

mained, with slight fluctuation, for about ten years. Then, from 1884-5 to 1889-90, there was a yearly increase. In the last mentioned year, a larger number, 136, was enrolled than ever, before or since. For this unusual increment no explanation is needed by those who are familiar with the condition of other leading Schools of Theology in those years, and with the development of their resources and energy later. There followed a return to the former average of about 100, which has continued to be the rate of attendance for the last five years.

A SEVERE STANDARD.

It must be remembered that the Yale Divinity School has never consented to introduce an abridged or "partial" course of instruction,—to make optional, for example, the study of the original languages of the Scriptures. On the contrary, not long ago it raised the standard of requirements for the degree of Bachelor of Divinity, with the distinct foresight that one result would be a reduction of numbers, or at least a hindrance to their enlargement. As a rule, three-fourths of the students are Bachelors of Arts. Such as are not graduates of colleges must have studied Greek and such other branches as qualified them to enter upon the theological course.

Every year numerous applicants for admission to the School are refused as falling below the standard of qualifications prescribed. Nevertheless, the number of students is twenty per cent. greater than when Dr. Taylor was at the height of his power and influence. It is larger than the number taking the regular course in any other Congregational Theological School, East or West.

THE "OVERPLUS OF MINISTERS."

So much has been said of late in public prints of an overplus of ministers, that it would not be strange if young men should be to some extent deterred from beginning to prepare for the ministry. The statements referred to doubtless have some influence, although they are not unfrequently a hasty generalization from what may be the fact in certain congested centres, or mistaken inferences from denominational statistics. Now, as formerly, important parishes often find it difficult satisfactorily to fill vacancies in the pastoral office.

It is well to have it understood by those who are tempted to make too much of numbers in the list of students, that judicious theological teachers are more concerned to maintain and to elevate the standard of ministerial training than to swell the dimensions of their catalogue.

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F. G. Brown Elected Captain.

At a meeting Tuesday night, Dec. 5, of the University Eleven and substitutes who played in the Harvard and Princeton games this Fall, Francis Gordon Brown, 1901, of Flushing, N. Y., was unanimously elected Captain of next year's Eleven. Mr. Brown prepared for Yale at the Groton School and has played left guard for three years on the University Eleven. He has just entered his 20th year, is 6 feet three inches tall and weighs 196 pounds.

Winter—

Even Mild Winter—suggests the gay season in society. That means late hours and silk hats and opera hats and all that kind of thing. The Knox hat is of course the hat—Silk, opera, slouch, or any kind.

Intercollegiate Hockey.

At the annual meeting of the Intercollegiate Hockey Association, composed of Yale, Princeton, Columbia and Brown, on Wednesday, November 22, in New York, officers for the ensuing year were elected. Yale was represented at the meeting by S. Campbell, 1900, Captain of the Yale team, who was elected Secretary and Treasurer, and L. A. Strong, 1900 S. J. T. Williams of Columbia was elected President.

Princeton was admitted to membership and Pennsylvania dropped, as she had sent no delegate. It was decided to ask Harvard to join, and to arrange a series of games between the members of the Association, as soon as an answer had been received.

The first game of the season played Friday, November 24 on the St. Nicholas Club Rink, with the New York Athletic Club, resulted in favor of the Athletic Club by a score of 7 to 0. Both teams played well considering the lack of practice, Inman and Smith for Yale and Fenwick for the N. Y. A. C. doing particularly good work.

The Yale line-up was: R. P. Smith, P. G., goal; J. Brock, 1900, point; A. C. Coxe, 1901, cover point; S. Campbell, 1900, Capt.; F. C. Inman, 1902 S.; E. S. Bronson, 1900; G. S. Work, 1903, Forwards.

In the game, Saturday, December 2, the St. Nicholas Skating Club hockey team defeated the Yale team at the St. Nicholas rink by 3 goals to 1. The game was an interesting one, in which the Yale players showed great improvement over their work in the game against the New York Athletic Club, the previous Saturday. Some of the individual work was very effective, but in team play lay Yale's chief weakness, largely due to lack of practice. Two of the St. Nicholas goals were made in the first half, and one in the second. Bronson and Inman made the only score for Yale.

Freshman Football Numerals.

Thirteen members of the Academic Freshman class, four members of the Scientific Freshman class and one Law School first year man received their class numerals for playing in the Harvard and Princeton Freshman games. They are as follows: 1903—H. M. Wallace, Captain; H. C. Holt, C. J. Hamlin, C. T. Brown, W. A. Blount, A. Craighead, W. H. Peckham, J. Eliason, M. C. McClintock, F. W. Wilhelmi, S. B. Sutphin, W. P. Johnson, H. T. Clark; 1902 S.—W. Bailey, A. Barnwell, W. G. Oglesby, S. R. W. Griswold; Law School first year, G. Gaylord.

The College Choir.

The great improvement of the College Choir in the last four or five years, and the character of the musical part of the Chapel service generally, although sometimes overlooked by members of the University, is one of the first things to be noticed by returning graduates. Each year has seen a stricter discipline and a better spirit for earnest, conscientious work from the men, and this year a number of the members of the Choir, recognizing the value of the training, are singing without any reward whatever, some of them having refused Church positions in the city rather than leave their work in the Chapel.

Naturally, this earnestness to do the best is reflected in the rendering of the music, and several very ambitious anthems have been well given this year in which the solo work of Ralph Schneelock has been excellent. A well known preacher, who filled the Chapel pulpit recently, said he believed Yale had the best college choir in the country.

Assistant Professor Harry B. Jepson, Yale '93, who has had charge of the training and building up of the Choir for the past six or seven years, and to whom great credit must be given, expects to have the Choir sing at one or more of the series of organ recitals he will give during the Winter term.

The American Society of Naturalists, of which Professor Farlow of Harvard University is President, will hold its annual meeting in New Haven, December 27 and 28.

Cornell Wins Cross Country.

The Cornell Cross Country team defeated the team representing Yale in a six and a half mile run, at Ithaca, Dec. 2, by the score of 36 to 19. Captain A. J. Sweet of Cornell finished first in the fast time of 38 minutes and 36 seconds. H. P. Smith, Yale 1900, was second, about 80 yards behind, finishing strong. J. P. Adams, Yale 1900, Captain of the Yale team, who was expected to do good work, was taken with severe cramps before he had gone a mile and although he finished the course, he was the last to cross the mark.

The runners finished in this order:

A. J. Sweet, Cornell, 38 minutes 36 seconds; H. P. Smith, Yale 1900, 38 minutes 54 seconds; C. C. Torrence, Cornell, 39 minutes 15 seconds; J. C. Finch, Cornell, 40 minutes 21 seconds; A. O. Berry, Cornell, 40 minutes 31 seconds; E. P. Stroger, Cornell, 40 minutes 33 seconds; W. D. Waldron, Yale 1903; B. G. Teele, Yale 1902; W. G. Butts, Jr., Yale 1902 S., and J. P. Adams, Captain, Yale 1900.

Junior Society Elections.

The following members of the Class of 1901 were initiated into the Junior societies, Tuesday night, November 28:

Alpha Delta Phi—George Maxwell Clark, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Lester Morgan Spier, Glens Falls, N. Y.; William Arthur Stickney, St. Louis, Mo.; Merritt Heminway Merriman, Waterbury, Conn.; Henry Pratt Judd, Honolulu, H. I.; Theodore Salisbury Woolsey, Jr., New Haven, Conn.

Psi Upsilon—James Leonard Boyce, Chicago, Ill.; Barton Talcott Doudge, New York City; Edward Chauncey Rice, Jr., New York City; George Milton Smith, New York City; John Canfield Tomlinson, Jr., New York City; Harvey Thomas Weeks, Jr., Chicago, Ill.

Delta Kappa Epsilon—Fred Gould Harris, Cleveland, O.; Frederic Reynolds Haight, New Haven, Conn.; Thomas Carleton Carson, Syracuse, N. Y.; Ernest Walker Smith, Hartford, Conn.; Herbert Scoville, New York City; Arthur Shaler Williams, New Haven, Conn.

Zeta Psi—Harold Bradford Colton, Hartford, Conn.; Everett Victor Meeks, Meriden, Conn.

Yale Gymnastic Association.

The Yale Gymnastic Association will hold two contests during the College year in the Yale Gymnasium; the first to occur Saturday, December 9, and the second, in the latter part of February. In each of these two contests, the man having the highest score will be given a "Y," and the Freshman scoring the greatest number of points will be permitted to wear his class numerals.

The contest on December 9 will consist of performances on the horizontal and parallel bars, work on the long horse and a rope climb.

The work of each contestant will be marked on a scale of thirty and the winners of first and second places in each event will be given cups.

Intercollegiate Gymnastic Ass'n.

For several years past efforts have been made from time to time to have an intercollegiate gymnastic association which should include the larger universities and colleges of the East, but from one cause or another these efforts were unsuccessful up to this Fall. There was a growing interest in the dual contests which were held during the Winter and Spring, and on Wednesday, Nov. 29, delegates from Yale, Princeton, Columbia, Amherst, New York University, and Haverford College met in the Columbia University Gymnasium in New York and laid plans for an annual meeting of the gymnasts of these six institutions. A committee of three was appointed to draw up a constitution and by-laws. This committee is: W. L. Otis, 1900 Yale; D. M. Deming, Union and M. H. Belbher, New York University. Officers were also elected as follows: President, W. E. Mitchell, Columbia; Vice-President, W. L. Otis, Yale; Secretary, H. H. Jenks, Haverford; Treasurer, A. H. Mitchell, Princeton. It is hoped that Harvard and University of Pennsylvania will come into the Association later.

One Question

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Although no definite date was set for the first championship contest, it is probable that it will be held in the Columbia Gymnasium some time in March, 1900. The work will consist of figures on the parallel bar and horizontal bars, swinging rings, side-horse, and possibly tumbling and club-swinging.

1900 S. Elections.

A meeting of the Senior class of the Sheffield Scientific School was held November 23 to elect the Class Day officers. The result follows:

Class Book Committee—I. E. Burdick of Dansville, N. Y.; H. Allen of Pittsburg, Pa.; H. S. Brown of Longmeadow, Mass.; R. H. Hawkins of Pittsburg, Pa.

Cap and Gown Committee—T. L. Montague of Chattanooga, Tenn.; J. H. Bartholomew of Ansonia, Conn.; A. B. Maynard of Utica, N. Y.

Cup Committee—W. E. Dowd, Jr., of New York City; C. H. Littell of Buffalo, N. Y.; I. Richards, Jr. of North Attleboro, Mass.

Graduate Committee—J. D. Ireland of New York City; C. M. Dow of Jamestown, N. Y.; J. A. Allen of New York City.

Class Book Historians—H. V. Gifford of Toledo, O.; J. R. Emerson of Ansonia, Conn.; J. H. Inman of New York City; C. D. Wood, Jr. of Brooklyn, N. Y.; O. H. Schell of Harrisburg, Pa.; W. E. Hall of Ridgway, Pa.

Statisticians—W. W. Taylor of Stamford, Conn.; W. L. Cowdrey of Pittsburg, Pa.; J. W. Morey of Denver, Col.

Picture Committee—C. W. Hickok of Harrisburg, Pa.; E. A. Strong of Hartford, Conn.; E. W. Heller of Newark, N. J.

Class Day Historians—R. H. Gillett of Washington, D. C.; I. L. Lyons of New Orleans, La.; C. D. Lockwood of Stamford, Conn.; H. A. Webster of Chicago, Ill.; R. A. McGee, Plainfield, N. J.

Class Day Committee—H. Richards of New York City; A. K. Chittenden of New Haven, Conn.; E. H. Clark of Chicago, Ill.; C. J. Parker of Coventryville, N. Y.; R. W. Betts of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Supper Committee—D. L. DeGolyer of Evanston, Ill.; C. R. Gorden of Rochester, N. Y.; J. A. Holland of Cincinnati, O.

Triennial Committee—A. M. Brooks of Pittsburg, Pa.; W. C. Ross of Knoxville, Tenn.; H. S. Hotchkiss of New Haven, Conn.

Dance Committee—T. H. Hall of New York City; J. F. Symes of Denver, Col.; W. G. White of Waterbury, Conn.; R. Townshend of New Haven, Conn.; A. R. Cluett of Troy, N. Y.

A Harvard 1899 Sentiment.

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In the name of common sense let us suppress the man who looks for victory as a matter of course.