

GYMNASIUM BATHS.

An Outlay of \$2,000 Necessary to Make Them Adequate.

For several years past complaints have been made by the undergraduates who use the Gymnasium, of the insufficiency of the shower baths there, and in a recent issue of the *Yale Daily News* the growing dissatisfaction was made the subject of an editorial, in which the seeming apathy of the Gymnasium officers was criticised. The *News*, in stating the undergraduate side of the case, said:

"In the first place the accommodations are insufficient. The present methods of training adopted by the track and crew managements bring large squads together at the same time to make use of five shower baths. The necessity of waiting thus occasioned is certainly not conducive to good health. In the second place, the baths are inexcusably hard to regulate, the lack of hot water often making regulation impossible."

Dr. J. W. Seaver, Associate Director of the Gymnasium, when seen admitted that there were not enough showers for the great number of men who wanted to use them, but said there was no way to improve the condition of affairs except by the outlay of at least \$2,000, and there was no fund which could be drawn upon for that amount. The plans for the Gymnasium gave the locker floor only three showers. A year ago these three, being entirely inadequate to the demands put upon them, the University Treasury made the addition of two at the cost of about \$500, giving the locker floor the use of five showers for the large number of men who wanted them.

Only a portion of the men training for the different teams are taken care of on the lower floor.

By the expenditure of \$2,000, five or six new showers could be built adjoining the present ones, without much inconvenience. It would necessitate cutting off about five feet from the rows of lockers on the east side of the floor and an entire re-piping, as the present water supply is no more than sufficient for present uses. The water for the Gymnasium is drawn from 36 artesian wells in the yard, and this number would have to be increased by 20 to meet all requirements. The trouble now experienced in the regulation of the hot and cold water, which causes so much dissatisfaction and discomfort among the men, is one that cannot be gotten rid of in the present system of piping with its number of different outlets to the same pipe. This causes a change of pressure every time one is opened, and often douches a man with boiling water when he expects cold. The only way to get an even flow of hot water, according to Dr. Seaver, is by building a large tank above the lockers, which shall be filled constantly with hot water and carried direct to the baths by separate pipes similar to the method used in the old Gymnasium. The estimate of \$2,000 includes the building of this tank.

Probably a Case of Varioloid.

The condition of G. W. Perkins, a student in 1902 S., of Grand Rapids, Mich., who was taken sick last week with what appeared to be small-pox, is not serious, and the probabilities are that the disease will turn out to be nothing more than varioloid. Every precaution has been taken by the University authorities however, all those men who called on the sick student having been vaccinated and given leave of absence with instructions to isolate themselves. All the members of the Freshman Class of the Scientific School have been directed to be vaccinated.

During Lent the Berkeley Association will hold daily services, Sundays and Wednesdays excepted, in Dwight Hall.

Frederick C. Havemeyer, 1900, won second place in the University Club pool contest, defeating Justus G. Dettmer, 1901, in the final round by a score of 75 to 36.

Athletic Notes.

Mr. Nichols of the Boston League team reached Yale, Monday, March 5, and began work at once with the baseball candidates. The work so far has been in the cage, but within a week Capt. Camp expects to begin work at the field. Seventy men are now trying for the University, and 60 for the Freshman team.

Dr. William G. Anderson, Director of the Gymnasium has recently invented a machine called the ergograph, which registers the exact effort in foot pounds made by the muscles in the performance of certain feats of strength. It is not affected by a slow or rapid performance of muscular effort and cannot be cheated.

The Executive Committee of the Intercollegiate Gymnasium Association met in New York Monday night, Feb. 26, and decided to hold their first gymnastic meeting, March 23, in the Columbia Gymnasium. Twenty-six colleges and universities will enter teams, including Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

A running track within the walls of the Gym lot will soon be completed for the use of the track team, until the Field track is in shape. There will be no attempt to build a thorough track, as that would take too much time and money, and the idea of the track management is merely to furnish a softer and even surface for running than the street pavements afford, until the work on the cinder path is begun.

The final doubles of the indoor lawn tennis championship were finished Mar. 3, in the Armory at Sixty-sixth Street, New York.

J. A. Allen, 1900 S., and H. H. Hackett, 1900, were defeated by J. P. Paret, Lenox T. C., and Calhoun Cragin, Seventh Regiment, by a score of 5 to 7, 7 to 5, 7 to 5 and 10 to 8.

The play was of a much higher standard than on the previous Saturday, and there was a very good attendance.

The Yale gymnastic team was defeated Thursday night, March 1, by Columbia in a dual contest held at the latter's gymnasium in New York. The competition included work on the horizontal and parallel bars, side horse, flying rings, and club swinging, and tumbling. Aside from the points of individual excellence scores were made for the trophy—a banner—on a basis of five for a first, three for a second, and one for a third. In addition to the gymnastic performances, there were several fencing bouts between representatives from Cornell and Columbia.

At the Olympian games to be held in Paris during the Exposition next Summer, the universities of this country will be well represented. It is definitely settled that Princeton, the University of Pennsylvania, and Columbia, will send teams to compete. The principal events in which they will take part are the dashes, ranging from one hundred to fifteen hundred metres; the hurdles, from a hundred and ten to four hundred metres, and the international relay race of five thousand metres. Though the Columbia team is to be a small one, not exceeding five or six men, it will be exceptionally strong, and will, before going to Paris, compete, along with the University of Pennsylvania team, in the English championships which are to be held July 7, in London.

Freshman First Divison.

To complete the list of the Freshman first division published in the WEEKLY, Jan. 31, these names should be added: Bradford Webster, Waterbury, Conn.; Howard S. White, Waterbury, Conn.; and Orion J. Willis, Manchester, Tenn.

Yale-Princeton Hockey.

The Yale Hockey team defeated the Princeton team for the second time in the intercollegiate hockey series, at the Clermont Avenue Rink, Brooklyn, March 3. The score was 5 to 1. The game was fast, and hard fought throughout both halves, and, while the Princeton team was clearly outplayed, the score would have been considerably closer had it not been for Smith's excellent defense of Yale's goal. Yale scored twice in the first half, both goals being shot by Bronson. In the second half Bronson made the other three of Yale's goals and Poe made Princeton's only score.

The teams lined up as follows: Yale—Goal, Smith; point, Brock; coverpoint, Coxe; forwards, Bronson, Inman, Campbell, and Walworth; Princeton—Goal, Paull; point, Ford; coverpoint, Little; forwards, Ogden, Homans, Alexander and Poe.

Harvard Athletic Association.

In order to further reduce the cost of membership in the two boat clubs and the price of admission for the students, to the various athletic contests held in Cambridge, it has been decided by the Athletic Association at Harvard, to issue tickets for \$5.00, entitling the holder to the following privileges: 1. Membership in either the Weld or Newell Boat Clubs; 2. Admission to all football games in Cambridge, including those with Yale and Pennsylvania; 3. Admission to all baseball games in Cambridge, including those with Yale and Princeton and Pennsylvania; 4. Admission to all track games in Cambridge, including those with Yale; 5. Preference in the choice of seats on the observation train at New London.

The advantages thus given to Harvard men are great, but it means that the receipts for Yale-Harvard games held in Cambridge are going to be greatly reduced, while the receipts from such games held in New Haven remain as before. The Baseball Association officers of the two universities will meet in a week or two to complete plans for three games, and the matter will, no doubt, be adjusted with satisfaction to all.

The Yale Idea in Architecture.

To the Editor of YALE ALUMNI WEEKLY:

Sir: The plans of the proposed new University buildings which you published last week come as a comforting reassurance to us, the elder brothers in the great fellowship of sons of Yale, reminding us that while the men in control of our beloved University may change, yet the time-honored habits of thought and of action remain as our inalienable heritage.

The custom which these most costly buildings will beautifully illustrate is of course that unique practice which reached an almost perfect recognition under the last administration, of making in every new building not merely a complete departure from all precedents established for academic structures, but a striking contrast with every other building of the University.

The noble and uplifting purpose of this scheme now so well established, is clearly to make our alma mater educational in her outer garments as well as at her stout heart—to broder upon the hem of her flowing gown the history of architecture, so that the youth of the land may see before them daily the curious specimens of a vast museum of styles from every land and age, not arranged with a stiff and formal beauty, but set side by side in a way to impress the most phlegmatic with a sense of novelty. With a sturdy refusal to blink at unpleasant facts, the rulers of Yale have recognized that there have been many unlovely styles of building, and that there will be many more, and have included, with astonishing success, representatives of most of the atrocious styles of the past, and, let us hope, of all of those of the future.

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What a beautiful example are the proposed buildings of this careful plan! Utterly unlike anything now included in the collection, they belong to what may almost be called the basest period of French architecture and are inseparably connected with that court life which the Revolution so justly destroyed, and which is so immeasurably remote from our Yale ideals. With the help of this unexpected stimulus to the imagination, I can see the guiding purpose carried on through the years, with a Chinese pagoda smiling across College street at this Louis Seize palace, while on the High street side of the new quadrangle, will rise a thirty story steel dormitory, representing the present advancement of the fine arts in New York. Some worthy successor of the deceased builder of the old Tombs will doubtless be employed to build a bright and cheerful hall after the manner of the Hall of Columns at Karnak; while opposite Battell Chapel will rise an Aztec teocalli.

But, Mr. Editor, this is a time for action, not for words; for subscriptions, not for sentiment, because the hour is ripe for perpetuating these truly remarkable designs.

The influence of Vanderbilt Hall, with its adherence to tradition and regard for beauty and its purpose, has been steadily undermining the settled habits of thought of those Yale men, young and old, who have seen that noble building; and there is now a large party in the University ready to abandon the custom of change and to welcome a series of buildings which should be under similar limitations as to design, and which should always suggest the still air of delightful studies. The discontent of this well meaning but mistaken class over this new splendor of Parisian gorgeousness is growing; and if it is not checked soon by the breaking of ground for building it may grow into a storm of protest. If delay should unhappily be permitted, perhaps some such tiresome and decadent person as Mr. Cady Eaton, who has had the effrontery to suggest that Osborn Hall does not very vividly suggest its scholastic purpose, will rise and urge that these magnificent buildings will be out of harmony with their surroundings, entirely devoid of academic character, and base in detail; and who, Mr. Editor, will be able to contradict him?

HENRY SELDEN BACON.

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The Harvard *Bulletin* publishes a table giving the official report of the illness in Harvard University during the year 1898-99. The report shows a decrease in contagious diseases and injuries, and attributes the decrease in the latter case to the "more intelligent management of athletics." The total number of cases were 2,705.

KNOX Spring Hats Are Ready.