

## THE UNIVERSITY CLUB.

### Many Improvements — Plans to Broaden its Scope.

When the Yale University Club opened its doors at the beginning of the present College year it was able to boast the most thorough equipment of any club of its character in the country. The many changes of a year ago were followed during the past Summer by others, the chief of which was the addition of a commodious and well appointed grill room.

The work of improving the University Club, which has seemed an absolute necessity for five years or more, was begun by the Ninety-Eight Governing Board, of which John M. Woolsey was President, and was carried on by the Ninety-Nine Board, under the presidency of C. A. Brayton, Jr.

The plans for a remodeling of the whole lower floor at a cost of \$7,000, were carried into effect and the work completed a little less than a year ago. When the workmen got through with their job the two plain rooms on the left of the hall had given place to a handsome reading room, panelled in black oak, with a heavy-beamed ceiling, and polished hard wood floor. The room was lighted with electricity and furnished with easy chairs, cosy leather-cushioned nooks, and well stocked tables. Two large fire places, one at the side and one at the end, spoke well for the cheeriness of the place in cold weather. The room to the right of the entrance, formerly the magazine room, was finished in green, fitted with all conveniences and given up to the purpose of writing; and the vestibule and hall were panelled in black oak and lighted with electric lights in the manner of the reading room. The clumsy and scarred wooden door of the club was replaced by a handsome oak and glass one. Changes in the dining room, which included a refitting and redecoration throughout, were also made.

#### THE NEW GRILL ROOM.

These improvements made the Club a much more attractive place and the membership increased rapidly from 140 to nearly the two hundred mark, last year. A growing demand for a grill room induced the executive committee of the Nineteen Hundred Board to venture the addition, which has turned out to be very successful, and is already more than paying for itself. This new department occupies the room at the head of the stairs which was formerly used as a bed chamber, but which has been closed for a long time. The wood work is finished in white enamel, with red burlap on the walls which are decorated with arms, trophies of the chase and hunting prints. The size of the room is not great, but it is sufficient for its purpose for some time to come. Another important step taken by the Governing Board of the present Senior class was the changing of the entire service of the club. Adam, known as such to club members of ten years standing, was released and a new steward, chef, and corps of waiters installed in the places of the old ones, with the result that the service is excellent throughout. Minor improvements, such as the hanging of pictures, laying of rugs and fuller furnishing and beautifying of the rooms, have also been made.

And the Board has bigger plans ahead. It is their aim to make the Club, in no small measure, a substitute for the old Fence, that is, a common meeting ground for at least a large portion of

the two upper classes of the Academic Department and the Scientific School Seniors. To this end the membership limit will be raised from 225, where it now stands, to 325 or 400—perhaps more, and the dues reduced to \$20 a year from \$30.

#### PLANS FOR A \$15,000 ADDITION.

They have laid plans too, for an addition to the Club to cost in the neighborhood of \$15,000, and which will be sufficiently large to accommodate the training tables of the teams, and yet leave space for several bedrooms for graduates, and graduate coaches who may be working with one of the teams. In his speech at the inaugural dinner given at the Club, Tuesday night, Oct. 18, Frank S. Butterworth, Yale '95, who has been an enthusiastic supporter of the plan among the graduates, in outlining the general plan, said that there must be something to take the place of the old Fence, that is, there must be some rallying place if Yale wanted to keep that thing called "Yale Spirit." "Now, take this University Club," said Mr. Butterworth, "enlarge it, enlarge the dining room; have your teams eat here; have your little dinners here; bring the velvet cup here and throw open the doors to the men of all the departments—Law School, Medical School, Scientific School—all of them. By this means the Club will come in time to be a meeting and rallying ground where men may meet and talk and get to the bottom of things. By this means, and only this, or something similar, will the great traditions of old Yale be kept alive."

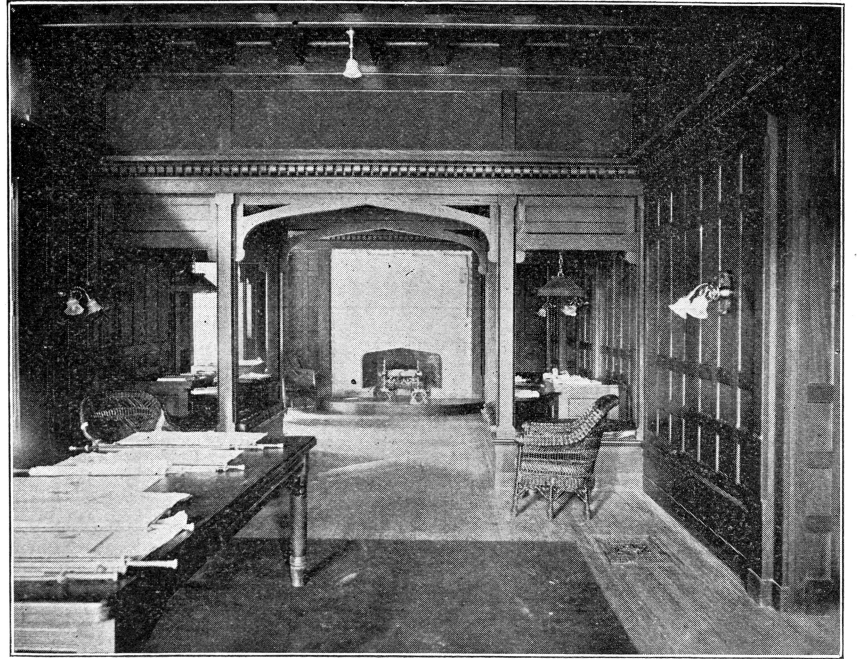
Besides Mr. Butterworth, the Yale graduates who are interested in the proposed enlargement of the Club are: Walter Camp, '80; Samuel R. Bertron, '85; Moses Taylor, '93; Frank L. Polk, '94, and George T. Adee, '95. The Board is not prepared to state at this writing how the money is to be raised, nor at what time the building will be begun, although the plans have already been drawn and approved.

The present Governing Board of the University Club is composed of 15 members—12 Seniors and 3 Juniors, as fol-



J. MEDILL MC CORMICK, 1900  
President University Club Governing Board.

lows: Academic Seniors—J. Medill Mc Cormick, President; F. C. Havemeyer, F. D. Cheney, F. T. Crawford, B. W. Paddock, M. L. McBride, P. A. Rockefeller, T. A. Howell, C. W. McKelvey. Scientific School Seniors—J. D. Ireland, Vice-President; C. B. Levey, E. H. Clark. Academic Juniors—J. H. Wear, Treasurer; R. W. Hitt, Secretary; J. H. Hord, Graduate Treasurer. The Executive Committee of this Board, which performs the work of the House Committee of the ordinary club and on which a great part of the work and responsibility falls and to which the credit is due for the excellent work done through the Summer and Fall, is made up of these three members: J. Medill McCormick, B. W. Paddock and T. A. Howell.



UNIVERSITY CLUB READING ROOM.

#### THE FIRST UNIVERSITY CLUB.

The first move for a University Club at Yale was made in June, 1880, by some members of the Class of 1881, and by the last of September, so strong was the sentiment of the College for such a club, the officers had been elected for the year, the four-story brick house adjoining the New Haven House leased and furnished and the Club was under way with a good membership. The original officers were: President, John E. Bowen, '81; Vice-President, William Pollock, '82; Secretary, Cyrus Bentley, Jr., '82; Treasurer, Arthur E. Bostwick, '81; Board of Governors—Prof. D. Cady Eaton, '60; Morris F. Tyler, '70; Theodore S. Woolsey, '72; Charles H. Farnam, '68; William K. Townsend, '71; Henry B. Sargent, '71 S. In 1892 through the efforts of Moses Taylor, '93, the present home of the Club, at the corner of York and Chapel Streets, was purchased at a cost of about \$37,000, for which bonds, of \$1,000 each were issue. The Executive Committee of that year was: Alvah Chisholm, '93; F. McMullen, '93 S.

The Presidents of the University Club Governing Boards since the founding of the Club are as follows: '81, John E. Bowen; '82, William E. Bailey; '83, Charles F. Collins; '84, Frank D. Bowen; '85, Wilson Catherwood; '86, C. L. Bailey, Jr.; '87, James Archbald; '88, William B. Brinsmaid; '89, Charles T. Brooks; '90, George F. Peter; '91, Edwin V. Hale; '92, E. H. Floyd-Jones; '93, Moses Taylor; '94, Frank L. Polk; '95, Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr.; '96, Andrew G. S. Sage; '97, Arthur J. Brewster; '98, John M. Woolsey; '99, Charles A. Brayton, Jr.; 1900, J. Medill McCormick.

#### Yale Debating.

The prospects for debating at Yale were greatly brightened by the meeting in Osborn Hall, Monday night, at which President Hadley and Prof. Sumner addressed a large number of men who are interested in putting this subject on a very high level. The WEEKLY is unable, on account of the nearness of the hour for putting the forms on the press, to make more than a statement that the very interesting proceedings will be reported in full in the next issue.

#### YALE LOST TO COLUMBIA.

##### Outplayed by a Superior Eleven at Nearly All Points.

The Yale Football Eleven was defeated by Columbia at Columbia Field, New York City, Saturday, Oct. 28, by the score of 5 to 0. The points were made by Weeks the left half-back, on a clean run of about 45 yards between tackle and end, which had been left unguarded because of Yale's concentration of energies against a mass play which was supposed to be directed at center.

Yale was clearly outgeneraled, and outplayed in all points of the game except the punting of Captain McBride, and was beaten fairly and squarely by a team working together like a machine. Columbia played, throughout both halves the sort of game that Yale herself used to be noted for—straight and fast, and right through the line, making steady gains, small at first, but gradually growing larger when she began to realize that Yale was unable to stop them. In the first half Yale's defense met this scheme of attack and though Columbia showed at once a dangerous strength Yale kept her gains well down and the ball far away from the danger line. In the second half, however, for some reason, probably because of the anxiety to stop the fierce rushes short off, Yale changed her plan and played her backs close up to the line, bunching them at the threatened point. It was a fatal move, for, while the concentrated weight frequently stopped the masses, it left the outer wings unprotected and Weeks was sent through left tackle for the winning run.

Almost to a man Columbia's line though a lighter one than Yale's, according to Coach Sanford, outplayed their opponents and it seemed to make little difference where the play was directed, right or left, or center, a hole was found. Her protection for punts was sufficiently strong to keep Yale well back and not once was any of her punts in danger of being blocked. Her interference for running back kicks was excellent and scarcely ever failed to clear the way for five or ten, and even thirty