

**A YALE FRENCH CLUB.**

**Formed for the Popularizing of the French Language.**

About fifty undergraduates and most of the members of the French Faculty of the University met last Friday evening in 33 Vanderbilt and organized a French Club, which it is hoped may in time be to Yale what the Cercle Français is to Harvard, namely, to popularize and aid the study of French in the University. The Club has the hearty co-operation of the French Faculty, the members of which have been made honorary members of the Club. Professor Luquiens and Messrs. Taylor and Holbrook have assisted very materially in the formation of the Club. The Faculty have given the Club a room in the basement of Berkeley, to which all members will have access and where the meetings, which will come on alternate Monday evenings, will be held. The members of the Club have been assessed to form the nucleus of a French library, which will consist mainly of modern French literature. Several French monthlies and weeklies, and perhaps a daily, will be kept on file. As yet the Club is composed entirely of Academic men, but it is hoped that Sheff men will join, as it is open to the whole University. The Club will be addressed from time to time by such prominent professors of French in the United States as it can secure.

The possibilities of such a club are very great, as shown by the Cercle Français at Harvard. Perhaps some time in the future the Club will be able to produce a French play or offer a course of French lectures.

The names of the officers of the Club follow: President, John R. Livermore, '98; Vice-President, Alfred G. Vanderbilt, '99; Secretary and Treasurer, James W. Barney, 1900; Executive Committee, the President ex-officio, and the following members, Richard B. Glæzner, '98; H. Roger Winthrop, '98; Alfred G. Vanderbilt, '99; Benjamin B. Moore, '99; Percy A. Rockefeller, 1900, and James W. Barney, 1900.

**The German Challenge.**

Captain Whitney of the Yale Navy received, last week, a letter from the Allgemeiner Allster Club of Hamburg, Germany, inviting the Yale crew to take part in the international regatta, to be held in Germany July 16th and 17th. The letter translated reads as follows:

To the President of the crew of the American University Yale, New Haven, Connecticut:

Dear Sir—In this letter allow me to send you a copy of last year's regatta program of July 17th and 18th, saying that at this year's regatta, July 16th and 17th, races will be arranged as last year, and I believe that a number of suitable races can be found for your crews, if the invitation of visiting the Hamburg regatta finds favor with you. I therefore take the liberty to-day to beg that you will consider whether you could not decide to attend the Hamburg

regatta this year. Your announcement and your coming would afford great pleasure not only to all Hamburg people, but to all German sportsmen, and I can assure you that your crews will be most pleasantly received. Please consider this and favor us with a speedy reply. With sportsmanlike and friendly greetings,

Sincerely yours,  
A. O. SCHUMACKER,  
President of the "Allgemeiner Allster Club," Hamburg, Germany.

On account of the arrangements which have already been made for the crew, the invitation cannot be accepted.

**Dual Spring Games.**

A meeting of the Yale and Harvard track managements was held at the Massasoit House, Springfield, Mass., to make the necessary arrangements for the dual meet this Spring. The Yale representatives were Capt. E. C. Perkins, '98; I. N. Swift, '98; J. M. Magee, '99, and C. Gillette, '97, the Secretary and Treasurer of the Dual Association. Harvard was represented by Capt. F. H. Bigelow, '98, and B. H. Hayes, '98. It was decided to hold the games on Holmes Field, Cambridge, on the afternoon of May 14th. The two mile bicycle race will be held on the Charles River Park Track on the morning of the games. H. S. Brooks, '86, and G. B. Morrison of Harvard were appointed a committee to make arrangements and select officials for the games, subject to the approval of the Captains. H. S. Brooks, '86, was elected President and B. H. Hayes, Harvard '98, Secretary and Treasurer of the Association for the coming year.

**Snow Hinders Baseball.**

After just a week's practice at the Field the University baseball squad was forced by the snow storm to return to the cage last Friday. They were able, however, to practice at the Field again on Monday. On the 2d of March the first reduction of candidates was made, the squad being reduced from forty-five to thirty-five men, exclusive of batteries. Four Freshmen, P. C. Kiefer, G. M. Clark, L. W. Robson and G. L. Cadwalader, have been taken on the squad. In the practice at the Field no particular order has been followed, but different men have been tried in the various positions. No graduate coaches have been here the last week, but W. F. Carter, '95, is expected up from New York for a day or two before the Easter trip.

The Freshman squad was reduced on Saturday from seventy-five candidates to about sixty, and hereafter regular weekly reductions will be made. No Freshman diamond has yet been laid out at the Field, to take the place of the old one covered up by the new football stands, and this, together with the size of the squad, has kept them in the cage.

**Change in English Department.**

It has been announced that Dr. Herbert A. Smith, instructor in the English Department, will leave his present position at the end of this year. Dr. Smith has been connected with the University since 1890. He entered College in 1885, graduating with the Class of Eighty-Nine. He was the Foote Scholar in 1889-1890, but resigned to become a private tutor. He was Douglas Fellow from 1890 to 1892 and was an Assistant in English in the Sheffield Scientific School during the year 1891-1892. He spent the Summer of 1892 in Germany studying, and on his return was appointed Instructor of English in the Scientific School until 1894. In that year he was transferred to the Academic Department, where he has since remained. He received the degree of Ph.D. in 1897.

Dr. Smith's successor has not yet been appointed.

**Princeton Game First.**

The University Football Management has already arranged the dates for the Harvard and Princeton games next Fall. Contrary to the custom of past years, the Princeton game will be played before the Harvard game, coming on November 12th at Princeton, while the Harvard game will be played in New Haven on November 19th.

**The Outlook for 1898.**

All over the country, Yale men are now following with interest the reports of the development of the teams which are this year to represent Yale in athletic contests. The decision that assures us of another triangular race adds a greater interest than ever to the work of the crew. The present promise of a strong Mott Haven team, and the growing hope of ultimate success on the diamond, keep the alumni of Yale in closer touch with their Alma Mater. In all of these directions the outlook is decidedly encouraging, and if the material in the hands of our trainers will develop itself as well as it will be developed, Yale will close the season with flying colors.

The foregoing sentence may sound absurd to some and platitudinous to others, but it none the less is so true that too much attention cannot be paid to it. Success means more than able teaching, more than good personal training; it means constant and conscientious care on the part of our representatives themselves. That, with such advice and instruction as no Yale team has ever yet lacked, can only bring results creditable to all concerned.

This habit of self-training is in itself of such very real value that to acquire it to oneself permanently is to become possessed of a business capital worth many thousands of dollars. Athletic contests, debating, work for "high stand," or anything else which can aid one towards this end is to be highly commended.

There is one aid in such direction as this which lies in the power of almost all, and that is the acquiring and maintaining of sound life insurance. The self-schooling by which the man who is insured meets his premiums as they fall due is of even greater gain to his character and habits than is the mere acquiring of a considerable savings fund, while the content which such an one feels in the assured safety of those he loves is in itself of the greatest worth. It enables him to meet the work-a-day world with a spirit that largely contributes to final success.

All this good can be won only by "training," and by just such constant care and sacrifice of lesser ends, as ensures the victories of Yale's teams. If that training is drawn out for a longer season than the training of the athlete, it must also be remembered that the game to be won is infinitely more worth the winning.

If you are not now in such training you cannot too soon follow the good example of the thousands already "taken to the table." But remember one thing—choose the right trainer. Don't follow the advice of the man whose teams are never victorious. The Mutual Life Insurance Co., of New York has been longest in the field, and never yet has it met defeat. It stands ready to-day to give you just such help as has already won the game for so many who have lived up to its practical requirements, and found success and safety under its colors.

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