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GYMNASIUM EDUCATION.

Important Action by Directors—Restraining Trainers.

The third annual meeting of the Society of College Gymnasium Directors was held in the Yale Gymnasium, Dec. 29 and 30. The Society is composed of the head directors of the gymnasiums of fifteen colleges and universities who have been actively engaged in college work not less than three years and thus constitutes the highest authority on gymnastic work in the country.

This meeting was especially important because of the action taken on two points. First, a committee, with Dr. J. W. Seaver of Yale as Chairman, was appointed to study the therapeutic effect of judicious gymnastic work on heart-disease and hernia, and to report the best methods. The significance of this step is apparent when it is known that large numbers of students come to college afflicted with some sort or other of these organic disorders, that some forms of light gymnastic work have been proved to be a very helpful, if not the most helpful remedy, and that this action is the first effort made by any scientific or medical organization to investigate the subject.

The other important feature was the appointment of another committee, with Dr. W. G. Anderson of Yale as its Chairman, to investigate the relation of gymnastics and athletics to the college. This includes a wise oversight of the men on the various athletic teams, preventing those who are physically unfit through natural defects from entering into athletics at all, and preventing those who are crippled by injuries from participating in contests. An investigation on the facts and proposed measures for reform were unanimously adopted, because recently several athletes, Yale men as well as others, have been seriously injured from being allowed by trainers to go into games when they were in no physical condition to do so.

This committee will also make an effort to have the faculties of the various colleges give credit, either on their scholarship stand or otherwise, to the students, usually Freshmen, of whom they require gymnastic work. The plan has been tried in the University of Chicago and Haverford College. It not only puts a stop to the grumbling over compulsory gymnastic exercise, but arouses an interest in the work.

The Society during this meeting revised and improved in detail the inter-collegiate method of physical measurements and strength tests which was adopted two years ago. This uniform method will now allow a more satisfactory and accurate method of compiling statistics and of comparing the strong men of the various colleges in their annual competition. Steps were also taken for the revision of the nomenclature.

Dr. W. G. Anderson is the newly elected President of the Society.

SCHOOL NOTES.

DE LA SALLE.

The De La Salle football eleven, which won the New York Inter-scholastic Championship, was an unusually heavy one. The weights were as follows: J. Thorp, r.e., 155; Brooks, r.t., 170; Monroe, r.g., 250; Sullivan, c., 175; T. Thorp, l.g., 205; Connelly, l.t., 180; Murphy, l.e., 150; Allen q.b., 140; Adan, r.h.b., 151; Keeler, l.h.b., 163; Dunn, f.b., 165. Of these men, Monroe, Adan and Keeler expect to enter Yale next Fall.

The De La Salle scores of the season were as follows: Against Berkeley, 40 to nothing; against Cutler, 17 to nothing; against Trinity, 11 to 5.

ST. MARKS.

Of the St. Marks team and substitutes six will graduate next Spring. Carpenter, one of the halfbacks, Hutchinson an end and Sanger and Taft of the substitutes will go to Harvard; Mackey, the Captain and left tackle, to Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Bacon, one of the substitutes, into business. A. Howard Hinkle, 1901, of Cincinnati, has been elected Captain for next year. He has played halfback for two years, is a strong, fast player, and enjoys the confidence of the school.

Mr. Whitney's All-American Team.

Caspar Whitney picks the following all-American football team for 1899: McBride (Yale), Captain and fullback; Sharpe (Yale), and Reiter (Princeton), halfbacks; Daly (Harvard), quarter; Overfield (Pennsylvania), center; Hare (Pennsylvania), and McCracken (Pennsylvania), guards; Hillebrand (Princeton), and Stillman (Yale), tackles; Campbell (Harvard), and Poe (Princeton), ends. He names these substitutes in the line: Hale (Yale), Brown (Yale), Edwards (Princeton), Lawrence (Harvard), Wheelock (Carlisle), Slocum (Brown), Hallowell (Harvard). Back of the line: Sawin (Harvard), Richardson (Brown), Reid (Harvard), Hudson (Carlisle).

Harvard Baseball.

Harvard is considered very fortunate in securing Dr. E. H. Nichols, who graduated there in 1886, to act as head coach for her baseball nine the coming season. Dr. Nichols has been described as one of the best amateurs who ever wore a college uniform. He was an all-around player, although making a special reputation as a pitcher. Dr. Nichols and the late Herbert Allen made a famous battery at Harvard. The unusual thing about it was that Allen started in to pitch and Nichols to catch. The next year they turned the thing around. In 1885, with Nichols in the box, Allen catching and Winslow as captain, the

Harvard Nine took everything in sight. Nichols was a very good batter. He is an enthusiastic man and will take hold of the situation with energy. Captain Reid of the Harvard Nine is reported to be making a room to room canvass of the college, looking for possible candidates. He is reported to expect 300 candidates out for practice when he issues his Spring call. The battery men will begin to work immediately after the term opens.

The College Pulpit.

January 14—Rev. Dr. C. E. Jefferson, of the Broadway Tabernacle, New York.
January 21—Rev. Dr. Henry van Dyke, of the Brick Church, New York.

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