

YALE-HARVARD REUNION.

Extraordinary Gathering of Graduates in New York.

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The second of the Yale-Harvard reunions was held at Sherry's, Fifth avenue and 44th street, New York City, on Friday evening last, and, like its predecessor, can only be described as an unqualified success in every way. The first of these meetings, it will be remembered, originated with the Harvard Club and took the form of an evening reception given at their house, a year or more ago. Friday's entertainment was, to make use of a convenient expression, a "return game" arranged by the Yale Club and given in what Mr. Thacher called their temporary home, on account of lack of space in their own building.

As there is to be no alumni dinner in New York this Winter, Yale men generally made every effort to be present. The Harvard Club members seemed to have accepted the invitation to a man and the result was a gathering of college graduates such as is seldom seen in New York or, in fact, anywhere. What one-half of such a crowd would have done had the entertainment been at the club house in Madison Square was a matter of conjecture to many. Really it need not have been. They simply would have had to stand outside or go home.

It was a little after ten o'clock when President Thacher of the Yale Club led the way into what might be described as the audience room, filled with a vast array of chairs. Previous to this the crowd had been gathering in the hallways, conversing in little groups, and now they followed in, eager to see what the order of the evening was to be. On the platform at one end of the room were seated with Mr. Thacher, Mr. Beaman and Mr. Wetmore of Harvard, and Judge Howland and President Harper of the University of Chicago, of Yale.

In his opening address, Mr. Thacher, after extending a hearty welcome to the Harvard men, said that it had been decided to have no long list of after-dinner speakers. Punishment was sure to overtake the successful post prandial orator. "For," said he, "they have sent Horace Porter to France, Depew to the Senate and Choate to London." This he mentioned merely as a warning to Mr. Beaman and Judge Howland. Personally he was not afraid. And then in a few words he introduced Mr. Beaman.

THE IMPERIAL UNIVERSITY.

Mr. Beaman, after a few remarks on the nature of the occasion, spoke of the likeness of Yale and Harvard graduates. He used to think that Harvard men had a certain "hall mark" which Yale men had not and he knew Yale alumni who entertained a similar opinion regarding the stamp New Haven graduates had which distinguished them from all other men. But after some experiences with young men on entering his office he had been forced to modify this opinion and thought them a good deal alike. Looking around the room where Yale and Harvard men were gathered together he defied anyone, not acquainted with the men personally, to pick out which were from Cambridge or New Haven. This likeness led him to think of the idea of consolidation. It was an age of combinations. Why not combine the great colleges—Yale and Harvard? As to the name, call it "The Imperial University" or, without meaning to disparage other places, simply "The University." After expatiating on the advantages of such a union, Mr. Beaman announced that he had changed his mind. The old order was best. It made possible these suppers and receptions and games and all such pleasant things.

Mr. Thacher, in introducing President Harper of the University of Chicago, spoke of the alumni out there deprived of such meetings as the present one and as to be pitied, therefore. This led President Harper to begin by saying that they had a Faculty of some 185 and were not so lonely. The Yale and Harvard "colonies" were about equal and fra-

ternized very nicely. It was a splendid sight to see the professors, graduates of Yale or Harvard for the most part, grouped around the bulletin boards at the time of one of the big games. Going on, he spoke of other universities, situated in the middle West and Northwest. Those in the East could not understand them, could not appreciate them. Yale and Harvard men, he said, were doing a magnificent work for the cause of higher education in the great Northwest country.

HE WASN'T BELIEVED.

The next speaker called upon was also from the West, Mr. Samuel Hill of Minneapolis, who came forward from the rear of the room at the invitation of President Thacher. He was, he said, President of the Harvard Association out there, which numbered many members. Nevertheless Minnesota seemed to grow Yale men, and such Yale men as were apt to trouble Harvard. Right near him lived one Heffelfinger and also the Morrison boys. Perpetual reminders of troubles in past times. "So you see," he said, "I have troubles of my own." Mr. Hill spoke of a trip he and Mr. Thacher made through the West some time ago, in the course of which they met many people in many states. Recently he traveled out to Seattle. Everyone was much interested in the question as to who would be Yale's next president. "Who is mentioned for it?" he was asked constantly. "Well," he replied to people who had met Mr. Thacher when he was there, "they speak of 'Tom' Thacher." Here he held up his hand to stop incipient applause and caused a laugh by saying: "Do you know, not one of them would believe me for an instant."

Mr. Wetmore of Harvard was the next speaker called upon and was given permission to speak on the football game or anything. In the first part of his remarks he told a story of two little colored children who had wandered into a field where a bull was kept. The beast at once made for them. Terrified, they ran for the fence, but in their fright fell down and could not get up again. On came the animal with lowered horns. "Can you pray?" said one. "No," answered the other, "I can only say grace—for what we are about to receive may the Lord make us truly thankful." Mr. Wetmore wanted to apologize for himself and Mr. Beaman for trying to express the thanks of the Harvard Club for their entertainment. But Mr. Carter was confined to his room and, by this time, Mr. Choate was probably confined to his cabin. The mention of Mr. Choate's name led him to speak of the honor conferred on college men by the selection of three in one year for the important posts of Governor of New York, United States Senator from New York and Ambassador to England. Such things showed that a college education was still a good pathway to political success and that such success need not be sought only by the ward heeler.

Judge Howland, the last speaker, said that he had come to a reception, not to receive. Mr. Thacher, however, had gotten after him. He spoke earnestly of the good feeling now between Yale and Harvard. He had always had a fondness for the latter place, for he came very nearly going there. A minister descending from his pulpit after vain attempts to say anything, since he had left his sermon at home, turned to his hearers and said, "Well, brethren, you missed an almighty fine sermon." In all modesty he felt that way about Harvard. He had been to any number of Harvard dinners to respond to the Judiciary until Harvard got a judge of her own in New York and his occupation was gone. In conclusion, he said, nothing could get Yale and Harvard alumni in New York to fight, even when their respective colleges were at swords' points.

After this the crowd moved upstairs for supper which was served at separate tables seating about ten each. Two larger tables in the middle of the room were filled with old Glee Club men and there was plenty of good singing throughout the evening. "Fair Harvard" and "Here's to good old Yale," were given with a will, and at the close of the supper, cheers were given by the Harvard Club for Yale, whereupon Judge Howland called for the long cheer for Harvard.

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Hockey Team Trip.

The Hockey team closed a very successful season with a trip to Pittsburg last week. Notwithstanding the absence of H. Palmer, '99; J. P. Brock, 1900, and A. Coxe, Jr., 1901, which doubtless weakened the team to some extent, only one game was lost.

The first game was played on Wednesday, Feb. 22, at the West Park Ice Palace in Philadelphia, with the Quaker City Athletic Club and Yale was defeated by a score of 6 to 0. The Yale team lined up as follows: R. E. Smith, '99 S., goal; F. E. Seeley, '99 S., point; E. A. Strong, 1900 S., cover point; W. L. Barnett, L.S.; J. S. Campbell, 1900; C. L. Childs, 1901 S.; E. S. Bronson, 1900; C. S. Walworth, 1900 S.; S. Stoddard, '99, forwards.

The following day the team went on to Pittsburg and in the evening met the Pittsburg Athletic Club at the Duquesne Garden. The final score was 3 to 0 in Yale's favor. The line-up was the same as in Wednesday's game, except that Strong did not play and Walworth took his place at cover point. On Friday, Feb. 24, Yale won two games, one in the afternoon from the Western University of Pennsylvania by the score of 3 goals to 1, and the second in the evening, from the Duquesne Country and Athletic Club, 4 to 0.

Phi Gamma Delta Anniversary.

The twenty-fourth anniversary of the Nu Deuteron chapter of Phi Gamma Delta was celebrated by a banquet at the New Haven House, Saturday evening, February 25. Among those who responded to toasts were the following Yale men: T. A. Vernon, '75 S.; W. E. Gard, '77; S. B. Martin, '92; J. H. Koehler, '98, and F. L. Hutton, L.S. Representatives were present from the chapters at Cornell, University of Tennessee, University of Minnesota, University of Wisconsin, University of Pennsylvania, Trinity, Amherst, Brown, Harvard, Knox College, Indiana University, De Pauw University, Pennsylvania State College, University of Illinois, Union College and Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

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