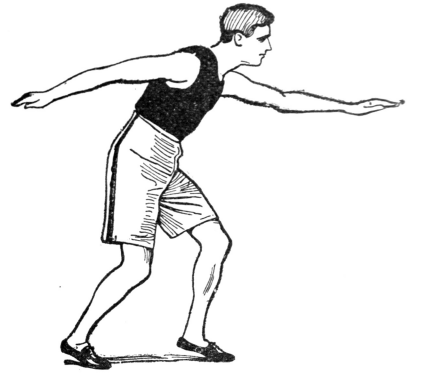
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