

HARRISBURG DINNER.

Prof. Phelps Speaks for the University—Other Speakers.

The first annual meeting and banquet of the Yale Alumni Association of Central Pennsylvania was held at Harrisburg on Friday evening, Feb. 24. There were about 50 guests present, the majority being from Harrisburg, but a number coming from towns a considerable distance away. Before the banquet a business session was held at which reports were received and new officers were elected. The latter were as follows: President, Jacob F. Seiler, '54, Harrisburg; Vice-Presidents, C. L. Munson, '75 L.S., Williamsport; G. M. Franklin, '58, Lancaster; A. G. Green, '49, Reading; J. A. Hooper, '91 L.S., York; J. I. Chamberlin, '73, and B. M. Nead, '70; Executive Committee, L. D. Gilbert, '65, Chairman; Charles L. Bailey, Jr.; Charles B. McConkey, '88; George W. Reily, '92 S.; Henry B. McCormick, '92; Secretary and Treasurer, Donald C. Haldeman, '93.

The assembly room of the Harrisburg Club was most beautifully decorated. All kinds of Yale flags covered the walls and various individual trophies of the gridiron, cinder path and diamond were in evidence on the table and about the room. A large bank of violets framed in graceful wreaths of smilax stood on the table, while in the gallery an orchestra played during the evening. Professor Seiler, who has sent from his school three or four generations of Harrisburg citizens to Yale College, presided, and in a most felicitous speech, introduced the toastmaster of the evening, Hon. L. D. Gilbert. Mr. Gilbert was in great form and did not allow the festivities of the evening to slacken up for a moment. He made a witty speech on introducing each speaker and brought down the house with his sallies against certain individuals present. Letters of regret from President Dwight, Governor Stone and others were read and Mr. Gilbert then called upon Prof. William Lyon Phelps to respond to the toast, "The University." Mr. Phelps spoke something as follows:

WOULD GIVE THEM ALL JOBS.

"Judging from the enthusiasm with which these letters of regret have been received to-night, I think that I should have made the hit of the evening if I had stayed at home. However, it is always an honor and a delight to respond to the toast "Yale," and it is an especial pleasure to speak at the first meeting of a newly organized alumni association. I am glad to make an invasion into the Keystone State, even if you do spell the word key "Quay." I had always supposed that "Quay" could unlock anything, but it seems to fail to unlock that combination lock known as a deadlock. As no one in Pennsylvania seems to be anxious for this vacant senatorship, I should in all modesty and humility like to present myself as a candidate for this office. I am determined that this honor shall come to me entirely unsought, even if it costs me ten thousand dollars. I understand the game of politics well enough to know that a senator's chief business is to get everything possible for his friends and if you will take off your coats and work for me, I promise that when I am senator from Pennsylvania, I will give every Yale man here to-night a job."

Mr. Phelps then gave the greetings of President Dwight to the Association and complimented Dr. Seiler on his having learned the secret of perpetual youth. He spoke of Professor Phillips' visit last year and of the enthusiasm the Professor in Mathematics had been charged with in Harrisburg. Mr. Phelps then dwelt with regret on President Dwight's going out of office and eulogized the retiring President for the skill, tact, foresight and great personal strength of his administration. The pleasures of Faculty life at Yale were next dwelt upon and the great change in the relations existing between Faculty and students to-day as compared with former times, was discussed. Mr. Phelps devoted the chief part of his speech to the question of Democracy at Yale, combating in detail the common assertion of alumni that the social life among the students was to-day sadly deteriorating. Mr. Phelps said that student life at Yale was never in a more

healthy condition as respects democratic feeling than it is to-day.

After talking for a few minutes on athletics and the dangers which attended too great an absorption in football as distinguished from other contests, Mr. Phelps spoke of the growth of the literary interests among the students, and said that there was no greater moral safeguard for a young man than to have intellectual resources and a taste for good reading. In conclusion Mr. Phelps exhorted all those present to immediately go into training for the Bi-centennial and expressed the hope that he would meet every Harrisburg alumnus on the Yale Campus in 1901.

OTHER SPEECHES.

To the second toast, "Our Friends the Enemy," Hon. John D. McPherson responded for Princeton, and Dr. John Oenslager for Harvard. Mr. McPherson declared that there was more natural fraternal feeling existing between Yale and Princeton than between any other two colleges in the country, because the two colleges were so similar in their methods and ideals. Dr. Oenslager read an eighteenth century poem which he had discovered in an old Yale periodical, which set off playfully the good feeling which existed between Yale and Harvard at that time.

Mr. C. L. Munson responded to the toast, "Ourselves," making a most finished and delightful speech. He made an earnest plea for the new alumni hall that was to be built for the Bi-centennial at Yale and urged every one present to contribute to this structure.

Mr. C. Eugene Montgomery of Lancaster was next called upon, his subject being the Yale spirit. His speech made the rafters ring. This closed the regular toast list, but a number of delightful impromptu speeches were made by Professor Himes of the college at Gettysburg; by Mr. William McCormick of Reading; by Mr. McCall of York; by Col. Seltzer, who spoke for Franklin and Marshall, and by Mr. Bigler, whose quotation from Lord Bacon was received with uproarious applause.

THE OLD YALE FENCE.

One of the pleasantest events of the evening was the recital of the poem by Mr. Joseph G. Ewing, who insisted that the Fence in front of Durfee was not and never could be the true Yale Fence. Vocal music was furnished by a quartet from the Yale Glee Club, composed of Messrs. Noble, Douglas, Sheehan and Lyon. They were in excellent voice and their singing added largely to the pleasures of the evening. Nearly all of their songs were encored and they were personally congratulated by many of the audience. The first annual meeting of this Association was so successful that it promises most hopefully for the future.

Baseball Season Tickets.

If sufficient support is assured on the part of the undergraduates, the University Baseball Association will adopt the plan of issuing season tickets this year. It is hoped that such a plan may prove mutually beneficial, to the students who attend the games regularly, by allowing them to do so at a lower price, and to the team, by furnishing them better support at the smaller games than has been given for the past two or three seasons. The scheme was tried last Fall by the Football Association and proved fairly successful. The chief objections to the plan are the difficulty in arranging satisfactorily the guarantees or proportionate gate receipts for the visiting teams and the possible necessity of employing extra assistants at the gate.

These tickets of course will not admit the bearer to the championship games, but are good for the other eleven games which will be played this season at New Haven. If separate ad-

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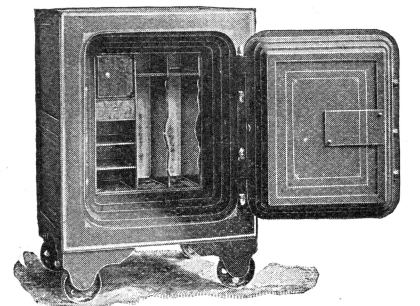
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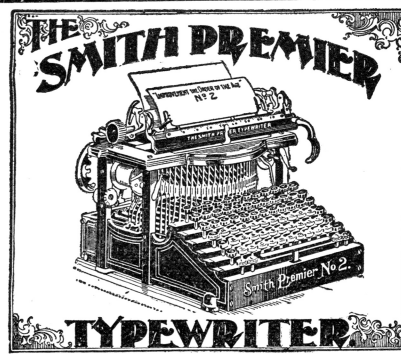
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