

HARVARD'S SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL.

Increased Attendance—The Debating Season Starts—Football Victories.

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Cambridge, October 25.—A mass meeting was held in Sanders Theatre last Friday evening to take action relative to the proposed memorial to Harvard men who took part in the Spanish War. An urgent call upon the undergraduates to be present, signed by the presidents of the three upper classes, was not effective in securing a large attendance, but the meeting was earnest and sympathetic. Introductory remarks were made by President Donald of the Senior class. He then read the following letter from Colonel Theodore Roosevelt:

"Gentlemen: Will you tell the members of the undergraduates' meeting that in all sincerity it is impossible for me to leave this State now. That alone prevents my being with them. I should rather be with them than at another meeting, because it does seem to me that Harvard should take some such action as is proposed. I feel closely drawn to all Harvard men; and how can I help feeling most closely drawn to those who lay with me in the trenches and who fought beside me at Santiago? Surely Harvard will see that some memorial is erected to those of her sons who gladly gave their young lives when it seemed to them that the country called for the offering.

Faithfully yours.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

Following the reading of the letter, President Eliot was introduced and spoke in commendation of the spirit that prompted the men who went from Harvard to the front. He said that the hope of those who wish to see the nation hold its place among the first powers of the world without a large standing army and navy, rests in the belief that when the country has occasion to call upon the services of her sons, the youth of the land will respond. He urged that undue haste in determining the character of the memorial should not be allowed to prevent a wise selection.

President Eliot was followed by J. E. Norton Shaw of the last graduating class, who spoke feelingly of service of the younger Harvard men in the war and referred to the unselfish gallantry of Stanley Hollister, who, although twice wounded in the trenches at San Juan, continued fighting throughout the engagement. Major Higginson, as the concluding speaker, alluded to the services of many Harvard soldiers. The following resolutions were then adopted by acclamation:

"Whereas, during the war with Spain, many undergraduates and alumni of Harvard, impelled by their sense of patriotism, enlisted in the army and navy of the United States, and

"Whereas, in the loyal performance of their duty several met death, and

"Therefore, we, their comrades and friends, to express our love for them and our pride in their happy memory, do

"Resolve, That a committee be appointed by the chairman which shall be empowered to take such steps as may seem to it proper toward the erection of a worthy memorial at Harvard."

The form that the memorial shall take is being extensively discussed. The erection of a memorial gateway is still the plan most generally favored, but there are many who think that the names should be inscribed with the heroes of the Civil War on the tablets of Memorial Hall. To such as object that the Hall was erected with money subscribed for a memorial to the soldiers of the Civil War alone, reply is made that the tablets may well be erected in Sanders Theatre, which, although a part of Memorial Hall, is not a part of the structure built from the Memorial Fund.

Two names have been added during the week to the list of those who have died in the service. Stuart Wadsworth Wheeler, '98, of Bryn Mawr, Pa., better known as "Beef" Wheeler of football reputation, died at the Massachusetts General Hospital from typhoid, contracted at Santiago and Porto Rico. Word has just been received of the

death of Roy Walter Stover, '98, of Marengo, Iowa, from typhoid fever contracted at Manila. At the outbreak of the war he enlisted in the First South Dakota Infantry and his regiment was ordered to the Philippines.

UNIVERSITY REGISTRATION.

The University Directory, which has just been issued, gives the first information of the total registration of the University. The list of students and officers of instruction and government contains 4,197 names, of which number 3,774 are enrolled as students; a net gain of 35 over the number at this time last year. The Law School shows a slight gain in attendance over the Medical School, but the Medical School still leads in point of numbers. The entering class in the college gains 10 over last year, having 470 men now on the list.

The debating season has opened with the organization of the Sophomore and Freshman societies for the year. The Sophomore society starts the season with the usual interest, but there is a marked falling off in the interest shown by the entering class, only thirty men signing the membership book as contrasted with ninety-two members at the opening meeting last year. The decline in interest is probably due in no small measure to the withdrawal of Harvard from intercollegiate freshman debates, which move was not popular with the undergraduate body.

The football eleven has continued its good showing during the week, but the weather has been such as to develop proficiency in water polo rather than Rugby, and the players have entertained visiting teams with mud baths on Soldiers Field. On Wednesday the New town Athletic Club was shut out by a score of 22 to 0 in fifteen and ten minute halves, and Saturday's game with the Chicago Athletic Association, which was expected to prove a close contest, resulted in another easy victory by a score of 39 to 0 in forty-five minutes of play. Rain fell almost continuously during both contests and the footing for the runners was most insecure, but, in spite of this, the Harvard backs scored frequent long runs and the men in the line showed improvement in charging the opposing forwards. The prevailing weakness behind the line is a tendency to fumble and Daly at quarter is not always prompt in getting the ball to the runner. The scoring has been mostly done by end plays, the interference for these plays being unusually good for October. Rushes into the line are not so effective and there has consequently been a tendency to neglect line bucking for the more attractive end plays. Much will depend on the Yale game in the success of the Yale forwards in breaking through to stop these plays before they begin. Speculation on the outcome of the Yale game rates the chances about even. It is believed that the chances of winning against the Quakers two weeks hence is better than for some years.

The personnel of the team has been changed in a few positions. Burnett has been shifted from tackle to center and Jaffray has entered the competition for the snap-back's position. These two players have done more satisfactory work than Sargent and are monopolizing the place. Boal and Burden are improving in the two guard positions, Burden in particular showing the good effect of vigorous coaching. Malcolm Donald is now playing regularly at left-tackle with Eaton as substitute. This materially bolsters up the left wing. Haughton and Mills are making an even race for the other tackle position, Haughton's punting ability offsetting Mills' superior defensive game. The remaining positions are unchanged.

D. C. Campbell, who captained the Worcester Academy eleven last Fall, has been elected permanent Captain of the Freshman eleven. He plays on the right-end.

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Athletic Calendar.

Saturday, October 29.—Yale-West Point game at West Point, N. Y. Fall track games at New Haven.

Saturday, November 5.—Yale-Chicago Athletic Club game at New Haven.

Saturday, November 12.—Yale-Princeton game at Princeton.

Saturday, November 19.—Yale-Harvard game at New Haven.

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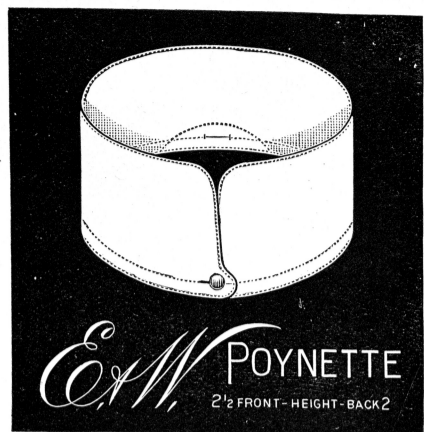
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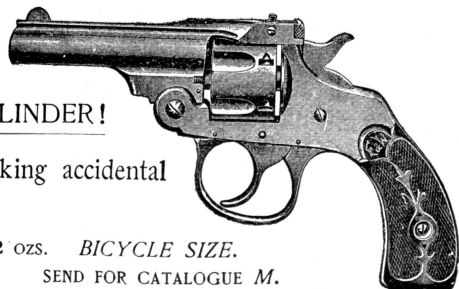
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