

A FINE BROOKLYN MEETING.

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The Yale Alumni Association of Long Island held its regular spring meeting on Friday evening at the house of the Brooklyn Club in Brooklyn, and in attendance and interest the evening eclipsed any of its predecessors.

The meeting was opened by an address of welcome from Joseph A. Burr, '71, the newly-elected President of the Association. He introduced Captain Zalinski, the inventor of the pneumatic gun for throwing charges of high explosives, now adopted by the government for harbor defence and with which the Vesuvius is armed. He gave an interesting and timely explanation of the various uses of high explosives in modern warfare, by mines, torpedoes and other devices. Not the least interesting feature of his address was a short but convincing explanation of the impossibility of the destruction of the "Maine" by anything but an external cause in the control of some outside authority.

The lecturer spoke in an easy manner and showed a mastery of his subject. All were impressed with the terrible destructive power of the gun, which an English naval expert recently called "the latest hellish product of Yankee ingenuity." Capt. Zalinski demonstrated the formidability of the gun as a weapon of offense or defense.

At the close of the lecture, Mr. Burr, who showed at this meeting his peculiar aptitude for the duties of the position, outlined the work already accomplished in presenting the Cruiser Yale with the Maxim guns and made a strong appeal for funds. The Alumni immediately responded with \$250.

This has since been made up to four hundred dollars. During the ensuing supper the meeting was entertained by college songs led by a double quartette from the University Glee Club of New York. Afterwards, General George W. Wingate spoke of the lessons taught the American people by the present situation, of the necessity of being prepared by training for a contest, contrasting the careless spirit with which this war had been approached, with the systematic care with which Yale paved the path to her intercollegiate victories. This led the way to tales of reminiscence by the older graduates of the days when the lines of the present activities of College emulation were but beginning. Mr. Howard Mansfield, '71, speaking of the closing days of the old inter-Society debating system, which ended in the successful maintenance of the proposition, that "the Government should support Literature," by a team of three debaters before an audience of three by the unanimous decision of three judges from the faculty, and which the winners followed up by a practical exposition of the sincerity of their argumentative position in drawing their three cash prizes from the College Treasury.

Dr. Eugene A. Lewis, '70, spoke of the magnificent scope for healthy out-door

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exercise furnished to the old-time ball nines, of which he was an ornament, in the games with Harvard, where the scores were phenomenal in size and Harvard did all the scoring. Dr. Frederic W. Colton, '60, spoke of the Yale crew of '59, in which he pulled an oar, and rehearsed the story of Yale's famous initial victory over Harvard at Springfield. He alluded, too, to the compliment implied in the choice by the Government between its two fastest cruisers, of the one with the record to be known as the Yale.

The meeting was brought back from its symposium of athletics to a consideration of the scholarly side of Yale progress by a carefully prepared address from Mr. F. Joseph Vernon, '86, a graduate member of the Yale Semitic Club, who illustrated his subject by several well-selected gems of Eastern thought and philosophy, rendering them in the original vernacular. Mr. Vernon's success in making so attractive the results of his studies in this always interesting field of research, was attested by the appreciative applause of his audience.

Before closing the association adopted a resolution expressing its sorrow and regret at the recent death of Hon. John Oakey, '49, a veteran member of the association, who had been most active in making it a success throughout the years of its organization.

Yale Grand Stand Burned.

The baseball grand stand at Yale Field was totally destroyed by fire at one o'clock Tuesday morning. As the Field is outside the city limits, no aid could be secured from the New Haven Fire Department, and the only check to the flames was through hose attached to the grand stand and from two neighboring houses. The fire was the work of an incendiary.

The stand, which was built from the money given by William H. Crocker, '82 S., was covered by insurance up to the amount of \$5,000. The four-faced clock, valued at \$800, the gift of Mrs. Farnam, was destroyed.

A meeting of the Field Corporation will be held after the matter of insurance has been adjusted, at which the advisability of immediately starting work on a new stand will be considered. It is probable, however, that a portion of the football bleachers will be used for the rest of the season. The building of a new stand would interfere with the minor games of the team and the work would probably not be completed in time to accommodate the crowds expected at the Princeton and Harvard games.

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