

BUILDING PLANS APPROVED.

The Gift of an Administration Building—E. D. Robbins Made Professor.

A special meeting of the Yale Corporation was held at New Haven, December 26, at 11 A. M. Nearly all the members of the Corporation were present, among them Gov. Lounsbury of Connecticut, Yale '63, who is member *ex-officio*.

The special business of the meeting was the consideration of building plans, but, before this matter was taken up, the Hon. Edward D. Robbins of Hartford, Yale '74, and Yale Law School '79, was elected Professor of Jurisprudence to succeed Professor Morris Frank Tyler, who has recently become Treasurer, and therefore given up his chair in the Law School.

Messrs. Carrere & Hastings showed the plans for the new buildings. They were in general approved. A vote was passed instructing the Building Committee to proceed to build, in accordance with the plans submitted, the Auditorium, the Memorial Vestibule, and the Dining Hall, as soon as money is provided. The Building Committee is made up as follows: Mr. W. W. Farnam, Yale '66, former Treasurer of the University, Chairman; Mr. H. F. Dimock, Yale '63; Mr. George C. Holt, Yale '66, and the President and Treasurer of the University, *ex-officiis*. Although the general scheme of the building is now settled upon, there are many changes to make before the plans are in definite form, so that estimates can be made and the work proceed. The plans, when definitely decided upon, will be given in much detail in half tone illustrations in the ALUMNI WEEKLY. There has been practically no change or advance since the last statement in the WEEKLY.

The Corporation voted to accept the gift of Miss Olivia Phelps Stokes and Miss Caroline Phelps Stokes, of a sum of money sufficient to build an Administration Building. This building will be upon the new Campus and will be a memorial to three ancestors of the donors, Governor Haynes and Governor Wyllis, Colonial Governors of Connecticut, and Timothy Woodbridge, one of the seven founders. The building will contain a special room for the meetings of the Corporation and rooms for the President, Secretary and Treasurer. There will also be committee rooms and provisions for preserving archives. The architects will be Messrs. Howells & Stokes of New York. Mr. Stokes of this firm is the brother of Mr. Anson Phelps Stokes, Jr., Secretary of the Yale Corporation, while the donors of this building are aunts of Mr. Stokes. The building will take the place of the late Treasury Building, which will be torn down as soon as this is completed.

The President's Western Trip.

After leaving the meeting of the Economic Association at Ithaca, which he attended as President of the Association, President Hadley of Yale returned to New Haven for a few hours and then started on a trip through the West, where he is meeting the alumni of the different cities at their annual banquets, and talking to them of his plans for the University and particularly of the Bi-centennial building preparations.

On Saturday, December 30, President Hadley attended the banquet of the Cleveland alumni. From there he went to Chicago, where he was the guest of William Kent, '87. He spoke at the dinner of the Chicago alumni on the 3d, and addressed the convocation of Chicago University on the 2d. He is to go from Chicago to Minneapolis, where he will be the guest of the Alumni Association of the Northwest, at their annual dinner on January 5. Mr. Ambrose Tighe, Yale '79, is to entertain President Hadley at Minneapolis. From Minneapolis he will go to Denver, where he will attend the banquet of the Colorado Association, January 9. He will be the guest of Alfred T. Bacon, '73. He may also speak to the Candle Light Club, during his stay at Denver. While in Colorado he will visit Colorado Springs and will informally meet the Yale men there. He will be the guest of President Slocum of Colorado College. Prof. Irving Fisher of the Yale Faculty is at Colorado Springs. The Kansas City alumni will banquet on

January 12, and President Hadley has planned to be their guest at that time. While in Kansas City he will be entertained by Mr. Gardiner Lathrop, '69. At present writing, it is expected that the banquet of the St. Louis alumni will be January 15. The President will again be the guest of honor at this banquet. While in St. Louis, he will be entertained by Frederick N. Judson, '66. From St. Louis he will go to Louisville, Ky., to attend a banquet on the 16th and from there to Cincinnati, where the dinner will be on the 17th. In the latter city, he will be the guest of Mr. George W. Johnston, '83.

Mrs. Hadley accompanies President Hadley on his trip.

Harvard Union Plans.

Yale's interest in the project of a large University Club, which shall form the center of the life of all the University, will cause a careful study of the plans proposed at Harvard for the so called Harvard Union, the all-embracing University Club of Cambridge, which has been made possible by Major Higginson's gift of \$150,000. The plans suggested, which are subject to change, are thus described in the Harvard *Crimson*:

"The building is to be, roughly speaking, 178 feet long, by 104 feet wide; covering thus over 18,000 square feet. It is probably to front on Harvard Street; having a convenient side-entrance on Quincy Street.

"The general design provides an entrance hall of large dimensions, with an assembly room capable of seating 1,000 people, directly opposite the entrance door. On each side of the entrance hall can be located offices and a coat-room. The assembly room constitutes the main feature of the central structure.

"One wing of the building contains a billiard room, with sixteen billiard tables, on the first floor. The library, located on the second floor of the same wing, is divided by three partitions into a periodical room, a library for recent publications, and a library and writing room, presumably for the use of students taking notes. It has been suggested that the basement of this wing be divided up into offices for the Athletic Association, the *Crimson*, and other student bodies which require permanent offices. There has been some discussion as to the advisability of the *Crimson* occupying any part of the new building. This subject, no doubt, will be fully discussed when the time comes to publish the plans. The *Crimson* can probably not afford to remain outside of this building, while the club would profit greatly by its presence. The basement of the other wing of the building contains the boilers and coal and kitchen arrangements.

"The first floor will be divided into a large grill room for men who wish to take a light lunch in the building, and two small dining rooms either for students and friends who are visiting Cambridge or for the training tables; the latter have been suggested. A grill room would thus be at one end of a long hall with the billiard room at the other end. The third floor of the wing can be divided into three or four rooms to be used as the House Committee shall determine in the future. One room could be used as a private study; another could have tables for games, such as checkers, chess, etc. A third room could be used as a small lounging room for private conferences and discussions. It was thought at first that the building should contain some bedrooms, but the advisability of this is questionable, as it ought to have either no bed-rooms or many. The second floor in the center of the building contains a small assembly room capable of seating 70 men."

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Prof. Ladd in Bombay.

Professor Ladd arrived in Bombay, Nov. 27. A large reception was given him at the largest private residence in the city, that of Mr. Tata, a Parsee, and a very wealthy man. A strictly American Thanksgiving dinner, to which a number of missionaries and business men were invited, was given to Professor and Mrs. Ladd by Rev. E. S. Hume, '70. The three weeks course of lectures was delivered under the auspices of the University of Bombay, the Vice-Chancellor presiding at the first and last lectures. Professor Ladd was invited several times to address large gatherings.

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