

THE ROWING SITUATION.

Nothing Decided Yet—Graduate Opinion Against Poughkeepsie.

No action has been taken yet by the Yale University Boat Club managers towards the settling of the boat race question for next June. Graduate opinion is strongly in favor of a triangular race between Yale, Harvard and Cornell which shall be rowed at New London. No one can be found who is satisfied with the proposition to go elsewhere. Below is quoted the opinion of Julian W. Curtiss, '79, which appeared in the *New York Sun* some days ago, which fairly indicates graduate sentiment on the course question: "All the Yale graduates are unalterably opposed to Poughkeepsie or any course other than the Thames at New London. If the Yale navy should take it upon itself to go to Poughkeepsie for a race on any kind, it would incur the displeasure of the alumni. No fault was found with New London last Summer, all of the crews expressing satisfaction with it. Therefore there is no good reason why a change should be made. New London is an ideal place for a big University boat race. It is possible to get plenty of smooth water there for practice, and the climate is just right for training purposes. It was conclusively shown last June that the course is wide enough for three crews, even though it is laid out in a shape of the letter 'S.' In all the years that races have been rowed on the Thames there has been only one postponement, and that was last Summer, when a thunder storm made it impossible to pull the event off.

"Poughkeepsie, on the other hand, has been put to the test and found wanting. It is almost impossible to avoid rough water, and it is also a fact that a crew cannot go two miles away from a float without encountering danger. The river boats are constantly churning up big seas, and the shells cannot escape being severely strained. It is also hot there. The mosquitoes are everywhere at night and the drinking water is not of the best. The University of Pennsylvania crews know what rough water means on the Hudson, for they have had their shells swamped on more than one occasion. Other crews have suffered similarly. Another objection to Poughkeepsie can be filed because of the motley crowd that generally goes to the place. It can be recalled how the town was infested with shell-game workers, thimble-riggers and fakirs of all kinds when the last race was rowed there, and how these individuals were kept out of New London.

"So far as Saratoga Lake is concerned the crews that rowed there last July found out that it was not desirable, owing to the rough water and the fact that the races were witnessed by a mere handful of spectators. Compared with New London, the courses at Poughkeepsie and Saratoga do not figure. The events on the Thames have always drawn typical college crowds, which help to make intercollegiate rowing what it should be, thoroughly sportsmanlike and clean.

"There is not a Yale graduate with whom I have talked who wants to have the races taken away from New Lon-

don. We do not know how Harvard stands in the matter, and have not heard from Cornell, but we are hopeful that they will agree with us in our sentiments."

ALUMNI MEETINGS.

Association of the Northwest.

The Yale Alumni Association of the Northwest held its fifteenth annual meeting and banquet at the Minneapolis Club, Minneapolis, Friday evening, Dec. 30.

At the business meeting preceding the banquet, C. S. Jelley '71 was elected President, and W. R. Begg '93 Secretary and Treasurer of the Association.

A committee consisting of Burnside Foster '82, L. K. Hull '93 and F. S. Jones '84, having been appointed to prepare resolutions concerning the death of Samuel A. Booth, reported with a fitting preamble the following resolutions:

"The Yale Alumni Association of the Northwest is deeply sensible of the loss it has sustained in his death. He was a man who by his loving, honorable and noble nature had endeared himself to all of us, and to each one of us the loss has come as a personal affliction. As a friend he was devoted, unselfish and true; as a citizen he was public-spirited, high-minded and faithful to every duty; as a Yale man he was absolutely loyal, in all that that word implies.

"Be it further resolved, that these resolutions be spread upon our minutes; that a copy be furnished to the YALE ALUMNI WEEKLY, to the daily papers of this city, and that a copy be sent to his family, to whom we extend our true and sincere sympathy."

Preceding the report of the Committee, Mr. Foster spoke as follows:

"I arise to perform a sad and painful duty, although, since the necessity for its performance has come, it is in some sense a pleasure to me that I, rather than another should perform it.

"I wish to remind you of the death of our beloved friend and fellow member, Samuel A. Booth, which occurred in this city on the morning of Dec. 3. For eleven years he had been a member of this Association and had never missed a meeting. Indeed he has been more than anyone of us the life of every meeting, and I believe you will all agree with me that there has not been one of us more unusually loved, or one whose loss could be more universally felt. To those of us who knew him best, his death, though not unexpected, has come as a terrible shock, a shock than which there could scarcely be a greater; a shock such as comes but once or twice in a lifetime. For my part I can scarcely realize even now that he has gone, never to return to us; that we shall never see his face again.

"There was not, there could not be a more loyal Yale man than Sam; and no man ever had a truer friend than I had in him. His was one of those rare natures that inspired the love and regard as well as the esteem of all people, of all classes, who knew him. He was one of those absolutely unselfish men who always, under all circumstances, thought of himself last. Even during the last hours of his life, when he knew that he was dying—and I never saw a man look death more unflinchingly in the face—he thought rather of his friends and of their sorrow and of how he could make the end easier for them to witness than for him to bear.

"It may some time be explained to us why such a man should be cut off in his vigor and in his prime, while others, infinitely less worthy, should be allowed to live and encumber the earth. For my part, however, I doubt if the explanation will explain."

As to Yale men in the army the Association expressed itself as follows: "The members of the Yale Alumni Association of the Northwest, at our fifteenth annual meeting, assembled at Minneapolis, December 30, 1898, take this opportunity of expressing and do hereby express our admiration of the services rendered to the country by our fellow Yale men during the late war with Spain, and, while their pluck, their valor, and their heroism have been only what might have been expected of any true son of Elihu, and while we esteem and honor every Yale man who served

in the war, especially are we proud of the members of this Association, Brigadier-Gen. Charles M. C. Reeve, and Harry P. Ritchie, Surgeon of the 13th Minnesota Regiment, both of whom are still on duty at Manila, and Lieutenants Theodore Griggs and David D. Tenny, of the 15th Minnesota Regiment, now in camp at Augusta, Georgia.

"To them we send our most cordial greetings, our deep regrets that they cannot be with us on this occasion, and our wishes for their health and safe return to home and friends.

"To them our thoughts turn to-night.

And now, in a bumper of flowing ale, Let's drink to the soldier boys of dear old Yale, True blue in peace; true blue in war, True blue, be sure, wherever they are."

The toast list and the songs were as follows, D. W. Lawler, '83 S., acting as toastmaster:

"Son of a Gambolier"
Yale in War Thomas Hedge, '67
"Here's to Good Old Yale"
Expansion Cyrus Northrop, '57
"Amici"
Yale in Peace W. R. Begg, '93
"Wake, Freshmen, Wake"
President Dwight and his Successor S. C. Gale, '54
"Bingo"
Two Wars Samuel Appleton, '63
"Gaudeamus"
Yale Friendship—the same East and West J. Loman, '85.
"Lauriger Horatius"
Toast (in memoriam) G. P. Douglas, '89
"Landlord, fill the flowing bowl!"

The following were present: S. C. Gale, '54; C. Northrop, '57; E. T. Eliott, '58; G. C. Ripley, '62; W. H. Bennett, '66; Thomas Hedge, '67; H. B. Beard, '67; C. S. Jelley, '71; C. L. Spencer, '78; A. Tighe, '79; E. L. Haynie, '79; P. King, '80; E. B. Graves, '81; O. H. Briggs, '81; B. Foster, '82; L. K. Hull, '83; D. W. Lawler, '83 L.S.; F. S. Jones, '84; E. C. Gale, '84; J. Loman, '85; J. J. Flather, '83 S.; W. H. Goodyear, '86; W. S. Williams, '86 S.; W. M. Babcock, '87; F. Bergstrom, '88; F. T. Parlin, '88 S.; G. P. Douglas, '89; J. Crosby, '90; C. C. Bovey, '90; W. S. G. Noyes, '91; W. W. Heffelfinger, '91 S.; W. S. Telford, '92 S.; L. W. Day, '93 S.; W. R. Begg, '93; C. S. Gale, '95; H. T. Halbert, '95; D. D. Mitchell, '95; C. W. Halbert, '95; F. M. Crosby, '97; C. E. Heffelfinger, '97; J. E. Shaw, '97 S.; H. Parkhurst, '98 S.; R. L. Evans, '98; A. W. Clapp, '98; W. K. Chisholm, '98; H. S. Christian, 1901.

Cleveland Alumni Banquet.

The banquet of the Yale Alumni Association of Cleveland was held on Tuesday evening, Jan. 4, at The Stillman. The banquet room was decorated with the college colors, blue and white. A special menu card was furnished by The Stillman. It was covered with Yale blue paper and tied with white ribbon. A portrait of President Dwight surrounded with a gold wreath adorned the first page of the menu card. The banquet was in charge of a committee composed of L. A. Johnson and E. M. Williams.

Mr. George H. Ely, '65, presided. Speeches were made by Professor Southworth, '63; Horace E. Andrews, '82 S.; James E. Farmer, '91; Capt. McBride of the football eleven of 1899, and others. A. S. Chisholm read a letter from President Dwight.

The following were present: George H. Ely, '65; W. S. Kerruish, '55; George C. S. Southworth, '63; E. H. Tracy, '93; Harry K. Taylor, '95; Charles R. Smith, '80; H. S. Curtiss, 1901; John H. Hord, 1901; Edwin H. Brown, 1901; Henry Chisholm, 1901; Eugene W. Ong, 1900; Henry W. Chambers, '99; C. A. Powers, '99; Will S. Hannon, '99; M. L. McBride, 1900; C. E. Sullivan, 1900; C. Chisholm, 1900 S.; G. A. Welch, 1901; Fred Gould Harris, 1901; Robert C. Norton, 1902; Henry S. Sherman, 1902; J. M. Pickands, 1902; Paul B. Condit, 1901 S.; Frank R. Herrick, '88; Kenyon V. Painter, '89 S.; A. S. Chisholm, '93; A. F. Harvey, '93; S. A. Raymond, '70; Charles A. Otis, '90 S.; Horace E. Andrews, '82 S.; Addison H. Hough,

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Colorado Association.

The Colorado Yale Association held its eighteenth annual banquet at the University Club, Denver, on Saturday evening, December 31.

At the business meeting the following officers were elected for 1899: President, Henry Lyne, '87; Vice-President, William A. Otis, '86; Secretary and Treasurer, George P. Steele, '92 L.S.; Executive Committee, Major William Cooke Daniels, '92; Leonard H. Eicholtz, Jr., '95 S.

At the banquet table, covers were laid for 36. Rev. David Utter of Harvard and Dr. W. A. Jayne of Columbia were guests of the Association.

The following toasts were responded to: "The President's Message," O. S. Isbell, '88; "Harvard," Rev. David Utter; "Columbia," Dr. W. A. Jayne; "Yale in the War," L. R. Yeaman, '96; "Alma Mater," Nathan B. Coy, '70; "That Midnight Call," Ernest Knaebel, '94.

The following members of the Association were present: Henry T. Rogers, '66; Henry R. Wolcott, '96 hon.; A. J. Reynolds, '73 of Ouray, Nathan B. Coy, '70; William R. Barbour, '80; Thomas Ward, Henry E. Wood, '76 S., A. T. Bacon, '73; O. S. Isbell, '88; E. B. Morgan, '86; Theodore Holland, '82; George P. Steele, '92; Clayton C. Dorsey, '90; George B. Berger, '88 S.; Charles W. Mills, '93; L. R. Yeaman, '96; Pierpont Fuller, '92; David Plessner, '85; Ernest Knaebel, '94; J. D. Skinner, '94 S.; John E. Field, '88 S.; W. B. Sheppard, '87; P. H. Holme, '98; Arthur W. Pearce, '96 S., and L. H. Eicholtz, Jr., '95 S.

The following undergraduates were also present: Augustus B. Berger, 1901; Frederick W. Struby, 1901; John W. Morey, 1900 S., and J. Foster Symes, 1900 S.

PROM WEEK AHEAD.

Something on the program for every afternoon and evening. It's a frock coat, or a dress suit all the while, and a Knox silk hat, of course.