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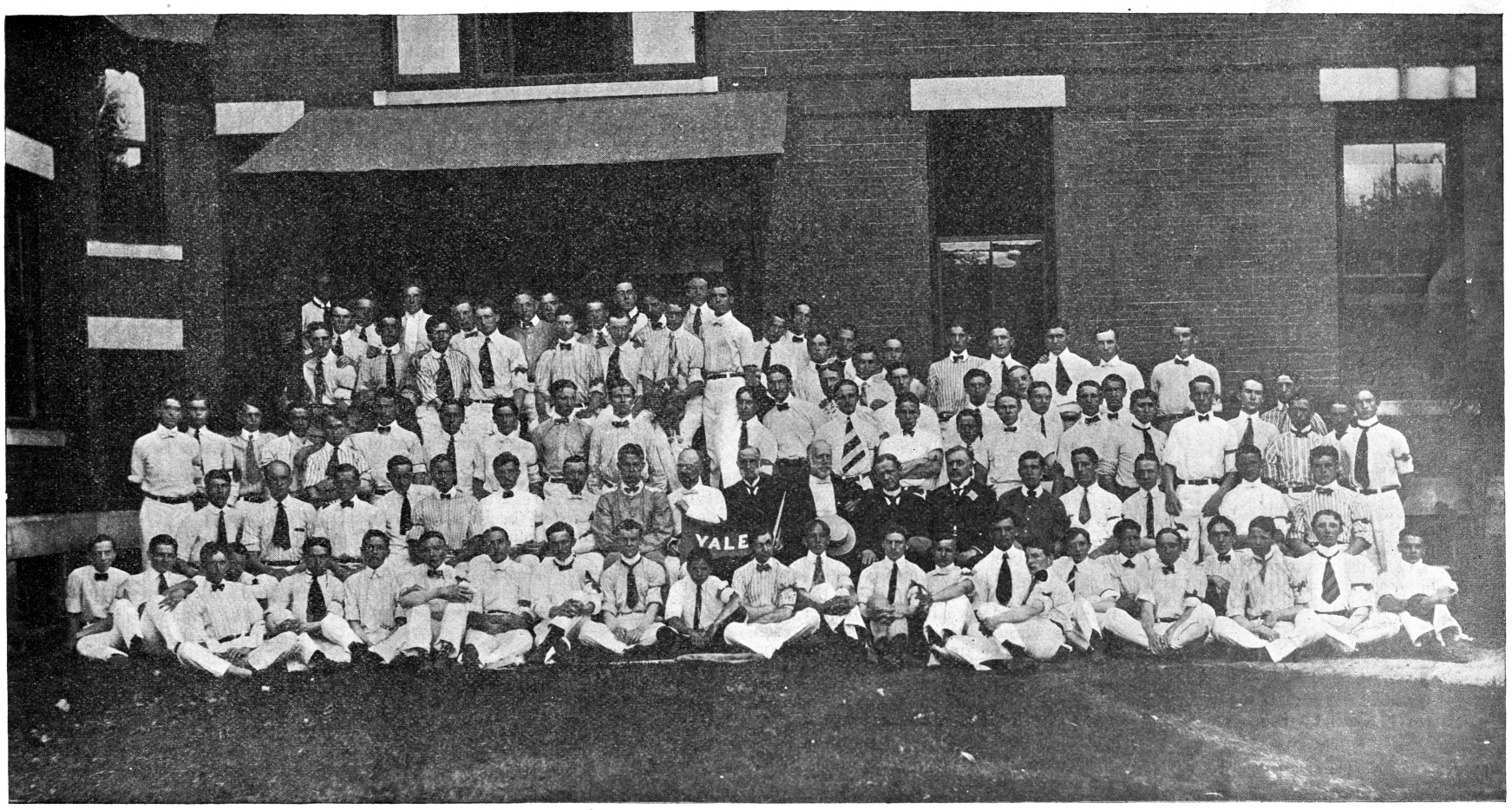
YALE'S NORTHFIELD DELEGATION.



MONEY FOR DEBATE.

Five Thousand Dollars from John W. Hendrie for Prizes.

One of Yale's most generous benefactors has recently turned his attention to the encouragement of the subject of debate, and, as a result, early this month the following was received at New Haven:

TREASURER YALE UNIVERSITY,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir:

Please find inclosed check for five thousand dollars ($5,000) as a fund for prizes to promote debating.

Yours very respectfully,
(Signed) JOHN W. HENDRIE.

The form of the letter leaves the amount and character of the prizes to be decided later. It seems to express the wish of the donor that the encouragement which he desires to give to the art of debating at Yale should go in the form of prizes, although whether this shall prove to be his definite desire in the matter is not yet clear. There is a very great difference of opinion among those interested in the subject as to how it can best be encouraged.

However, the term prize might include a great many things, and there is little doubt that the final arrangement of the matter will be satisfactory to the best and wisest of the friends of debate.

Incoming Freshman Classes.

According to figures now in hand it appears that the incoming Freshman Class in the Academic Department will be about 358. This is a gain of 24 over what the figures showed the same time last year. There are yet, of course, the September examinations, which may change the above number somewhat. The number of candidates taking the final examinations in June was 407. At the present writing 308 candidates have taken the preliminary examinations, of which number 241 passed successfully.

From the June figures in the Scientific School it is estimated that the entering Class there will be about 10 per cent. greater than last year, or about 205. There was a slight increase in the number of candidates who took the final examinations over last year.

Buildings at Yale.

The contract for building the Yale dining hall, one of the Bi-centennial group, was awarded to Norcross Bros. of Worcester, Mass., about the midddle of July, the cost for the completed work being approximately $300,000. Work has progressed far enough for the laying of the cornerstone, which will probably take place some time next week. The dining hall, as described in the Bi-centennial building issue of the ALUMNI WEEKLY, Jan. 31, 1900, last, will be on Grove Street facing the cemetery. Its dimensions are: length, 200 feet; breadth 60 feet, and height 60 feet. It will contain over 10,000 square feet of room. The interior of the hall will be chiefly of masonry, simple in design, with high windows so that memorial tablets may be placed upon the walls underneath them. The material for the building will be light Indiana limestone and the general style that of the Renaissance.

Work was begun on the Fayerweather Hall foundations shortly after July 1, and has been pushed so rapidly that a portion of the exterior walls are up to the first floor. Sperry & Treat of New Haven, who have done much building for Yale, have the contract.

Fayerweather Hall is to be a companion building to White, but will be by no means its exact counterpart. There will be much more stone in its construction than in White. In the central division, the face will be largely stone with brick panels. This will also be true of the end adjoining Elm Street. The central division of the building, instead of being carried up a half story, as is that in White, will be a full story, giving equally large dormitory rooms there.

The exterior masonry of Hendrie Hall, the Law School front, was completed several weeks ago and the plasterers and steam fitters are at present at work in the interior. Another month will see the building about ready for occupancy.

The new hall of the Book and Snake Society at the corner of Grove and High Street, is nearing completion, as far as the exterior is concerned, only a portion of the roof remaining unfinished. It is built of white Vermont marble and even in its incompleteness makes a very handsome appearance. Its dimensions are 40 feet by 70 feet.

The new $13,000 addition to the University Club is almost ready for the roof and will surely be complete by the time College opens. A cut of the completed building and a description of it was printed in the WEEKLY in the issue of June 20.

The carpenters have finished the rooms for the Campus post office in North College and everything is in readiness for the beginning of the new service when College opens, September 27.

YALE AT NORTHFIELD.

A Very Large Delegation—A Sketch of the Life There.

The Northfield Students' Conference, which lasted from June 29 to July 9, saw the usual large proportion of Yale men present, one hundred and twenty-six men representing this University. Princeton was next with forty. A total of six hundred students attended this, which was the fifteenth annual conference. These Yale men took part:

Platform speakers— Rev. Dr. R. A. Torrey, '75, of Chicago; Rev. Dr. W. R. Richards, '75, of Plainfield; Rev. H. P. Beach, '78, of China; Mr. A. B. Williams, Jr., '98, of Scranton; Mr. John R. Mott, M.A., 1899; Mr. Robert E. Speer, M.A., 1900; Mr. W. R. Moody, '91; Mr. P. D. Moody, 1901.

Missionary Institute Leaders—Mr. H. P. Beach, '78; Mr. F. M. Gilbert, '98.

Normal Bible Class Leaders—Mr. W. D. Murray, '80; H. B. Wright, '98.

The athletics were in charge of Howard Richards, 1900 S., of last year's Yale Eleven: Roy Clark, Captain of Brown University Baseball Team; Gardner, stroke of University of Pennsylvania Crew, and Waite of Syracuse, a Mott Haven sprinter.

Yale won the track meet by an overwhelming margin. A. H. Richardson, 1901, captained the team. Princeton won in baseball and tennis.

At the Fourth of July demonstration Hon. Luther Laflin Mills of Chicago, father of Matthew Mills, 1900, gave the patriotic address.

The total number of Yale men, graduate and undergraduate, present was 125, as follows:

Graduates—R. C. Morse, '62; R. A. Torrey, '75; W. R. Richards, '75; W. D.