

NEWS AT HARVARD.

Compulsory Athletics—The Vote on Graduate Suffrage—The Teams.

[Correspondence of YALE ALUMNI WEEKLY.]

Cambridge, March 1.—The meeting held last Wednesday evening to endorse the movement to secure a course or courses in physical training at Harvard was largely attended. President Hyde of Bowdoin College discussed the success of the plan of compulsory physical exercise at Bowdoin and the benefit to be gained by such a course. At Bowdoin, the required work of Freshman year extends from November to March and counts as a one-hour course toward the degree.

President Hyde was followed by Mr. Augustus Hemenway, Chairman of the Committee on Physical Training and Athletic Sports. He stated that he would see that the necessary funds were provided for the establishment of a course at Harvard, if the students were desirous of such a course. Other speakers were Dr. H. P. Bowditch, of the Faculty of the Medical School, Professor William James, and Dr. Dudley A. Sargent. Dr. Bowditch advocated, in addition to a prescribed course of physical exercise, a series of lectures on the care of the body, to be given each year to the Freshman class. A vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Hemenway, and a motion was carried that the Faculty be requested to appoint a committee to consider the plans proposed and report their decision.

TO EXTEND SUFFRAGE.

The report of the outcome of the ballot by Harvard alumni on the question of extending the suffrage for the election of Overseers to graduates of the professional schools was made public last week.

Blank ballots were sent out to all graduates of the College, of one year's standing, and to holders of honorary degrees. The total number of ballots so distributed was 6,912. Of this number 2,954 were returned, of which 1,675 were marked "yes" and 1,279 "no." Ballots were also sent to members of the last graduating class and 154 ballots were returned, of which 74 were marked "yes" and 80 were marked "no." It will be seen that while the vote has resulted in favor of the change, there is a large minority opposed to it. It has been thought by many that the graduates of recent years would be strongly opposed to any extension of the right to vote. The result, however, shows such not to be the case. The only classes that voted against the change were those of Forty, Forty-One, Forty-Nine, Fifty-One, Fifty-Three, Fifty-Eight, Sixty-Six, Seventy-One, Seventy-Five, Eighty-Eight and Ninety-Seven. The votes of the classes of Forty-Three, Fifty, Fifty-Two and Sixty-Four showed no choice. The Board of Overseers are expected to take further action upon the question at their meeting this week.

PHI BETA KAPPA CHARTER.

The original charter of the Harvard chapter of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, which was lost several years ago and recovered at a sale of antiquities last year, has been presented by William and Mary College to the Harvard Library. This charter was granted in 1779 by "the members of the meeting Alpha of William and Mary College, Virginia," to their brother, Elisha Parmeli, of the University at Cambridge, Massachusetts. Parmeli received the charter in person from the meeting Alpha in Virginia. He was allowed to stop at New Haven on his homeward journey, that he might organize a chapter there. In this way it came about that the Yale fraternity antedates that of Harvard.

ATHLETIC NEWS.

Members of the track athletic team have participated in two indoor meetings during the week. In the Roxbury Latin School games, Harvard secured first and second places in the 30-yards dash and 35-yards hurdle, and second in the high jump. In the Newton High School meeting, Harvard men were first and second in the high jump and the 30-yard dash, and second in the

300-yards and 600-yards runs. The only exceptional performance was that of W. G. Morse in the high jump, who cleared the bar at 6 feet, $\frac{1}{4}$ inch. W. F. Garcelon has begun his work as coach of the candidates for the hurdle events.

The Harvard Athletic Committee has given pewter cups to all members of the Freshman football team of last season, which defeated both the Yale and University of Pennsylvania Freshmen.

The candidates for the class crews will begin out-of-door work this week. The members of the Sophomore crew have already been on the river in pair oars. The baseball team will probably be late in getting out of the cage, owing to the moist soil of Soldiers' Field. The battery candidates of both the University and Freshman nines are working under the direction of pitcher Lewis of the Boston league team. G. W. Thompson has succeeded E. N. Sears as coach of the Freshman nine candidates. Rex Fincke, formerly Yale Interscholastic Tennis champion, has been appointed temporary captain.

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THE YALE CLUB.

It May Absorb the New York Alumni Association—Club Notes.

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New York, March 1, 1898.—Since the recent dinner of the Yale Alumni Association of New York, graduates here have been awaiting with interest the calling of a business meeting to consider the status and affairs of the Association and to take some definite action as to the future. Such a meeting, it is now announced, will be held at Sherry's on March 18th, when it is probable that the old Association will be dissolved and, in the words of its President at the dinner, "its mantle allowed to fall upon the Yale Club." In other words, the annual dinner and other meetings formerly held under the auspices of the Association will from now on be arranged for by the Club, making merely a change in the management of such affairs—and in reality scarcely that, since many of the men who have managed such things for the Association would now continue to do so for the Club.

NO NEW IDEA.

This action on the part of the Association was foreshadowed last Spring when the plan of a Yale Club in New York came up for discussion at a largely attended meeting. By an overwhelming vote the plan as proposed was endorsed and approved, and a committee from the Association was appointed to confer with the promoters of the Club. Encouraged by this approval the Club committee took out a lease for the house on Madison Square, spent several thousand dollars in furnishing and refitting it, and invited Yale men to cooperate with them in making the new organization the success it deserved to be. At the time it was felt that there was some risk incurred in these operations, but the growth of the Club was rapid, and now, with practically 800 members, including the waiting list, its financial and social success is assured. At present the Alumni Association numbers 249 members, 117 of whom are also members of the Club.

ADVANTAGES OF THE CHANGE.

The advantages to be derived from the change are many. For those of the Association who join the Club the use of the reading rooms, library, restaurant and billiard room should more than compensate for the difference in the dues to the Club and those of the Association, which could offer them no house for a common meeting ground. To those who do not join, on the other hand, the Club can give fully as much as the old Association, the dinners and meetings being of course open affairs as heretofore,—and perhaps more, since with a house of its own the Club would be in a position to make such large gatherings of the alumni more frequent if it seemed best.

For these reasons then it seems probable, as has been said, that the Association will vote to dissolve at its com-

ing meeting, resigning its duties to the Yale Club.

AT THE CLUB.

The most recent class meeting at the Club was that of Ninety-Seven on Saturday evening last, when between twenty-five and thirty men came together for the second of the informal smokers given by the New York Alumni of the class this Winter. One or two more meetings may be arranged for between now and June.

Preparations for the March "Club Night" are still under way.

By Mr. Charlton M. Lewis.

The following, by Charlton M. Lewis, Yale '86, of the Yale English Faculty, entitled "The Loss of the Maine," appeared in the New Haven Evening Register of Feb. 23:

To a sunny harbor-mouth
In the garden of the South,
Where the never-ending Summers
breathe and bloom,
Where warm love and light enfold
Palmy wood and tangled wold,
Thither sailed our seamen bold—to
their doom.

There they heard the wild alarm
When the red death-angel's arm
Shook the thunders of his wrath below
the deep,
And he swept them to their graves,
Where the long, deep-dreaming waves
Wash forever through the caves of sun-
less sleep.

And the tears of sorrow start
From a mighty people's heart,
For our heroes dead and those they left
forlorn;
But from sea to rocky range,
From the prairie to the grange,
We are mighty to avenge, as to mourn.

In the dark we blindly grope,
Half in fear, though half in hope,
For the way where honor calls lies still
concealed.
On Thy people Thou hast trod;
We have bowed beneath Thy rod;
Mav Thy purposes, O God, be revealed!

The Freshmen of Yale won from the Harvard Freshmen the mile relay race at the Boston College Athletic Association meet in Boston last Saturday night, by 15 yards. The time was 3 m. 19 s. The Yale winners were: C. T. Dudley, A. H. Richardson, W. O. Brennan, J. Richards, Jr.

At a recent meeting of the Freshman Faculty, it was decided not to allow any Freshman-Sophomore baseball game this Spring. This action was taken solely because of the general disquiet incident to the game and not on account of any misbehavior of the Freshmen, as was the case last year.

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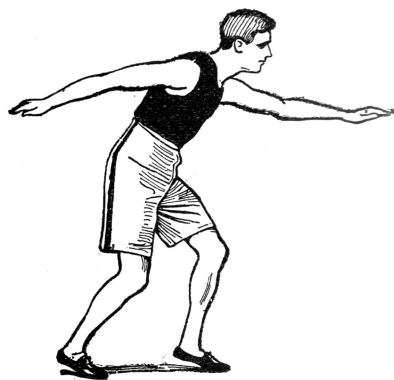
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