Freshman Declamatory Contest.

The debate of the evening was on the proposition that the ward system in municipal government should be abolished. The affirmative were chosen from the three leading colleges, while the negative was taken from the fifteen Declamation contests. The debate took place in the afternoon, and the best eight were chosen for the affirmative. Municipal charters were framed as though cities were small towns and the states as metropolitan. The affirmative was to construct the ward system, while the negative would also bring about a substitute. The affirmative was to our representative on the floor, and they were to be the ward that is the home of corruption. The argument for the negative was taken up by J. S. Nelson. The affirmative not only must prove the necessity of the ward system, but must also bring about a substitute. The ward system is to our municipal government and charges somewhat with us to the national government. A place of honor is the particular society; so the two are favor, and the society's work would still have to act legislatively more cumbersome, and no need to take the matter; that would be too much influenced by the circumstances of the moment. The debate was closed by G. H. Messenger. The students of the year one country more than all others represent the sentiment and future of mankind. At the end of the nineteenth century over the claims of European nations this that has been centuries in their formation. The program was closed with a vocal solo by Miss Wood.

The question of how much outside work should be undertaken is a perplexing one to students. This is especially true of this country, for the present American tendency to organize is no where more manifest than in our schools and colleges. To the extent that the idea carried that every school of any considerable size possesses a score or more of societies and associations—literary, athletic, club, and political. These are good of themselves. Each drills its officers and committees in executive work. Each offers to its membership certain opportunities of development and growth. This training is valuable. In the literary society, for instance, the student views the world as a miniature. Then he competes on equal terms with the same minds he must be forced to meet after life. He is shown upon his own resources. He learns self-reliance. Above all he finds things real. Too much to be the class room with its artificial air and matters by arid standards; taken by itself it is a study of the lives of men. The literary society is the class of like organization for which it may be taken to stand do something to give school the practical coloring. In Haverford the teachers not too much to say that, for the future citizens of a free government like ours and ours, these incidents will do as much as the regular curriculum. That they are more abundant for the this country than elsewhere and proves our greater need of them. They are an index of our national life. They are both the cause and the result of a political system which requires a high capability of self-government. Max O'Kearney was astonished to find such societies in the English universities and declared that they could not be carried on by French students. Nor would they be possible among us if our fore-fathers had acquired and handed down to us the art of self-government. But such agencies are only incidental. They cannot form the framework of any adequate preparation for life. In this they do not, and cannot, yield their choicest fruit to that student who habitually weakens the preparation of his regular work for their make. Neither can they accomplish a great deal for him who is seriously deficient in a range of general reading. In short, their use is beneficial, their absence harmful. To decide what and how much to undertake in this line, must be a very particular. The important point is that each student should make up his own mind, and not be too much influenced by the circumstances of the moment. Lord Northmore's "Close of the Nineteenth Century" was the subject of a speech by G. N. Briggs. At the close of every century many more than all others represent the sentiment and future of mankind. America, though a country only a hundred years old, holds position at the end of the nineteenth century over the claims of European nations this that has been centuries in their formation. The program was closed with a vocal solo by Miss Wood.

Harvard has quite a wealth of base ball pitchers this spring, three of them being freshmen who bring with them good scholastic reputations. With this unity, 99, comes from Groton school and is bound to mark his mark in Harvard athletics. He is strongly built, apt to learn, and is bound to make his mark in Harvard athletics. He came near making the "varsity" base ball team last autumn as a pitcher. He is said to be the speediest of all the new Harvard pitchers, has good curves, but as yet finds it difficult to control the ball. Mais, 99, is next to Houghton in promise, and has a brother who pitched professionally last year in the New England league. At Mains was a student at Brown last year, he may not, under the Harvard eligibility rule, be allowed to play this spring. Clarkson, 99, is a member of the family of the well known professionals; and if there is anything in a name ought to point us well. Thompson, 99, is another new man who, if not deferred by the eligibility rule, will make a strong bid for the team. He is the regular pitcher on the Yale Freshman team last spring, but has transferred his affections to Harvard. The class of '91 at Yale thus becomes somewhat familiar to us in the history of Yale athletics, having had two good athletes have the class and to rival college that have been in their Freshman year, and after having practiced for Yale--Ex.

The Pennsylvania Courier offers a $1 prize to the one who gets the most friends, by paid subscriptions or political advertisements. It also pays a commission on all collections. Here is one college paper that has come to stay.--Ex.

College Notes.

A bicycle company is to be formed among freshmen for the use of its members. The company will be drilled in cavalry movements. A new departure is likely to be made in Harvard foot ball next fall. The college will line up for actual play but three times a week, alterna
tively being given to some light form of exercise as different from actual foot ball as can be devised.

Robert Edgren, of the University of California, on Sunday, March 9, threw the sixteen pound hammer a distance of one hundred and forty-five feet and seven inches, breaking all collegiate and world's records. The record was held by Mitchell, N. A. C., one hundred and forty-five feet.

Four universities have recently selected Washington as their home. The Roman Catholic University of the United States, the Methodist National University, the Baptist Colombian University, and the American University and several more that are to be and Washington will be an Ameri
can university.

After some discussion, the Yale Freeeman Union and the Harvard Freshman Union, who have decid
ed to insert the word "sewing" in the question chosen by the Harvard Union, have also decided to insert the word "sewing" in the question chosen by the Harvard Union, on May 15. The question now reads: "Resolved, that there should be a department of home science in the sea-going navy of the United States." The Yale Union has chosen the nega
tive of this question.
Some time ago, it will perhaps be remembered, several institutions in the State conceived an idea that they were confiding and prosperous rivals of the State University. The number, of course, naturally decreased in proportion to the dissemination of truth, but though the facts are now changed the substantial effects remain about the same, and sordid journals, which really are very good papers in their way, are constantly assuming a tone toward us in keeping with their former pretensions. An illustration of the above may be found in a recent publication of one of these papers, which we are again constrained to say is a good paper, where, in recounting the exploits of a glee club, which the same good paper says, and undoubtedly says truthfully, was wondrous successful, the writer takes occasion to observe the fact that "Some S. U. students present made ludicrous spectacles of themselves." It appears that the "ludicrous spectator" related to manifestations of loyalty to S. U. embodied in our most respectable and eminently proper yea. Of course we can readily perceive that such a demonstration might receive the disapproval of any dispassionate person who happened to be present, but we are not inclined to think that the matter was of sufficient importance to materially injure any one not thus unfortunate, particularly, as the attempt alleged ended in its manifestation. It is not a characteristic of S. U. students to fail in any attempts at giving the yell, and we might legitimately state the fact as a cause for a doubt as to the statement being true. However, that may be, it is eminently true that owing to the sort of ferlined rivalry which we have spoken of, it brings very little to bring forth from certain of our exchanges these words of "rejoice and criticism." Illustrative of nothing so much as the truth of our opening observation and the intensity of a foolish envy whose worst characteristic is that it is hopeless, yet dies slowly.

The expense of sending the Yale crew to the Henley regatta will be about $10,000. It is to be subscribed by alumni and other graduates.

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Kendal, '99, after a week's illness, is somewhat better. His mother has been with him for the last few days. W. E. Bruns, L. 98, of the law firm of Birdwell & Bruns of Beulah, Iowa, is visiting the University and collecting material for his thesis.

Mr. C. W. Neal, of Stuart, IA, while on his way from Chicago, spent yesterday with his son, a member of '99, who accompanied his father home last night to visit over Sunday.

Truman S. Kitchen, a graduate of the Law Department, was found dead near Williamsburg, Thursday. He had been hunting and was overcome by the storm of Wednesday.

Secretary Hobbs, of the State Athletic Association, is in receipt of a communication from L. A. C. stating that C. C. Mills has been elected president of the association, in place of German, resigned, and that as far as known, the next Field Meet will be held in Marshalltown.

Knox College, of Illinois, has adopted a novel and very profitable method of debating. The plan is to have the debate purely extemporaneous. That is, instead of the debaters having carefully written speeches, they shall speak extemporaneously on a subject which has been announced but a short time before the debate takes place. This gives them time for general reading and preparation on the subject, but they are not allowed to commit anything to writing. This system has one great advantage, i.e., it is similar to the way in which a man is called upon in active life, and consequently a much better drill for public speaking than the plan of having a stereotyped address. -Ex.

Notice. There will be a meeting of the class of '98 at Class Hall Tuesday, April 14, at 4:30 p.m. F. W. Brown, President.

Oxford University has an annual income of $6,000,000.

Wisconsin has been admitted to the Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

The Yale-Henley crew will sail on the American Line, Berlin, on June 6th.

Beginning with next fall, each class entering the Yale Medical school will be required to complete a four-years' course before graduation.

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Boggs, who holds Princeton's record for the broad jump, and who was winner of Princeton's only point in last year's intercollegiate championships; Goldthwaite, who holds the Brown title of 1898 and a record of 22.2 seconds, and has made that distance in St. Lyne, the winner of many hurdle races, and the fastest man on the Princeton College this style of racing, and Goodman, who won the two-mile bicycle race at the intercollegiate meet of 1898, have been notified by the Princeton faculty that, because of deficiency in studies, they cannot represent Princeton athletics this year. This is a severe blow to Princeton.

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