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## THE YALE COURANT.

### Review of the Year's Work by its Chairman.

When the Ninety-Nine Board was elected to the control of the *Courant* it was the pioneer of the reduced board system adopted later by the *Record*, and this year by the *Scientific Monthly*. It was also the first board in the later history of the papers of which the members were taken on all at the same time.

As for the reduced board plan in general, it is conceded that it has worked successfully in so far as each man has been sincere and interested in his work and has done it regularly and systematically. In regard to the *Courant* in particular such has been the case. Our work had been done on time and a system has been carefully observed. Throughout our term of office there has always been present that absolute harmony which is so conducive to success, and makes possible the publication of the paper on time, raising it much in the estimation of the undergraduates. Only one of the twenty numbers which have been issued by the present editors has appeared later than schedule time, and that was due to a misunderstanding between the printers and the Board.

### THE POLICY OF THE COURANT.

The policy of the *Courant*, if it can be said to have a hard and fixed policy, as handed down by our predecessors, has been preserved. First of all, we have aimed to make every page of the paper interesting, and if we have failed it has been in following out the idea of publishing articles in which the subject matter was infinitely better than the literary style. We have endeavored to keep out of "politics, scandal and jail," and to make the editorial column more or less of a literary thought exchange, avoiding mixing up in College questions unless of paramount interest.

It has been our wish and aim to have an editor represented in each number by a leading article, believing that in this way we showed the College world that our interest was lively, and making impossible the common charge that as soon as a man is elected to a board, he leans back in his chair and degenerates into a dormant critic.

We believed in short reviews of up-to-date books now and then, when the book was one in which the ordinary college man might have some interest.

### THE CHANGING COVER.

While much might be said in favor of the plan of having a different cover each week,—adopted by our predecessors,—with our second number we took the present design with the idea that such design once becoming familiar would serve, if continued, to fix the paper in the minds of its friends, while the different colors would be a sufficient element of change each week. The aim has been in all ways to make the *Courant* a paper for the many, not an exquisite literary exotic for the few.

It has been demonstrated quite conclusively in the last two years that the *Courant* has unmistakably a field of its own, entirely apart and distinct from the *Lit.* and that with no desire to trespass on the ground of its older rival, it can travel in that field successfully. Our next door neighbor is a friend, and over against our neighbor lives another friend.

Of the methods and style of the board it is hardly necessary to speak, suffice it that although we have been likened

to Swinburne and Browning, down through Kipling and Capt. King to Laura Jean Libby and Archibald Clavering Gunter, all that has been done has been with the best of intentions. Our deepest feeling and interest has been always for the *Courant*. The competition has never been as large, as spirited or of such high merit as that shown for the Nineteen Hundred Board and in turning over the control to the incoming editors it would be injustice to say that we do so with anything but the perfect confidence inspired by a familiarity with their work, and the hope that they will get as much pleasure, in a literary and social way, out of the editing of the *Courant* as we ourselves did.

### THANKS FOR THE COLLEGE PAPERS.

In closing we wish to thank the *News* and its critic for their kind attitude and the fairness of their criticism; the *Lit.* for the friendliness they have manifested toward us, and the *Record* for that absence of all petty spite and jeering which although appearing in the past towards our paper has been pleasantly absent the last year; and to hope that these same relations will be indefinitely preserved.

And our hearty thanks to all our friends in the College who with their well wishes and friendly feelings and often with more substantial aid have helped us and made possible what otherwise would have been impossible to perform. We have appreciated this more because it has been spontaneous and we feel sure has been genuine, and we trust the *Courant* will, in the future continue to merit this, and not by any action or tone jeopardize the now thoroughly honest and candid spirit of criticism and sympathy which exists towards it throughout the University.

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### University Football Schedule.

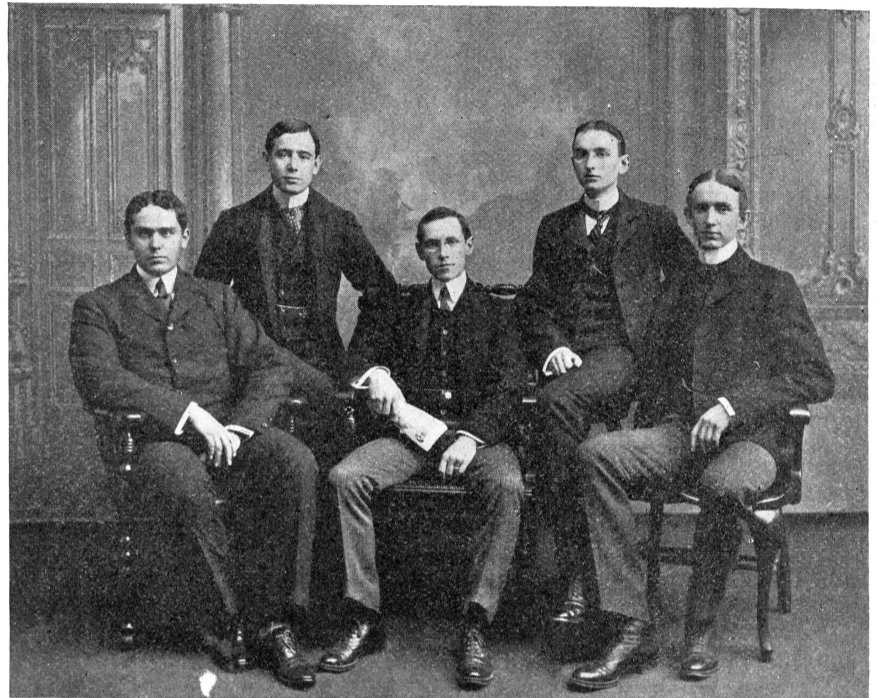
The schedule of the University football games for next Fall is announced as the *WEEKLY* goes to press. The changes of importance are the transposition of the Harvard and Princeton games, the latter coming first this year; the taking on of four new contestants—All-California, University of Wisconsin, Pennsylvania State College and Bates College (Me.), and the dropping of three old ones—Brown, Carlisle and the Chicago Athletic Club. The complete schedule follows:

- Saturday, Sept. 30—Amherst at New Haven.
- Wednesday, Oct. 4—Trinity at New Haven.
- Saturday, Oct. 7—Bates College at New Haven.
- Wednesday, Oct. 11—Wesleyan at New Haven.
- Saturday, Oct. 14—Dartmouth at Boston.
- Saturday, Oct. 21—Wisconsin at New Haven.
- Saturday Oct. 28—All-California at New Haven.
- Wednesday, Nov. 1—Williams at New Haven.
- Saturday, Nov. 4—West Point at West Point.
- Sat'y, Nov. 11—Penn. State Coll. at N. Haven.
- Saturday, Nov. 18—Harvard at Cambridge.
- Saturday, Nov. 25—Princeton at New Haven.

### College Crew Matched.

On Saturday, June 3, Yale's College Crew, known in previous years as the Second University Crew, will race the Eight of the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland. The distance remains unsettled, but will probably be either two or three miles. The definite announcement of the plans for this race has been made by the officers of the Yale Navy, after a period of negotiations extending through several weeks.

## NINETY-NINE COURANT BOARD.



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## INTER-CLASS GAMES.

### Contested Events Showed Some Very Promising Material.

The Inter-Class Track meet, held on Saturday at Yale Field, was an innovation in Yale athletics and, aside from assisting effectively in determining the qualities of the candidates for the team,—the purpose for which the games were primarily arranged,—afforded an afternoon of excellent sport. The weather conditions were well adapted for the occasion, with the exception of a high wind, which blew in the faces of the runners on the back stretch. The track was in excellent condition.

The meet resulted in an easy victory for Nineteen Hundred, who scored 50½ points; Nineteen Hundred and Two was second with 23 points; Nineteen Hundred and One, third with 19 points and Ninety-Nine last with 9½ points.

All the races were well contested and in most of them good time was made. The field events, however, showed great weakness, with the brilliant exception of the pole vault, which was won by Clapp at eleven feet six inches, with Johnson and Selin tied for second place at eleven feet three. Boardman, 1902, who entered College from the Hotchkiss School, was the star of the day. He won the two hundred and twenty yard dash in twenty-one and three-fifths seconds, two-fifths of a second less than the best previous Yale mark in that event, but his record was not allowed to stand because of the high wind blowing at his back.

### THE RELAY RACE.

Boardman's work in the inter-class relay race, the event of the afternoon, was even more sensational. On the last relay, Luce, 1900, had a start of about fifty yards on Dupee, 1901, who led Buckingham, '99, by a short distance, and by the time that Boardman was off,

Luce was well around the turn with the other two men some forty yards from the tape. At first, interest was centered in what was thought to be the race for second place between Dupee and Buckingham, but soon the wonderful speed of the Freshman attracted the attention of the spectators. Bit by bit he cut down the long lead of the Sophomore and Senior, and as they turned into the stretch, passed them, and finished second to Luce, who crossed the tape an easy winner for 1900. Boardman's time was not taken, but he was thought by many to have covered one of the fastest quarters ever run on Yale Field. Boardman is a brother of Francis Boardman, '97, who was also a sprinter. The time of the winning Junior team was three minutes and thirty-four seconds, an average of fifty-three and one-half seconds for each runner.

### WHAT THE GAMES INDICATE.

When Mr. A. C. Copland, the new athletic trainer, came to New Haven in January, Captain Fisher's call for candidates for the Track Team brought out some two hundred men, the largest in the history of the University. Work continued regularly in the Gymnasium until about April 1, when the squad began training at the track. Great enthusiasm and earnestness has characterized the work throughout and the result, as indicated by Saturday's games, promises to be a spirited team of more than average ability.

Seventy-four men, chosen from those who competed in Saturday's events, now constitute the squad, and these men will continue work under the supervision of Mr. Copland with a view to reaching the point of highest efficiency by the time of the dual meet with Harvard, which will be held in New Haven, May 13. The outcome of these games is of special importance, as Yale's defeat would give Harvard permanent possession of the cup, which has been contested for during the past six years. A victory for Yale will tie the two Col-