



THE ATHLETIC SITUATION.

The Ideas Governing the Plan for a Change.

As the readers of the Commencement WEEKLY will recall, a meeting was held in New Haven early in July, of captains and managers of Yale athletic teams and a few graduates, who were accessible at the time, for the purpose of considering the condition of Yale athletics and the steps necessary to secure their more harmonious and reasonable management. A committee was appointed at that meeting and the committee has been at work during the Summer on different plans towards the end in view. At present writing, however, the matter has not taken final form, although there has been a perfect unanimity of feeling, in regard to the general end and the general means best adapted to secure the end, on the part of all interested, the Faculty, the undergraduates and the graduates.

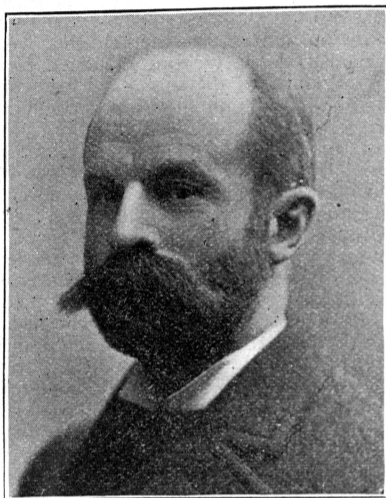
There has been no step contemplated which has meant any radical change in the principle of Yale athletics. The idea is, as formerly, that the captain and the manager should have the fullest sense of responsibility. There is no desire to have a system which will relieve a captain from the duty of choosing his men, or from taking the means necessary to bring out the best material, and it is not intended to have some standing committee who will tell the manager just what games he can arrange for, and just what he must avoid or in any other way hamper the exercise of his power. Those, who have been most actively interested in seeing some change in the direction of system and harmony, are very strongly of the opinion that the old Yale way is the best way, and that the present move should be a return to the essentials of the old régime.

What is desired to-day, is some one at hand always with whom the captains and the managers can consult; who can treat with the administration and with the Faculties in all questions of government and discipline, and who will be recognized by the administration and the Faculties through whom their authority shall be exercised; whose watchful eye shall see that those in charge of any one branch of athletics are allowed to do nothing which interferes with the success of any other branch, and who will have it within his power to stop absolutely, without question of appeal, any move of any representative of Yale which threatens the good name of the University.

To put it in another way, a good captain and good manager would only be grateful for the assistance such a man would render, and everybody would be grateful for such things as he would be called upon to prevent. His constructive work would be in the direction of such means of management as would arouse the greatest interest throughout the University in all branches of athletics, and would bring out the greatest amount of material and would send the greatest number of men into healthful athletic work. Such a man would also be the one to whom the graduates would look with any question, or would come with any suggestion. In short, he would keep the undergraduates and graduates together.

Any one familiar with the way athletics were managed in the latter eighties, or some time thereafter, will see in this sketch only a picture of what was done at that time. The permanent

officers, so to speak, who coöperated with undergraduates, graduates and Faculty at that time were men who, as it chanced, had the time to give to such advice and direction of affairs as would bring about the best end. No important step was taken by undergraduates without full conference with and con-



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sent of these three or four men, and yet they never interfered with any proper prerogatives of captain or manager.

There is another very important direction in which a step forward must be taken by Yale at the first moment possible. It is a step which all other large colleges have taken and which Yale has held back from, largely out of fear of too much relieving undergraduates of responsibility. This is a business-like system of handling the finances of the allied Yale athletic interests. There is now no system and little responsibility. There should be a definite organization of all interests under one head, who would act for each and all to best advantage. If a man can be secured for this position, which is an onerous one, who has also the qualities of head and heart necessary for the discharge of the duties above mentioned, a long step will be taken in advance.

The rumor persistently reappears in the press that Yale will create a professorship or directorate of athletics and that the position will be taken by Mr. Walter Camp, Yale '80. Yale has no such plan in mind and Mr. Camp would not accept the place if it were offered to him.

Changes in the Faculty.

By the death of Professor Luquiens, which is recorded elsewhere, the French Department has lost its head professor. Professor Luquiens' undergraduate work for the coming year will be taken care of by Professor Robert Sanderson, who comes from a school in New York. He was formerly Assistant Professor of French at Harvard. Mr. Sanderson is practically a Frenchman by birth and training, and was chosen for the Yale Faculty on account of his scholarship and ability as a teacher. His appointment is that of an assistant for the year. The graduate work in the French Department will be re-arranged and part of that which was taken before by Professor Luquiens will be carried on by Professor Lang.

Dr. W. A. Adams has resigned his position in the German Faculty to accept the position of Assistant Professor at Dartmouth. There is no head professor at present in the German Department at Dartmouth, so Professor Adams will have charge of the Department.

Professor Adams graduated from Yale in 1886 and during the year 1886-7 was Instructor in Latin in Kenyon Military Academy, Gambier, O. From 1887-1889 he studied in Germany, and from 1889-1891 he taught Ancient and Modern Languages in the MacVicar Military Academy, Montclair, N. J. In the Summer of 1891 he studied abroad, from 1891-1893 was Instructor in German at Cornell University, and from 1893-1899 held an instructorship in German at Yale.

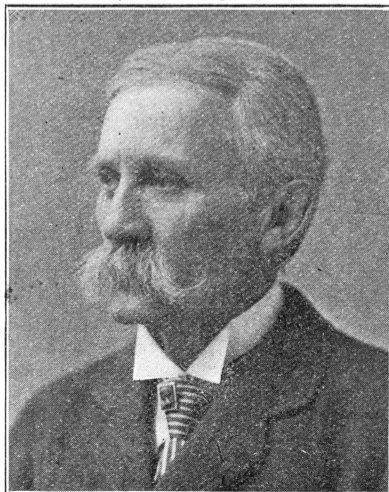
Prof. W. A. Adams' Sophomore work will be taken up by Mr. H. A. Farr, '96, who has been in the Department a year. Mr. Jay G. Eldridge, '96, has been assigned the work done by Mr. Farr heretofore. Professor Palmer will take the Goethe electives, in Junior and Senior years.

Dr. Harlan Creelman, who has been on the Divinity School Faculty for the past five years as instructor in Biblical Literature, has gone to the Montreal Congregational College, where he has been appointed Professor of Old Testament Language and Literature. Dr. Creelman graduated in the Yale Theological School, Class of 1889, and received his Ph.D. from Yale in 1894. He was first appointed an assistant in Semitic Languages before he was made an instructor in Biblical Literature.

Dr. Warren J. Moulton succeeds Rev. Dr. Harlan Creelman as instructor in Biblical Literature in the College. Dr. Moulton is a graduate of Amherst College in the Class of 1888. He graduated from the Yale Divinity School in 1893 and spent a year and a half studying in the School under the Hooker Fellowship. Later, he studied in Göttingen, Germany, and took his Doctor's examination there in June, 1898. His work in the Biblical Literature Department began just a year ago.

Dr. James Campbell, who resigned the chair of Obstetrics and Diseases of Women and Children in the Medical School last Summer, is a resident of Hartford, where for a number of years he has been President of the Board of Health. He received his appointment to a professorship at Yale in 1886. In 1891 he received from Yale the honorary degree of M.A. He established in 1890 the Campbell Gold Medal, which is awarded to the student in the Medical Department who has maintained the highest average standing for three years. On his retirement from the Medical School Faculty, he was recommended to the Corporation by the Faculty of the School for an appointment as Professor Emeritus.

The absentees of the year include Professor George T. Ladd, who is making



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a trip around the world, and giving lectures in Japan and India.

Professor George B. Adams of the History Department will also be in Europe during the coming year.

CHAPEL EXERCISES.

Prayers to be Conducted by Chaplains—No Other Change Likely.

Chapel exercises of the coming year will be conducted very much as hitherto, with the exception that the President will not conduct the service. President Hadley will, however, be in the pulpit every morning when he is in New Haven. He will appear in his academic



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robe, and a robing room has been prepared for him in the basement of Durfee.

The service will be conducted by six members of the Faculty, who will act as Chaplains, serving in rotation for six weeks at a time. In general charge and at the head of this Committee is Professor Bernadotte Perrin. The other Chaplains are Professor A. M. Wheeler, Professor John C. Schwab, Professor E. Hershey Sneath, Professor William Lyon Phelps, and Professor Charles Sears Baldwin. It has been said that a regular ritual has been secured for the service, but this is not a fact. There will be, as before, simply reading of the Scriptures, and the prayer. The different Chaplains will make their own prayers, or use the prayerbook, as they elect.

Music will be furnished by the choir as hitherto, with perhaps still more attention paid to its preparation. The choir will appear in the regular academic gowns of black. They will have a robing room in the basement of Durfee. This detail of change for the choir has been considered for some time. It is simply a move in the direction of making the service more formal and dignified.

It is expected that the bow to the President will be retained. It is hoped that some changes will be effected in the order of leaving Chapel, which will make the exit more orderly. The old rule, that all classes but the Freshman, keep behind the President as he goes out, may accomplish the end.

The whole change in the service is a reversion to former customs, rather than an innovation. The Faculty conducted prayers in former time.

The International Law Association, at its session in Buffalo this Fall, appointed Hon. Simeon E. Baldwin and Professor Theodore S. Woolsey, of the Yale Law School, on the committee representing the United States, to consider the propositions of the Hague Convention.