

IMPORTANT ROWING PLANS.

Yale and Harvard to Meet in Fours and Auxiliary Eight.

Last week Ord Preston, '99, President of the Yale Navy, was engaged in a series of negotiations of considerable importance in their bearing on the boating season of 1899. The officials for the Yale-Harvard race were chosen, arrangements were completed for Yale's training quarters on the Thames, and a conference was held with the members of the New London Board of Trade. Most important of all, a four-oared race between Yale and Harvard substitutes was arranged and negotiations were completed which require only the consent of the Yale Faculty to guarantee two races between crews representing the "auxiliary" boat clubs of Yale and Harvard.

THE OFFICIALS.

On Monday, Mr. Preston met C. C. Mann, President of the Harvard Boat Club, in New York and discussed the selection of officials for the race on the Thames next Spring. It was decided to invite Mr. William A. Meikelham, Columbia, '86, to act as Referee and Mr. Julian W. Curtiss, Yale '97, to assume the duties of Chairman of the Regatta Committee. These gentlemen were seen and readily consented to officiate.

A SUBSTITUTE CREW RACE.

The Yale and Harvard representatives also decided upon the plans for an innovation in intercollegiate boat racing. This is to be a four-oared race between the substitutes of the University Crews and will probably take place on Regatta Day between the Freshman race and the University race.

On Tuesday, Messrs. Preston and Mann went to New London, where they met John McGinley, President of the Board of Trade, and E. S. Kneeland, Chairman of the 1898 Boat Race Committee. Plans for the race next June were discussed, but nothing definite was accomplished, because the committee for the present year had not been selected. The Board of Trade representatives will be appointed at once however, and a proposition will be submitted within the next few days. President Preston, while at New London, completed arrangements by which Yale will again occupy Captain Christopher Brown's house at Gale's Ferry, during the period of training on the Thames.

THE BOAT CLUB RACES.

On Wednesday Mr. Preston met Lockett G. Coleman of the Weld Boat Club of Harvard, in Cambridge. On the previous day T. H. Spence, '99, Captain of the Dunham Boat Club, had conferred with representatives of the Newell Boat Club, Harvard's other rowing organization. Plans for interclub races were discussed, and arrangements thoroughly satisfactory to the representatives of both colleges were completed. These will be submitted to the Yale Faculty for approval and on their decision depends the outcome of the negotiations.

The plans provide for two races, during the latter part of May, one on Lake Whitney, which will be arranged to take place on the day of the Spring Regatta, the other on the Charles River, Cambridge. Two crews will take part in each race, the Dunham Boat Club meeting the Weld Club in one and the Newell Club in the other. It was not decided which one of the Harvard crews should come to New Haven.

At Harvard the Weld and Newell Boat Clubs occupy an important position in University boating affairs. The various eights representing these clubs, which include all the oarsmen in the University, meet in a series of races late in April or early in May, and the men whose work in the regatta is most promising are selected and constitute the University squad. The crews which would meet the Dunham Eight would be made up of those men remaining after the University material had been taken away.

Although the Dunham Boat Club occupies no such important place at Yale as her competitors do at Har-

vard, a strong crew will be put on the water this year.

Mr. Preston has announced that it is settled that the Second University crew will be known as the "College Crew" and will be entered in the Harlem regatta next May.

University Crew Practice.

The University Crew candidates returned to work on the Harbor on Monday of last week and owing to the prevailing mild weather have been able to continue outdoor practice without interruption. Dr. J. A. Hartwell, '89 S., was with the crew on Friday and coached the first boat from the coxswain's seat. The work during the past week has shown a decided improvement, principally in the increased steadiness of the boat. In addition, the stroke has been lengthened out and the time is considerably better.

The squad now numbers about twenty-four men. The University and College crews have been rowing in the barges with occasional pair-oar work while the practice of the remaining candidates has been confined entirely to the pair-oars. The coaching has been done from the float and the coxswain's seats, but it is expected that the launch will be put in commission the early part of next week.

Brock and Williams returned to work last week after a brief rest.

The University Crew has been rowing in the following order: Stroke, Williams; 7, Griswold; 6, Allen; 5, Cross; 4, Flint; 3, Niedecken; 2, Wickes; bow, Greenleaf.

The order of the College Crew has been: Stroke, Ireland; 7, Auchincloss; 6, Stillman; 5, Brown; 4, McGee; 3, Brock; 2, Greenway; bow, Atkinson.

Baseball Team Promising.

The candidates for the University Baseball Team have been practicing daily in the cage since Washington's Birthday under the supervision of Captain deSaulles, assisted by J. W. Wear, '99, and H. B. Wallace, '99, of last year's Nine. The squad has been reduced and now numbers about forty men, including six who have been transferred from the Freshman squad.

Although it is rather difficult to form an estimate of the material from the work done in the cage, there seems to be at present every reason to consider Yale's baseball prospects for the coming season unusually good. Six of last year's Nine are in College again this season and good men are available for all the vacant positions with one possible exception. The loss which will be most keenly felt is that of Captain Greenway in the box, but it is expected that some of the several candidates for the position will be developed, with coaching, into pitchers of the required standard.

Sullivan, 1900, catcher on last year's Nine, has the advantage of a season's experience in University baseball and is considered the most prominent candidate for the position. Keifer, 1901, substitute on the Ninety-Eight team, Waddell, 1902, who had a good record at Andover; Hirsh, of the 1901 Freshman team, and Bronson, 1900, a substitute infielder of last season, are also considered men of promise.

Hall, '99 S., and Hecker, '99, pitched in a number of minor games last Spring, but still have a great deal of hard work ahead of them before they can reach the standard required for championship games. Simonds, Cook and Garvan, Freshmen, who have entered College with good preparatory school records, and Gibson, 1901, whom low stand rendered ineligible for last year's Freshman Nine, are also among the promising candidates for pitcher.

WEAR FOR FIRST BASE.

Wear, '99, played first base on his Freshman team and in center field on the University Nine of the last two seasons. He will probably fill the place at first this year, left vacant by Wadsworth's graduation. Robertson of the 1901 team is considered the most prominent of the other candidates.

Captain deSaulles, '99 S., and Camp, 1900, who have each played on the University Nine for two years at second base and short-stop respectively, will probably be in their old positions again this season. Hazen, third basemen,

however, graduated last June. The new candidates for infield positions are unusually good. Among them are included Brown, 1901, of last year's Freshman Nine; Westcott, 1901; Noyes, '99; J. L. deSaulles, 1901 S., and Quinby, 1901 S.

Eddy, '99 S.; Wallace, '99, and Wear, '99, who constituted the outfield of last year's Nine, are again included in the list of candidates, but as stated above, Wear will probably be called in to fill first base. Guernsey, 1902, Boyce, Eliason and Clark of last year's Freshman Nine, and Ferguson and Lyon of the 1900 Team are men of promise.

A Look Towards Next Fall.

M. L. McBride, 1900, Captain of the University Football Team, has announced a meeting of all candidates who mean to try for the Eleven of next Fall, to be held on Wednesday evening, March 8, in the Trophy Room of the Gymnasium. Plans for Spring practice will be discussed at that time. Mr. W. T. Bull, '88 S., has consented to assist in the work of drilling the backs and ends, which will begin shortly, and the heavy men, candidates for the center positions and tackle, will be urged to train for the track team in the weight events.

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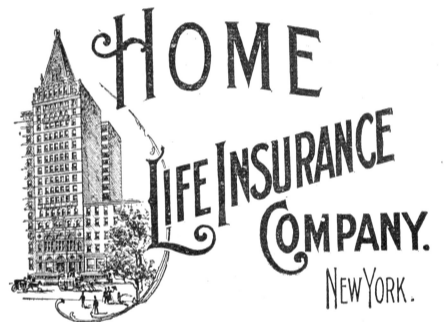
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