

**A SUCCESSFUL REGATTA.**

**Spring Races Well Contested by Large Number of Crews.**

The efforts of the Yale Navy Management to create a more general interest in rowing among the undergraduates, outside of the annual University and Freshman contests, appear to be very successful, judging from the Spring Regatta which was rowed on Friday and Saturday of last week. No less than fourteen crews were on the Lake during these two days, including the class crews. With few exceptions the eights rowed in good form and made excellent time, considering the adverse wind. The scrub crew championship was won by the Coystrels, composed of Seniors, with one exception; and the Class championship went to the Second Freshman crew, which beat Ninety-Nine out after a hard fought race.

The origin of the scrub crew dates back three years, when a number of men from the Class of Ninety-Eight formed the Eight which was called the "Gentleman's Eight." As it was quite necessary that some other aggregation should exist for the purpose of racing, the "Coystrels" were formed from the same Class, these two rowing in the tanks from time to time and later going to the harbor. The race was rowed at Lake Whitney in barges over the short course and was won by the Coystrels after a killing struggle. Ralph Treadway and W. P. Cross, '96, did much to help this scheme of rowing to a recognition and to permanency.

So much interest was shown by the oarsmen themselves and the crew partisans that the Navy management last winter made the offer of boats for any crew that might be formed in any of the classes, and indicated their intention of giving distinctive caps to those crews whose training had been genuine and whose speed and form warranted such a reward. Early in March, or as soon as the University squad left the tank, hours were assigned to about a dozen scrub crews, and more or less regular training was begun. At first there were two and three candidates for every seat in the different boats, but these were gradually thinned down till only the eight and a few substitutes were left. Thus it will be seen that almost a hundred men were brought into regular training. Several crews took their material from the dormitories after which they were named. These included Pierson, Lawrence, Farnam, and Hutchinson.

Since the Easter recess diligent work has been done daily, and the College has been canvassed for coaches to give advice and to correct faults. Some good men were found who knew the stroke and were willing to teach it and risk their reputations on the prowess of their pupils. One crew even remained in town through the Easter recess in order to take advantage of every hour. The last week before the races saw all the Eights working on the Lake and there were many sharp brushes when opportunity offered, in an endeavor to find out the strength or weakness of the other.

An additional incentive to winning the regatta was added by the presentation of a magnificent silver loving cup by W. W. Scranton of Scranton, Pa., himself a member of two Yale University Crews of 1864-5, to the Dunham Boat Club, on the side of which was to be inscribed the names of the scrub crew champions.

The weather on Friday and Saturday was ideal from the spectator's standpoint, being bright and warm, but the wind, which was directly up the Lake, spoiled fast times. Every pleasure boat obtainable had been pressed into service for the two afternoons, from the flat-bottomed box-like affair to the cranky wherry, and these, loaded with friends of the oarsmen, were scattered along both sides of the lower course for an eighth of a mile. The shaded right bank was crowded with people and the road and bridge offered an excellent vantage ground for carriages, of which there were a great number. It is safe to say that the picturesque Lake never before witnessed so animated a scene.

One of the most interesting of the races was that between Pierson Hall and Hutchinson on Saturday. Both crews were very evenly matched, and

for half the distance neither had the advantage. From then on Hutchinson by raising the stroke gradually forged ahead and won by the small margin of a quarter-length. The Coystrel-Harlequin meeting in the finals caused considerable speculation, but the former held their reputation and won handily in the best time of the day. The fastest time of the regatta, 4-50 for the seventh-eighths of a mile, was made by the same crew, which owed its good work to the coaching of Jay Chandler McLaughlan, '98.

One of the surprises of the regatta was the bad defeat of the First Freshman by the Second Freshman over the mile and an eighth course. The latter crew also beat the Ninety-Nine class crew in the finals, thereby becoming the class champions. The University Eight was present, but rowed only short exhibition stretches. The machine-like precision of their body-swing was greatly admired. The personnel of the various crews was given in the last issue of the WEEKLY. A complete summary of the races follows:—

Friday.—Preliminaries of the scrub crew contests:

Pierson Hall defeated Farnam Hall by three lengths in 5 minutes and 7 seconds.

Hutchinson defeated Lawrence Hall by three quarters of a length in 4 minutes and 55 seconds.

Coystrel defeated Gentlemen's Eight by two lengths in 4 minutes and 50 seconds.

Harlequin defeated Nautilus by two lengths in 5 minutes and 2 seconds.

Meander defeated Wyandottes by one length. No time was taken, as it was too dark to see the crews start.

Saturday.—Semi-finals of scrub crew races:—

Hutchinson defeated Pierson by half a length in 5 minutes and 45 seconds.

Harlequin defeated Meander by half a length in 5 minutes 31½ seconds.

Coystrel defeated Hutchinson by one length and a half in 5 minutes 30½ seconds.

Final heat—Coystrel defeated Harlequin by two lengths in 5 minutes 19 seconds.

Class Championship Events—Second Freshman Eight defeated First Freshman Eight by two lengths in 7 minutes 5½ seconds.

Junior Eight defeated Sophomore Eight by two-thirds of a length in 7 minutes and 15 seconds.

Final heat—Second Freshman defeated Juniors by three lengths in 7 minutes 8¾ seconds.

Mr. J. T. Whittlesey, '67 S., acted as referee, and Mr. George A. Adey, '67, as time-keeper.

**"W. A.'s" Criticism Resented.**

To the Editor of YALE ALUMNI WEEKLY:

Sir: While the whole country has bowed in recognition of the patriotism and service of Fitzhugh Lee, and while he is on the eve of leading a host of Southern men against the Spanish butchers, your correspondent in the May 12th number takes occasion to make a misguided comparison between the other Lee and the leaders of the Spanish army.

I wish but to resent a narrow-minded criticism, which vandalized the first ivy planted from Lee's grave, and which is still rampant in aspersing the purpose, the valor, the broad-mindedness of these vanquished Southern men, who with their sons were among the first to volunteer in the present crisis, notwithstanding the sentiment of your correspondent "W. A.," who appears to lack the spirit of generosity, if not more.

ISADORE DYER, M.D., '87 S.  
New Orleans, La., May 15, 1898.

**Omega Lambda Chi.**

In spite of the rainy weather which prevailed last Monday, a large crowd of undergraduates assembled on the Campus at the usual time to celebrate Omega Lambda Chi.

The four classes in order, Seniors first, Juniors next, then Sophomores and Freshmen, formed in procession at seven o'clock in front of the fence, and beginning with Durfee made the customary round, cheering each building separately.

The Freshmen then ran between Lyceum and South Middle.

Owing to the disagreeable weather but few people witnessed the celebration.

**Amendments to Yale Club By-Laws.**

[Correspondence of YALE ALUMNI WEEKLY.]

New York, May 23, 1898.—Notices have been sent out by Ashbel Green, Jr., Secretary of the Yale Club, calling for a special meeting on Monday, June 6th, at 8.30 p. m. by order of the Council, for the consideration of certain amendments to the By-Laws proposed by that body. These amendments are the result of the negotiations recently held with the Yale Alumni Association of New York, and read as follows:

(1) Add after Section 31 the following:

31a. Any person who on May 1, 1898, was a member of the Yale Alumni Association of New York, not a member of the Club, may become an Association member by paying to the Treasurer, on or before July 1, 1898, or within such further time, not exceeding one month, as the Council may allow for the purpose, the annual dues for the current year. The privileges of Association members shall be attending the social meetings of the Club outside of the Club-house and attending and voting at annual meetings.

All money received from the Yale Alumni Association of New York, together with all dues of Association members, shall be set apart as a fund to be used only for expenses of social meetings outside of the Club-house, three such social meetings of the character of the meetings of said Association in recent years to be held each year, so far as the money in this fund from time to time will suffice to meet the expenses.

The annual dues of Association members shall be five dollars. They shall not be required to pay any entrance fee.

31b. Any person qualified for membership as herein provided may be elected an Association member in the same manner as resident and non-resident members.

(2) Add at end of Section 39 the following:

But neither Section 31a nor Section 31b shall be changed before the annual meeting in 1900, except to limit the number of Association members to 200 or some higher figure, without the written consent of two-thirds of the Association members; and at and after the annual meeting in 1900 Section 31a shall not be changed without the written consent of two-thirds of the Association members, unless the number of such members is less than one hundred, except to substitute or authorize the Council to substitute a meeting in the Club-house for any one of the meetings outside of the Club-house which the Association members may attend.

(3) In Section 30 strike out "whether resident or non-resident."

(4) In Section 31, after the words "but candidates elected," insert the words "otherwise than as Association members."

(5) Add to Section 32: "This section does not apply to Association members."

Section 30 now reads, "No person shall be considered for election to membership until he shall be proposed by a member and seconded by another member in writing, nor until his name, the kind of membership desired—whether resident or non-resident \* \* \* \* \* have been entered in a book to be kept for the purpose, etc."

Section 31 provides that "Candidates so qualified shall be referred to the Committee on Admissions, and, if elected by such Committee shall become members upon payment of the entrance fee and of the dues for the current fiscal year; but candidates elected after the first of October in any year shall pay but half such dues, in addition to the entrance fee. \* \* \* \* \*"

Section 32 fixes the entrance fee at ten dollars for all members, annual dues as twenty dollars for resident members who have been out of college for five years and ten dollars for all others, including non-resident members.

Section 39 provides for the amendment of the By-Laws.

**Obituary.**

JONATHAN STURGES ELY, '45.

Jonathan Sturges Ely, who died in New York City on May 19, 1898, was born in Fairfield, Conn., on September 9, 1822. He was the son of David Ely and Priscilla Sturges, and grandson of

the Rev. David Ely, D.D., of Huntington, Conn., and of Judge Jonathan Sturges, LL.D., of Fairfield. He prepared for college at Manlius, N. Y., and entered Yale in 1841, graduating with the Class of Forty-Five. He was a lawyer by profession, and practiced for some years in New York City, where the greater part of his life was spent and where he was well known. He was twice married, but had no children.

Mr. Ely belonged to a family whose connection with Yale now reaches to the sixth generation. His three brothers were graduates of the University, Dr. William W. Ely, '34 M.S.; Rev. Isaac M. Ely, '43, and David Judson Ely, '43. His father, David Ely, 1800, was followed at Yale by two brothers, Elisha Ely, 1803, and Isaac M. Ely, 1806. His grandfather, Rev. David Ely, D.D., 1769, was for twenty-eight years a Fellow of the College, and twenty-four years Secretary of the Corporation. He also had a brother at Yale, Rev. Richard Ely, 1754. Mr. Ely's mother was the sister of Hon. Lewis Burr Sturges, 1782, and daughter of Judge Jonathan Sturges, LL.D., 1759, who was a member of the Continental Congress, and first United States Congress, and a Judge of the Supreme Court of Connecticut. Captain Samuel Sturges, his great grandfather, graduated in 1732. Mr. Ely was the great great grandson of Rev. Jedediah Mills, 1722, whose brothers were Rev. Gideon Mills, 1737, and Rev. Ebenezer Mills, 1738.

Mr. Ely was a man of exceeding courtesy, a gentleman of the old school, of scholarly tastes and wide information, of great brightness of mind and charm of manner, making him in every circle an entertaining companion and a valued friend. It might be truly said of him that none knew him but to love him, and the news of his death will bring to many a sense of sorrow and loss.

**Athletic Calendar.**

May 27 and 28.—Intercollegiate games, New York.

May 30.—Yale Freshman-Harvard Freshman baseball at Cambridge.

June 4.—Yale-Princeton baseball at New Haven.

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June 11.—Yale-Princeton baseball at Princeton.

June 18.—Yale-Princeton baseball at New York, if necessary in case of a tie.

June 23.—Yale-Harvard baseball at Cambridge.

June 28.—Yale-Harvard baseball at New Haven.

July 2.—Yale-Harvard baseball at New York, if necessary in case of a tie.

August 16.—National Interscholastic Tennis Tournament at Newport.

**Race Date will be Settled.**

There is no reason to believe that the boat race at New London will be rowed without Cornell, notwithstanding the reports in the daily papers which declare that Yale has refused to row the Ithacans. It has been found difficult to set a date suitable to the three colleges, but there is every probability that the captains will have a conference in a day or two, at which the matter will be amicably settled.

Raymond G. Clapp, '98, broke the world's record for pole-vaulting in the American style, vaulting 11 feet 9 inches in practice at the Field last week. This is three inches better than his own record, made in the Harvard dual games at Cambridge.

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