

## Corbin's Corner

### Coming Back?

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MY DAY IN NEW YORK is Thursday. Place, Astor House. Time, 12 to 4.

#### Sheffield Freshman Officers.

At the meeting of the Sheffield Scientific School Freshmen, Tuesday, Oct. 31, these class officers were elected: President, John Longer deSaulles, South Bethlehem, Pa.; Vice-President, Kenneth Charles Soosmith, New York City; Secretary and Treasurer, Arthur Barnwell, Jr., Charleston, S. C.

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### TO PROMOTE DEBATING.

Meeting Last Week Addressed by  
Pres. Hadley and Prof. Sumner.

One of the first steps of the Yale Debating Association, which was formed last year to unify and promote Yale's debating organizations, was the meeting held in Osborn Hall, Monday night, Oct. 30. President Hadley and Prof. W. G. Sumner were present and addressed the students. President Hadley pointed out the cause of Yale's early failures in intercollegiate debating to be on account of the fluctuating interest in the Union. "The one great fault with debating at Yale to-day," said the President, "is that logic is much stronger than presentation, and this fault can only be overcome by practice." The President urged the undergraduates to take hold of debating with all possible energy, as it was a subject of great educational force in the University, and of the highest value in College life.

Professor Sumner made as his main point the difference between debating and speech-making, and in the latter part of his address he emphasized the value of debating. As an example of speech-making he cited the arguments in the German and French Parliaments and especially those in the English House of Commons.

In speaking of the Yale situation, he said that it was curious to note that men graduating between 1850 and 1860 were almost all excellent public speakers, but for the next decade debating was almost entirely dropped. This was a great evil, as a time comes in every man's life, that he wishes to be able to express his views forcefully, and training alone will enable him to do it. Eloquence is still a force in the world and to be eloquent one must drill, cultivate the voice and practice clear enunciation. These things alone will make a man capable.

#### Field Corporation Report.

Henry B. Sargent, Treasurer of the Yale Field Corporation, has just made the following report of the finances of the Corporation for the year ending Aug. 31, 1899:

EXPENDITURES.	
Superintendent .....	\$ 600.00
Sundry expense .....	179.61
Insurance, taxes, water.....	538.50
Interest .....	480.00
Football—Construction .....	3,386.71
Repairs .....	258.05
Baseball—Stands .....	1,300.00
Track House .....	12.13
New grading .....	4,855.00
Cash on hand .....	185.89

Total .....\$11,796.79

RECEIPTS.	
Cash on hand from previous year .....	\$ 3,866.79
From Financial Union .....	7,930.00

Total .....\$11,796.79

DEBT STATEMENT.	
Remainder unpaid of College loan .....	\$8,000.00

The sum of money brought over from last year was unusually large, being made up principally of the insurance money on the burned grand stand. The grading at the Southwest corner of the Field, as shown in the report, cost nearly \$5,000, considerably more than was expected on account of the great amount of filling in necessary to bring the surface up to the level of the surrounding field. It is money well spent, however, and by next Fall the surface will have hardened sufficiently to stand any use it may be put to. A small corner yet remains to be graded.

The item of \$1,300 in "Baseball," refers to the expense of moving the football stands into position around the baseball diamond, a very large sum when it comes to be paid annually for this work. Four hundred dollars a year could be saved right here, if \$12,000 or \$15,000 could be raised with which to build a special baseball stand, as the interest on such an amount would not run over \$700 at the outside. The Field Corporation does not feel justified in attempting to borrow sufficient money to build with, particularly when they are carrying an \$8,000 burden already. This big yearly expense is a very bad economy and a way should be found to stop it.

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