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FOOTBALL.

Something Wrong with the Great American Game.

Kent Hubbard Asks for Open Plays and Less Roughness.

Among the best friends of foot-ball in all the colleges is the opinion that there is something radically wrong with the game. At the close of every season for the last half-dozen years there has been an outburst of hostile criticism but this year it has been more sweeping than ever before. Not only the method of play, but its position in college life has been criticized. In spite of the fact that the attendance at the Yale-Harvard game was 35,000 people and that there were 30,000 at the Army-Navy game, it is nevertheless true that football is becoming monotonous because of the tendency to mass plays and the elimination of light fast players. This was especially true of the Yale-Harvard match. Foot-ball is becoming a one-sided sport which will soon be little better than tedious to watch. Among other suggestions it has been proposed to lengthen the distance to be gained in three downs to ten yards, forcing the teams to punt more often.

Then there is no question but that the sport is growing too big and has assumed a position all out of proportion to its real value as an element in college life. The average foot-ball player on a college team has more public notice and undergraduate attention than is good for him. For weeks before the final game he is the most conspicuous man on the campus and is not only admired but babied. The college body turns out every afternoon to see him practice and talk nothing but foot-ball to him until he gets the idea that there is nothing else of importance in his college life. In one of the larger universities the undergraduates were cautioned not to whistle or sing on the campus at night for fear that they might disturb the rest of that universities' foot-ball team. The newspapers too assume that the general public is just as interested as the college body.

To eliminate this publicity to some extent it has been proposed not to sell seats at the games, although it is by this revenue in the larger colleges at least that the track team and crews are supported, for it is thought that if the game produced no revenue it would lose its fictitious importance and would depend for its support purely on the personal contributions of those who love it.

As has been said these criticisms have been made by those who are not hostile to the sport by any means, but foot-ball needs a reform and it is not easy to move the rules committee for the reason that the most influential members are coaches of big foot-ball teams and have been developing their style of

play under the present rules and it is thought that if they do not remove the objectionable features that now mar it they will force the ultimate authorities and university life to take the matter out of their hands.

Among persons prominent in athletics who have been consulted on this subject by the "Tribune" are Walter Camp of Yale, Professor Young of Cornell, ex-Captain Morley of Columbia, Trainer Robinson of Princeton, Professor Nicholson of Wesleyan and E. Kent Hubbard, Jr. of Trinity. Mr. Hubbard was one of the best athletes Trinity has ever had. He played guard on the team from 1888 to 1892, made the All-America team and is president of the Alumni Advisory Committee of the Athletic Association. He said: "Foot-ball is and always must be a typical American game on account of the strenuousness necessary for the highest attainment of the sport. It is, as it always must be a strong and rough game, and played by young men and boys of good physical condition. It can be improved, in my opinion, only by making the plays more open and restricting the number of men who advance the ball. I believe the best results in eliminating roughness can be attained only by the directors or committees under whose supervision the team plays. One or two bad tempers and a general idea of 'smashing the other fellow' tend more to make the game rough than the actual chances involved in playing the game. I believe that a general sentiment against roughness can alone reduce it. Penalize men in practice for roughness, and in a contest they will have this in mind as much as they do 'off side.' Make the linemen play on the line, and restore the open plays with long passes."

Reception to Bishop Brewster.

Bishop Brewster gave a short address at the musical service on Sunday evening, following, in his remarks, his sermon of the morning. He dwelt on patience in the doing of ordinary duties.

At six o'clock the College body and friends assembled in the "Old Commons," and sat down together to supper. A large number were present. Trinity banners and pennants hung in long rows above the tables, and sprigs of holly, tied with blue and gold ribbon, served as souvenirs.

After supper, and the singing of "Neath the Elms," the company assembled in the library to severally greet the Bishop.

Wesleyan Football Captain.

Arthur K. Dearborn, '06 of Middletown has been elected captain of the Wesleyan foot-ball team. He is the best all-round athlete at Wesleyan and has made his letter in all four branches of athletics and has the biscus record, 119 feet, 3½ inches. He is 19 years old, is six feet one and one half inches, and weighs 184 pounds. His position is right tackle.

CHARACTER.

The Subject of Bishop Brewster's Sermon.

The Bishop Exhorts to Faithfulness in Little Things.

As the second special preacher for the year, the Rt. Rev. C. B. Brewster, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese, delivered the sermon at the morning service in the college chapel Sunday, and also made a brief address at the five o'clock musical service.

Bishop Brewster's sermon was practical and helpful in tone and of the kind appreciated by college men. His texts were from the Epistle for the day and Luke 16:10—"It is required of stewards that a man be found faithful." and, "He that is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much." Continuing, the Bishop spoke in part somewhat as follows: "Remember that it is not what a man does in this world that counts, but what he is. Character is of first consideration, not even conduct exceeds it. It is faithfulness in little things that makes character. 'Little things,' said our Lord, but he did not mean insignificant. Duties are never trifles. If a man is neglectful of small duties, he is liable to have a weak spot which like the hole in the masonry that let in the flood, may nullify all his good qualities.

"Character is a process. Just as an act oft repeated becomes a habit, so also an accustomed line of thought becomes unconsciously fixed, and deep down in the obscure regions of our complex nature, a portion of our character is formed. It is like the coral reef. Little by little, quietly and unseen, the reef is built, until finally it emerges, strong and immovable.

"Character grows unconsciously yet the shape it takes is almost wholly within our control, and it is the little things to which we must give attention. It is the little courtesies, and self-denials, and punctualities in word and act, that make the gentleman. The patient doing of little duties is what develops us." In your patience you shall win your souls."

"Loftiness of soul never despises lowly duties. Milton affords an illustration. Wordsworth addresses the following lines to him in a sonnet:

"We are selfish men.
Oh, raise us up, return to us again
And give us manners, virtue, freedom,
power.
Thy soul was like a star and dwelt
apart;
Thou hadst a voice whose sound
was like the sea.
Pure as the naked heavens, majestic,
free.
So didst thou travel on on life's common
way.
In cheerful godliness, and yet thy
heart,
The lowliest duties on herself didst
lay."

COLLEGE CALENDAR.

Tuesday, Dec. 13—Mandolin Club practice, 8 p. m., Alumni Hall; Glee Club rehearsal, 8 p. m., Alumni Hall.

Wednesday, Dec. 14.—Second of series of interclass basket ball games; 1905 vs. 1908 and 1906 vs. 1907; 4 p. m.

Thursday, Dec. 15—Glee and Mandolin Club rehearsals; second set of senior and junior themes due; Debating Club meets, 7 p. m.

Friday, Dec. 16—Final games in interclass basketball series; 1905 vs. 1906 and 1907 vs. 1908, 4 p. m.

Concert by Musical Clubs at Newtown, Conn., 8 p. m.

Tuesday, Dec. 20—Christmas vacation begins at 1 p. m.

Jan. 10, 1905—Christmas vacation ends at 5.45 p. m.

"Christian living is not negative. When we pray 'Thy will be done,' we are not to pray in a spirit of resignation, but rather in a spirit of consecration. We should endeavor to know the Lord's will, and do it. It is not enough to sit passive under misfortunes,—true Christian living implies action. 'Let patience have her perfect work', but remember that 'patience' means manful perseverance against conditions and circumstances.

"While paying careful attention to little things we must not allow ourselves to 'become little. Littleness brings smug self-conceit. But there is little danger of self-conceit among college men. The broad horizon they behold and the high ideals set before them prevent littleness. Our ideals must always be a little higher than our attainment if we are to grow. 'A man's ideals must exceed his reach, or what is Heaven for!

"Let faithfulness be your watchword, and remember that loyalty is another word for faithfulness—loyalty to the Son of God. With Faith and Loyalty in your hearts will you approach the holy Eucharist with the greatest joy and humility. View this life as an opportunity for growth. Let Christ lead and inspire you; and yours will be the assurance, 'Thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will set thee over many things.'"

INTERCOLLEGIATE NOTES.

Cambridge won over Oxford in the recent annual cross-country run. The best time was 42 min., 17½ sec. W. E. Schutt, of Cornell University, the Rhodes scholar of Oxford was fifth.

The Holy Cross baseball management has succeeded in securing the Yale College team for the opening attraction in the spring on the new athletic field in Worcester.

The American Rhodes Scholarship students showed up very well in the recent Freshman sports at Oxford. Schutt, the former Cornell runner, won the half mile, mile and two-mile runs.

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ATTENTION, FRESHMEN!!

Freshmen! If you did not know it before you will notice in this issue of the "Tripod" that the basketball team representing your class was defeated on Saturday evening. Did you know that out of a class of sixty men, only fourteen attended the game and seven of them were in basket ball togs? This was a disgrace to your class and also to the college. The visitors set you a good example by bringing with them thirty or more supporters. Do you realize what this means? It simply signifies that you are lacking in class, and as a result, in college spirit, or else you are extremely careless.

The first thing a man is supposed to acquire upon entering college is class spirit. This is the result of a series of combats, or rushes, in which your class is fitted against another class. You learn then that you are a member of an organization,—imperfect, of necessity, at first. You fight because you want that organization to win. You learn, or should learn, to have a love for this body of men who are struggling for the same thing as you. The class victories are your victories and you rejoice in them. In a college body such as ours, it is almost imperative that you first acquire this kind of spirit. Your association with your classmates give you class spirit—your association with members of other classes shows you that they also have class spirit, but that they also have a stronger spirit, known as college spirit. After reflection you realize that your class is only a part of a larger whole, and you learn to value and appreciate this whole. When you rejoice because you are a member of this whole, then you have acquired college spirit. The two spirits co-mingle and are a necessity the one to the other.

In order to have college spirit of the right kind you must also have class spirit of the right kind. Just as you are expected to attend college games, so also are you expected to attend games in which your class is contesting. Your poor attendance in

the recent games was probably due to the relaxation after the worries and troubles of the previous week, but do not let it happen again. When your class teams are entered in any contest, support them to the best of your ability. Be loyal to your class and you will be loyal to the college. You have the material, 1908, from which you can form a fine class, and we think that, having been reminded of your duty along this line, you will set about to make up the deficiencies of the past.

FRESHMEN BEATEN.

South Manchester High 30; Freshmen 13.

The Freshmen basket ball team was easily defeated on Saturday evening by the South Manchester High School team, the final score being 30 to 13. The visitors clearly outclassed the freshmen, and won on their merits, being far superior in goal shooting and passing. The game itself was devoid of interest, owing to the sleepy game played by the freshmen. For the visitors Olsen played the star game, while Pond and Madden did fairly good work for 1908.

The summary:

| S. M. H. S. | position | 1908. |
|-------------|----------|---------|
| Crocket | r. f. | Porter |
| Olsen | l. f. | Stevens |
| Davis | c. | Madden |
| Hickey | r. g. | Pond |
| Wright | l. g. | Budd |

Goals, Olsen 8, Wright 2, Hickey 1, Pond 2; goals from fouls, Pond 9, Olsen 4. Referee, Mr. Velte; umpire, Mr. H. C. Tuttle; timers, Messrs. Anderson and Butts. Time of halves, 15 minutes each.

The honor system at Wesleyan is a success. As a result that the faculty has this year granted more complete self-government to the undergraduates. The senate bears the responsibility of preventing the destruction of college property, keeping north college in peace and quiet, and of repressing the youthful exuberance of Freshmen and Sophomores. A recent report of a senate sub-committee adopted by the senate stated that, "It is the sentiment of the committee that no class society initiate shall be padded by any non-society man."

There is only one "co-ed" in the Freshman class at Wesleyan.

A picture was taken at the Freshman Junior banquet, and a very good proof has been submitted by the photographers.

TRINITY CALENDAR.

A new variety of Trinity calendar will be out this week. It consists of four very effective poster pictures illustrating the two main features of college life—Athletics and Loafing. Since the calendar is decidedly Trinity in its character, it will make an excellent Christmas present, or a noteworthy addition to the decoration of any room. Copies may be obtained at 12 Northam Towers, price, \$1. Mail orders will be promptly attended to.

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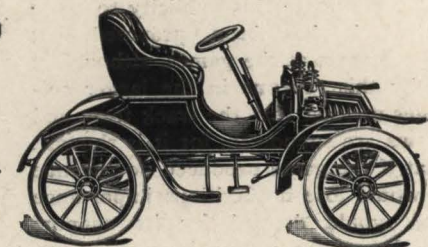
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FRESHMEN STATISTICS.

The Class Ahead of 1907 in Strength Tests—Madden, the Strong Man.

The following statistics of the Freshman class, gleaned from the physical examination made by Mr. Velte, may be of interest. The average height is 5 ft. 7¾ in.

The tallest man is Buck, with 6 ft. 9-10 in. to his credit. The shortest man is Berman, with 5 ft. 2 in.

The average weight is 136.5 pounds. The heaviest man is Wentworth, who weighs 169.5 pounds. Maplesden is the lightest, with 100.75 pounds.

The average chest measure, normal, is 34.5 inches. Wentworth stretched the tape to 38.7 inches. Skelton has the greatest expansion, from normal, 3.15 inches.

The biggest head is Wrisley's, which measures 23.6 inches.

The class shows up very well in the strength tests, averaging 551.5. The class of 1907 last year averaged 521.1. Madden is by far the strongest man in the class, with 925.4 points. This is the best showing ever made by a Freshman. The nearest approach was Eaton, '95, whose tests showed 828. The best man in 1907 was Smart, with 779.5. Two other Freshmen also have high ratings. Olmsted has 811.3 and Wentworth, 753.2. It is quite possible that Madden, before he graduates, will equal the college record of 1309, now held by E. S. Merriam, '02. The strongest man in college now is Bulkley, with 1095.

Meeting of Debating Club.

The same subject for debate as that discussed in the previous meeting of the Debating Club was taken up last Thursday night at a meeting of that organization. This subject is, "Resolved that the man who refuses to join a trade union acts to the detriment of the best interests of his country."

The Club met in the History room with President Harriman in the chair. The debate was this time conducted entirely by freshmen, the leaders for the affirmative being Berman and Maplesden, for the negative Corbett and Phillips. The speeches were limited to five minutes each, and each side was allowed a rebuttal of three minutes.

The affirmative maintained that this country needs a more equal distribution of wealth. Everything depends upon it. A trade union is a great power in this direction. Many skilled men are hurting the unions by refusing to join and are thus acting detrimental to the country's best interests. The negative argued that trade unions as they exist today are in bad shape, but the affirmative claimed this state of affairs is brought about by the very fact that a good many men who should join refuse to do so.

The latest statistics show the enrollment of the principal universities for 1904 to be as follows: Harvard, 6,013; Columbia, 4,056; Chicago, 4,146; Northwestern, 4,007; Michigan, 3,726; California, 3,690; Illinois, 3,661; Minnesota, 3,550; Cornell, 3,438; Wisconsin, 3,221; Yale, 2,990; Pennsylvania, 2,664; Syracuse, 2,207; Princeton, 1,383; Leland Stanford, Jr., 1,370.

ALUMNI NOTES.

'76, '89—R. H. Schutz, '89, has been elected secretary of the Smyth Manufacturing Co., and William C. Skinner, '76, has been elected a director.

'03—H. B. Carpenter has secured a position with the New York office of Bradstreet Co.

The alumni visitors for the past week have been: J. M. Brainard, '84; O. T. Paine, '96.

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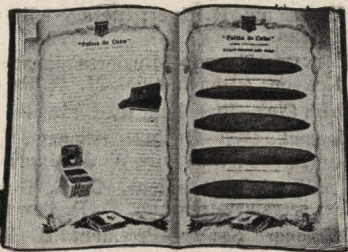
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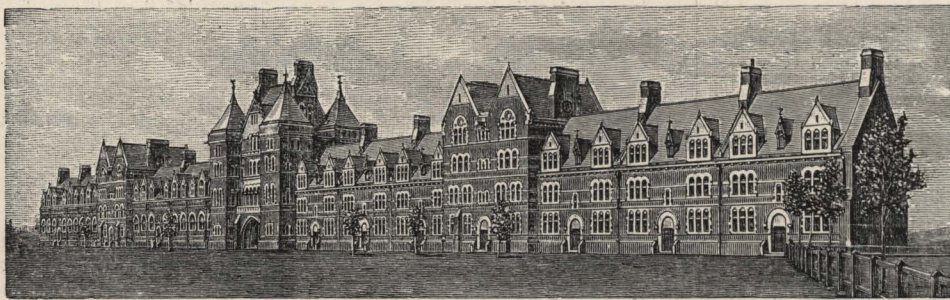
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