

GOLF OF THE YEAR.

Brief Review of Principal Tournaments—Yale Players.

The growth of golf in America in the last five years has been one of the most remarkable things in the history of any sport. From a few courses in 1894 this great exotic has spread East and West, North and South, till its homes are literally a thousand and its followers almost without number.

Among the first to take up the game were the students in the various colleges of the land and they have kept steadily abreast of the advance of the best in the sport. Scarcely a big tournament was played during the year which did not bear on its list of entries the names of more than one representative of Yale, or Harvard or Princeton or Columbia, and these players have generally shown golf of the highest sort. At Yale the game seems to have taken a firmer hold than at any of her sister universities, and though of comparatively short life, ranks easily next to the four great sports. The awarding of the coveted "Y" to John Reid, Jr., '99, and Walter B. Smith, '99 is a concession of the University Athletic Association which may give some idea of the place golf has won in the athletic interests of the University.

In the following very brief review of the year, an attempt has been made to cover only the principal tournaments from the beginning of the golfing year up to date, and to show what part Yale men have taken in them, where any were entered. Where no Yale entries were noticed the facts are printed as a matter of record.

The first golf tournament of the season was held at St. Andrews links by the Interscholastic League, April 3, in a 36-hole medal play. A field of nearly a score of the best players of Berkeley, Cutler, Hotchkiss and other preparatory schools were entered, and although the ground was in very poor shape, as might naturally be expected at so early a date, the play was remarkably good. J. O. Winston, of Cutler School, won the match at the 38th hole, by four strokes to his opponent's six; H. B. Hollins of Cutler School was second. The Consolation Cup was won by P. A. Proal, Cutler, who beat D. H. Lloyd, also of Cutler, 5 up and 3 to play.

The open tournament of the Metropolitan Golf Association at Garden City, L. I., April 12, was really the regular beginning of the season. A field of 33 met in a 36-hole medal play round, 16 qualifying, with Findlay S. Douglas, Meadowbrook G. C.; J. A. Tyler, Morris County G. C., and H. M. Harriman, Meadowbrook G. C., leading, their scores being 173 all. Douglas met his first defeat of the year in the semi-finals of this tournament at the hands of Reginald Brooks, Meadowbrook, 2 up and 1 to play. Harriman, playing in splendid form, beat Tyng 3 up and 2 to play, and won in the finals by putting out Brooks 2 up and 1 to play.

The Garden City event was followed by the Lakewood (N. J.), open tournament, April 27-29, where 62 competitors were entered, including Harriman, fresh from his triumph a fortnight before, Douglas, Travis of Oakland, L. I.; G. C. Tyng; H. M. Forest, Philadelphia G. C., and Brooks. In the semi-finals Douglas again went down, this time, before R. C. Watson, Westbrook (L. I.) G. C., 1 up; and Harriman met a like result with W. J. Travis. Travis, playing in his best form of the year, won the match over Watson, 3 up and 2 to play.

The Crescent Club open tournament held at Bay Ridge, May 4-5, brought out 40 contestants, among them being Amos T. Dwight, Yale 1900 S., New Haven G. C. In the first round of match play Dwight beat McGlachlin, Dyker Meadow G. C., 1 up. In the second round he easily disposed of Mount Pleasant's stronger golfer, D. Brandreth, and met the champion, Douglas, in the finals, winning from him in 19 holes, by 1 up. Dwight played an even, strong game throughout and his winning was not a fluke, though it must be confessed that Douglas had bad luck in his short work.

Tyng won the Batsurool open tournament, June 1, out of a field of 85 entries. His score for the medal play over the course (18 holes) was 82 strokes.

Tyng's opponent in the finals was L. P. Bayard, Jr., of Princeton, who was playing under the Batsurool colors, 2 up and 1 to play.

Thirty players began the Baltimore open June 2. Although Douglas beat all records on the course with the remarkable score of 165, 15 strokes better than his nearest competitor, he fell before F. H. Bohlen, Philadelphia G. C., in the semi-final round. Bohlen won the match and the Baltimore Club cup by overcoming J. C. Jenkins, Baltimore G. C., 3 up and 2 to play.

THE CHICAGO TOURNAMENT.

The great contest of the year, the championship, was begun July 3, on the Onwentsia links, Chicago, and lasted the whole of six days; there were 112 entries and among the 36 who qualified in the medal play were, besides Douglas, Harriman, Tyng, Travis and McDonald, the following Yale men: John Reid, Jr., '99, St. Andrews G. C.; W. B. Smith, '99, Onwentsia G. C.; Roderick Terry, Jr., '98; Sheldon Cary, '93 S., Cleveland G. C.; H. McBride, '90 S., Cleveland G. C. In the medal play John Reid, Jr., came within a stroke of tying C. B. McDonald, Chicago G. C., for the gold medal. McDonald's score was 168. In the first day's match play Reid beat Sterling Beckwith, Cleveland G. C., 7 up and 6 to play; Cary was beaten by J. G. Thorp, Oakley G. C., 8 up and 7 to play; Smith beat McBride 13 up and 12 to play; Terry beat S. Thompson, Onwentsia G. C., 2 up and 1 to play. Douglas, Harriman, Tyng and Travis won their matches. At the end of the third day's play Reid was the only Yale man left in the game, Smith having been disposed of by Thorp, 2 up and 1 to play, and Terry by Harriman 2 up. Reid was put out the next day in a very close and exciting match with Travis. Reid led with a margin of 2 up till the 5th hole. At the 9th hole both men were even, continuing so until the very last hole, when a miss of Reid's on a 4 foot put gave the game to Travis, 2 up and 1 to play. Douglas and Harriman by winning over their competitors in the semi-finals came together on the last day, in one of the greatest matches ever seen in this country. Harriman's victory over the former champion by 2 up is now a part of golf history.

THE CONNECTICUT TOURNAMENT.

A tournament which attracted many Yale players among the graduates living near New Haven, and undergraduates was that of the Connecticut Golf Association on the Brooklawn Country Club links at Bridgeport, Conn., July 18-22. There were in all about 100 entries from the twenty-two clubs in the Association, for the three events of the meet, the individual State championship, the champion foursomes and the team championship. In the first round for the individual championship, T. L. Cheney, Yale 1901, beat E. Leavitt 2 up and 1 to play; R. S. Hincks, Yale '97, beat O. C. Sterling 7 up and 6 to play; W. B. Cheney, Yale 1900, beat T. S. Woolsey, Yale 1901, 4 up and 2 to play; S. H. Patterson beat P. Cheney, Yale 1901, 8 up and 6 to play. In the second round T. L. Cheney won his match; Hincks was put out by W. B. Cheney 7 up and 6 to play. T. L. Cheney, after beating W. B. Cheney, met and defeated J. H. Patterson in the finals, thereby winning the State championship.

In the Consolation division, F. G. Beach, Yale '83, beat W. T. Haviland, Yale '80, 7 up and 6 to play; I. Lyon, Yale 1900 S., beat H. L. Williams 7 up and 5 to play; Louis E. Stoddard, '99, beat M. Austin 2 up, and D. N. Barney, Yale '81, beat P. Bonner 1 up. In the second round Lyon put out Beach 3 up and 2 to play, and Stoddard was beaten by Baldwin 2 up and 4 to play. Barney won his match with Eaton of Stafford, but lost in the third round, as did also Lyon. This put all the Yale men out of match, which was won by W. L. Baldwin of the Wee Burn Golf Club.

Professor Theodore S. Woolsey of the Yale Law School, and his son Theodore S. Woolsey, Yale 1901, defeated their competitors in the first three rounds and met E. Leavitt and George Phelps in the finals for the interclub foursome championship. They lost the match by 5 up and 3 to play. The tournament came to an end with a spirited team contest, there being 11 club entries of 6 men each. The trophy went to the Fairfield Golf Club, of which the ex-cham-

pion, Findlay S. Douglas, is a member.

At the Shinnecock open tournament, July 26-29, at which remarkably low qualifying scores were made on the first day's play, these Yale men won the right to continue the contest for the President's Cup: R. Terry, Jr., '98; T. M. Robertson, 1901, Captain of the Yale Golf Team, and C. Hitchcock. Terry alone survived the first round, Robertson being beaten by Jasper Lynch 3 up and 2 to play, Terry himself defeating Hitchcock by the same score. Terry went out on the second round to D. Chauncey 3 up and 2 to play. The cup was won by A. L. Ripley of the Oakley Golf Club. The Peconic Cup was won by S. P. Nash, Maidstone G. C., who defeated C. T. Richardson, Lakewood G. C., 5 up and 4 to play. The Consolation Cup was carried off by F. C. Havemeyer, Yale 1900, Newport G. C., who defeated DeLancey Nicoll 9 up and 8 to play. Havemeyer was in his best form of the season.

THE OPEN BALTIMORE MEET.

One of the great tournaments of the year was the open championship at Baltimore Sept. 14-15, where amateurs and professionals met in friendly rivalry, and where cash and plate prizes were offered to the winners, a condition not permitted by the rules of any other sport. There were 78 entries, of which 64 were professionals and 14 amateurs, the latter including the champion, H. M. Harriman, Jenkins, Thompson and Quincy A. Shaw.

Willie Smith, professional, of the Midlothian Club of Chicago, won first honors, doing the 72 holes in the remarkable score of 315 strokes. The next thirteen players were also professionals, but H. M. Harriman, Meadowbrook, the amateur champion of America, showed that his defeating Douglas at the Onwentsia was not a fluke, as he turned in a card with a total of 339. The professionals next to Willie Smith were G. Low, Dyker Meadow, W. H. Way, Detroit, Val Fitzjohn, Otsego, who were tied for second place with a score of 326, just eleven strokes greater than Willie Smith's score.

The tournament was one of the most successful of its kind ever held in this country.

THE YALE GOLF TEAM.

The first play of the Yale Golf Team was their match with the Fairfield County (Conn.) Golf Team on the latter's links, May 13, the results of which were printed in the WEEKLY of May with a score of 19 to 15, her players doing splendid work. The team was made up as follows: John Reid, Jr., '99, Captain; W. B. Smith, '99; T. M. Robinson, 1901; F. C. Havemeyer, 1900; E. F. Hinkle, '99; A. T. Dwight, 1900 S.; L. Myers, 1902; T. L. Cheney, 1901; P. Cheney, 1901; C. D. Barnes, 1902. Smith, who was playing a trifle off his game met Douglas, the champion, who is a member of Fairfield, and was beaten 5 up and 3 to play.

Reid later won the Yale championship by defeating all comers, including W. B. Smith, the champion of 1898.

Since the close of the College in June, Yale men have taken part in many tournaments in various parts of the country and have, generally, made excellent showings. Besides the part taken by them in the principal open tournaments of the country as set down in the first part of this article, the following good work has been reported: C. M. Hitchcock, P. G., won the Consolation finals in the Newport match, Aug. 1, beating E. M. Byers, 1901, and T. M. Robertson, 1901, won the Stockbridge, (Mass.) tourney. The prize, a very handsome silver cup, has been won by Mr. Robertson twice in succession and now becomes his property. There are doubtless many other good records made by the Yale men during the Summer's play which have not come to the ears of the writer.

INTERCOLLEGIATE LEAGUE NEWS.

The Intercollegiate Golf League, consisting of Harvard, Yale, Princeton and Columbia, will hold its championship meet at Garden City, L. I., Oct. 25. The University of Pennsylvania golfers have made application for a membership in this league, but as the application is so late she will hardly be able to enter to

compete this month. She will undoubtedly be taken in, however, at the next meeting of the League officers. Each of the four colleges now composing the Intercollegiate League will send six men to the tournament. At Yale there are some excellent players at hand to try for the places of Reid and Smith, who graduated in June, and there is a lively competition among the squad of nearly a score. The most prominent candidates are: P. Cheney, 1901; C. M. Hitchcock, P. G.; Byers, 1901; Meyers, 1900 S.; Ives, 1900 S.; T. L. Cheney, 1901; Havemeyer, 1900; Dwight, 1900 S., and C. D. Barnes, 1902. Captain Robertson will hold a tournament some time this week to see what improvement the Summer's play has made, but no matter what the showing is the men will not be picked until about a week before the meeting. Yale would seem to have an excellent chance to make the cup a permanent possession by a third winning of it, having already won it twice. Harvard has a strong team, however, and will make a great effort to tie Yale, as she has already one winning to her credit.

A report has come to the WEEKLY that John Reid and Walter B. Smith have been playing in Scotland for the last few weeks, where they will doubtless uphold the good reputation of the young American college player.

FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR.

The chief tournaments yet to be played are:

September 28th, 29th, 30th.—Tuxedo Golf Club; invitation tournament.

October 5th, 6th, 7th.—Nassau Country Club; open tournament.

October 12th, 13th, 14th.—Ardley Casino Club; invitation men's foursome tournament.

October 7th.—International match between the United States and Canada, at the Morris Country Club, Convent, N. J.

October 7th.—Oakland Golf Club (Cal.) Open handicap.

October 10th to 14th.—Women's Championship, at Philadelphia Country Club.

October 19th, 20th, 21st.—Wee Burn Golf Club; invitation tournament.

Late Prof. Marsh's Estate.

The inventory of the estate of the late Othniel C. Marsh, Professor of Paleontology in Yale University, was filed in the Probate Court of New Haven, Friday, September 29, by the appraisers, Oliver S. White, Yale '64, and Leonard M. Daggett, Yale '84.

The estate of Professor Marsh is made up of his personal effects, which are considered very valuable, and the property of Prospect street on which his residence stands. The land on Prospect street, with a 505 foot frontage, is valued at \$60,000, but there is an outstanding mortgage of \$30,000 upon it.

Of his personal property probably the most valuable is the collection of 217 pictures and paintings upon which the appraisers have set a value of \$2,039.50. The bric-a-brac of his house was appraised at \$2,466. His splendid collection of orchids, including 1,334 specimens, valued at \$1,337, was sent to New York Saturday, September 30, and will go on sale Wednesday, October 4.

Professor Marsh's library contains a large number of very valuable works on natural history and archaeology and also an extremely rare book entitled "Piscum Vivaæ Icones." In the library are a number of old Chinese prints and also 150 sketches of Italian scenery drawn in 1704-11. The Oriental rugs are valued at \$860.50 and all the household furniture is estimated by the appraisers to be worth \$911.

The inventory shows that the cash in the bank amounts to \$110.98 and that \$583.53 is due from Yale University. By this appraisal, therefore, Professor Marsh's personal and real property is worth \$66,269.05.

The will of Prof. Marsh which was filed in the Probate Court, New Haven, March 23, 1899, gave all his property both personal and real, with the exception of \$10,000, to the University, his house and grounds to be devoted to the purposes of a botanical garden. The nucleus of a fund to develop this new department, was to be made from the sale of his personal property.