



OUTGOING NEWS BOARD.

Mr. Adams, its Chairman, Briefly Reviews its Work and Progress.

The past year has been an eventful one in many ways to the outgoing Board of *News* editors. For in addition to the outward changes in the University which it has fallen to their lot to record, there have been several changes of a vital nature in the administration of the paper itself.

When the Nineteen Hundred Board assumed control, the system of competition for editorial positions on the *News* was materially altered. Attempts on the part of former Boards to check the abuses of the former system had proved ineffectual, and a radical change seemed necessary. Accordingly it was decided that in the future the quality from a literary standpoint, as well as the quantity of articles submitted, should be recorded, and taken into consideration in the elections; and that as many articles as possible should be assigned, by an editor especially appointed for that purpose, to the various contributors, thus lessening the amount of routine work demanded of each man, and insuring a more carefully written paper throughout. This system has worked even more satisfactorily than was anticipated, and has been adopted, with the exception of a few minor details, by the incoming Board. Two legacies from the preceding Board, the morning delivery and the enlargement of the paper, have been retained as changes which time and experience have justified.

During the year the editors have been greatly helped by the aid and suggestions of many of the alumni and members of the Faculty, and by the cooperation of all undergraduates who were in a position to assist them. The *News* has grown to be recognized as official wherever undergraduate Yale is in question. It has been the aim of the editors to express accurately, and in some cases where it has been found necessary, to mould undergraduate sentiment; to point out defects in existing institutions, and to propose changes, wherever reform was necessary.

Many problems will come up for the incoming Board to solve, not the least important of which concerns Yale as she has been represented, or rather misrepresented, in the outside press. This trouble is mainly due to the fact that some correspondents, the majority of whom are members or graduates of the University, have allowed themselves to lose sight of Yale's best interest in the desire to further interests of their own. Two years ago a Press Club was organized, but failed to accomplish any noticeable results owing to the unexpectedly large number of correspondents and the difficulty of effecting a satisfactory organization. The proposed plan of a press censor would in all probability be equally inefficient. The true remedy lies in the creation of a strong sentiment against those who are inclined to abuse rather than use the opportunities given them to form public opinion concerning Yale. The responsibility for the solution of this problem rests in part upon the Nineteen Hundred and One Board. This Board and its officers have for several months been closely associated with their predecessors, and from the experience thus gained are unusually well fitted to take up the work where it has been left by Nineteen Hundred.

FREDERICK B. ADAMS.

The Banquet.

The twenty-third annual banquet of the *Yale Daily News*, which was held at the Tontine Hotel, Friday night, March 2, was a very successful one in all ways, and goes on record as the largest, in point of attendance, since the custom of public banquets was instituted many years ago. Ninety-six men, of whom 70 were invited guests, principally from the Senior Class, sat down to table at 7.30 o'clock. The menu was an excellent one. After coffee and cigars the following list of toasts was responded to, at the call of Julian Day, toastmaster:

- "The Retiring Board,"
F. B. Adams, 1900
- "Farewell! a word that must be and hath been."
- "The Incoming Board,"
G. A. Welch, 1901
- "On with the dance! let joy be unconfined."
- "The Harvard Crimson,"
L. G. O. Smith
- "The rose that all are praising."
- "The Daily Princetonian," W. E. Hope
- "O give him welcome, this is he
Worthy of our gorgeous rites."
- "Athletics,".....Walter Camp, '80
- "O iron nerve to true occasion true."
- "The Faculty,"
Hon. Wm. K. Townsend, '71
- "Hear ye not the hum of mighty workings?"
- "A United Yale Alumni,"
Thomas Thacher, '71
- "United we stand."

The substance of Mr. Adams' response to his toast are printed in his review of the work of the Nineteen Hundred Board, written for the WEEKLY and preceding this article. Concluding his address, he formally turned over to the new Board the control of the paper, with confidence that the responsibility would rest on competent shoulders.

Mr. G. A. Welch, the incoming Chairman, told briefly his policy for the year; of the stress that should more and more be laid upon the quality of the work done by contributors and of his intention to fight as his predecessors had done for the best interests of Yale on every question. He favored a closer relationship between the journals of the different colleges and believed much could be accomplished by such means. He appealed to captains and managers to come to the *News* with their announcements and to give it all the support they could, as it was only by such cooperation that the paper could occupy its proper field.

Mr. L. G. O. Smith responded for the *Harvard Crimson* in place of Mr. J. N. Trainer, Jr., who was unable to come. He spoke of the differences in the manner of choosing editors followed by the *Crimson* and the *News*, and rather favored the New Haven plan, believing it to be productive of better results as far as news gathering was concerned, and giving a better newspaper tone. He said he thought the *Crimson* more distinctly a university sheet than the *News*, and thought the editors of the latter might develop the official notice side of their paper.

Mr. Hope told of the changes proposed in the *Alumni Princetonian* and spoke very favorably of Yale's alumni paper.

In responding to the toast "Athletics," Mr. Camp touched lightly on the different Associations and their prospects which he intimated were very good. "The contest with the Englishmen," said Mr. Camp, "is still being discussed be-

tween Yale and Harvard representatives. We have already had 15 meetings, more or less, and the real hitch is because the Englishmen refuse to pay the expenses." His auditors gathered from this that if the Englishmen decided to come over there would be no difficulty about settling the place of meeting. Before concluding Mr. Camp complimented the managers and captains of the various teams, referring to M. L. McBride "as a man who had done more for football at Yale than anyone else for a long space of time."

Judge W. K. Townsend made a witty speech on the toast, "The Faculty." He disclaimed authority to speak to such a toast, as for the last twenty years he had been only "a back-door member of that august body." He recalled the time when he had spoken to a similar toast thirty years ago, the sentiment under that toast being: "Men of brilliant incapacity; unimaginable and various misinformation and immense requirements," and turned a number of jokes on his classmate, Thomas Thacher, who sat by his side.

Mr. Thacher was the last speaker. He spoke very earnestly and convincingly of the great good that would be accomplished by the Yale Club of New York. He thought it could be the means of bringing large numbers of Yale men together, not only in New York, but all over the country and assured his hearers that the alumni were in sympathy with all the undergraduate movements and were ready to support and assist them whenever such support or assistance were needed.

Harvard-Yale Debate.

Harvard has chosen the affirmative side of the question "Resolved, That Puerto Rico be included in the customs boundaries of the United States," for the debate with Yale, March 30, in New Haven.

The judges will be the Hon. T. B. Reed, Prof. Henry VanDyke, of Princeton, and Prof. G. W. Pepper, of the University of Pennsylvania.

At Yale, in the Academic trials, thirty-seven men spoke, of whom G. H. Bartholomew, 1900; L. W. Ong, 1900; T. W. Swan, 1900; M. Trowbridge, 1902; A. Tulin, 1903, and P. C. Walcott, 1900, were retained for the finals. In the Law School sixteen men competed and the three chosen for the finals were: H. G. Eastburn, 1902; R. L. Munger, 1901, and J. T. Smith, 1902, and as alternates, F. A. Lord, 1900; L. M. Sullivan, 1902, and R. P. Stapleton, 1901. The two men selected in the Scientific Department were P. Tromp, 1901 S.; C. D. Lockwood, 1900 S., and as alternates, W. J. Ehrichs, 1900 S.; F. P. Bassett, 1900 S. In the Divinity School trials the following men were retained: N. Osborne, 1900; J. C. Blanchard, 1901, and J. Becknell, alternate. The final trials will be held Wednesday, March 7.

At Harvard, about thirty-five men reported for the first trials. Of these, the following men were selected as Harvard's representatives: W. Morse, 1900; H. A. Yoemans, 1900; E. Mayer, 1900, and M. Seansgood, 1900, alternate. The Coolidge prize of \$100 for the best work in preparation was awarded to H. A. Yoemans, 1900.

The Yale Club Quarters.

The option on the property desired by the Yale Club for new quarters on Forty-Fourth Street has been extended thirty days. The subscriptions to the stock now amounts to nearly \$100,000. The building company needs a capital of \$175,000 to purchase the property and erect the building.

FOOTBALL RULE CHANGES.

Rules Committee, Which Meets This Month, May Make Alterations.

No definite steps have yet been taken toward a formal call for a meeting of the Rules Committee to act upon the present football code. It is being discussed and there is every likelihood that a call will shortly be issued. What the changes likely to come up for discussion are, no one can certainly predict, but it is safe to say that the scoring rule will be one that will be brought up and many are the promised variations that may be offered. Conservatism and a strong belief in making as few alterations as possible are features that have always marked the deliberations of the rule-making body. Hence it is one of the probabilities that sweeping changes in scoring will not be adopted. Two points are most likely to bear the brunt of the discussion in this particular rule. These are the value of a drop or rather field kick and the credit to be given for converting a touchdown into a goal. Minor points in the rules which are merely matters of interpretation will also be taken up and definite understandings reached so as to leave as little as possible to the discretion of the already overworked officials.

Another point that has been brought forward with unusual prominence, owing to an incident of one of the final matches of the past season, is that regarding coaching by non-players and those enjoying side-line privileges. Whether the result of the consideration of this question will be the relegation of all persons to certain prescribed limits outside of any possible infraction of this rule, is still an open question which can only be decided when the committee meets. Another rule that has long existed but which has seldom been brought into such prominence as it was in the Yale-Harvard game, is that permitting the retention of the ball by a side willing to sacrifice twenty yards for the sake of still holding the ball. There has been some suggestion that this rule is to come up for consideration before the rule-makers, but this is not nearly so generally commented upon as are the other rules already spoken of. The meeting will probably take place some time during March, to be followed by other meetings should they prove necessary.

A Campus Post Office.

A Campus post office is one of the probabilities of the near future at Yale. Mr. Tyler, the Treasurer, and Mr. Howarth, the New Haven Postmaster, have been looking into the matter with much care for some time. Questions of location and methods of management are under consideration now and the hope is to hear from the undergraduates as freely as possible about these points, so that the plan will meet their needs and wishes, when it is found possible to put it into operation.

It is possible that some telephone facilities may be introduced in connection with the Campus postal station, but the telephone service may be independent. A telegraph station for the Campus has been talked of, but it is not probable that this will be established.

The track team managers have decided to accept the challenge of the University of California for a meet to be held in New Haven, April 28 or May 5.