

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

The physical directors of the principal universities and colleges of the United States will hold their fourth annual convention at New Haven December 29 and 30.

Dr. Anderson, director of athletics at Yale, denounces the system of engaging professional college trainers, and his view will be enthusiastically echoed from many quarters.

The University of Georgetown is becoming enthusiastic over rowing. The faculty has voted permission to the students to take part in the aquatic sport and the students expect to have a fast eight in the Poughkeepsie race. The Potomac river affords the university a good course for practice, and with a competent coach Georgetown expects to be soon among the fastest crews.

The University of Illinois has secured a Princeton coach for next year's foot ball season in the person of "Fred" Smith, the veteran head graduate coach of the Tigers. Smith will have full charge of the team and Illinois will try hard to regain her standing among the first teams of the country.

The University of Chicago congregation by a vote of 20 to 16 have decided to use and advocate the new spelling adopted by the national educational association. The vote implies the use of reform spelling in a number of magazines and papers issued under the auspices of the university.

At a mass meeting of the students of Columbia university held last week the plan of consolidating the various athletic associations was adopted. At the head of the new association will be a board composed of alumni and undergraduates which will direct affairs. Under this will be an executive committee, consisting of the captains, managers and assistant managers of the different teams, which will arrange all meets and games.

President Harper of the University of Chicago announced at the quarterly convocation this week that the university had received \$3,370,000 in donations. Mr. Rockefeller four years ago promised to give dollar for dollar, up to \$2,000,000, of every contribution Chicago should receive before 1900—a limit now extended to April 1. Within the past year \$550,000 has been added to the \$1,135,000 reported last January.

The American humane society has offered \$700 in prizes to undergraduate students of colleges and medical schools for best essays on vivisection. Either men or women are eligible in the contest. All essays must be submitted by April 15, 1900. Terms, literature or necessary particulars on the subject may be had by addressing Francis H. Rowley, D. D., No. 163 Winter street, Fall River, Mass. The first prize is \$300; second, \$200; third, \$125, and fourth, \$75.

Yale has been especially fortunate this year in receiving gifts. The Stokes family of New York has lately made a splendid gift of a half million dollars to be used for the erection of a new administration building. Three other new buildings were voted by the Yale corporation, the funds for which are being subscribed by Yale alumni. They are an auditorium, a memorial vestibule and a dining hall. They will cost about \$2,000,000. Work on all the new buildings will be commenced at once and they will be completed in time for the Yale centennial.

"I fear you are forgetting me,"
She said in tones polite;
"I am, indeed, for getting you—
That's why I came tonight."

AMHERST PLAN.

The students of Amherst college some months ago proposed a new plan for self-government. They had tried the "senate" system, which clashed with the authority of the faculty, and failed. This plan forms a "student council," composed of the captain and manager of the foot ball team, the captains and managers of the base ball and athletic teams, the leader of the musical association, the president of the senior class and the officers of the Phi Beta Kappa society. The duties of this council will be: (1) To formulate and present all petitions from the student body to the faculty or trustees. (2) To deliberate on all student reforms proposed by a councillor or other interested person. (3) To keep college politics clean. (4) To confer with the faculty when desired to do so on any matter of college interest. (5) To use its influence to create a strong college spirit. (6) To appoint responsible field marshals for the foot ball and base ball games, who would lead the cheering and prevent any ungentlemanly conduct on the part of students or townsmen. (7) To see that the freshman-sophomore rivalry is not carried to a hurtful extent. (8) To see to all the small items of student business that are now neglected for want of a definite student executive committee.

GYMNASIUM NOTES.

Basket ball is becoming a prominent feature in the gymnasium. The class games which will be played this month will be as follows: Seniors vs. juniors, sophomore vs. freshmen, winners vs. winners. The intercollegiate games are being scheduled, the first to take place the last week of this month.

If the Lincoln Y. M. C. A. boys prove as great fiends at basket ball as they were in hoop ball the university team will have hard work for the honors.

The Y. M. C. A. hoop ball team did not lose a single game after the first, when the height of the hoops and smoothness of the gymnasium were both new to them.

Attention of all men wishing preliminary base ball work, also men intending to take spring track work, is called to the registration. Every person wishing either of the above must be registered for physical training.

Interest is still maintained in the preliminary events for the charter day athletic contest.

P. W. Jewett and H. C. Swallow are again in training.

The shot-put took place last Saturday. Jewett won first, throwing the twelve-pound shot thirty-eight feet and eleven and one-quarter inches; Plowhead second, thirty-six feet and nine and one-half inches; Mauck third, thirty-six feet and four inches; W. E. Anderson fourth, thirty-five feet and one and one-half inches.

The strength contest will begin Saturday, January 13, at the regular class hour.

A night class for gymnasium work has been provided for unregistered students and students whose work so conflicts that they cannot get in the regular day classes. The class meets Tuesday and Thursday at 7 o'clock.

Y. W. C. A., ATTENTION!

The Y. W. C. A. especially desires to have all dues in by the end of the semester. The dues are \$1 per year. It will greatly facilitate matters if each member will put her dues in the treasurer's box. This box will be found on the outside of the door of the Y. W. C. A. office at the west end of the hall, second floor, main building. A box of envelopes hangs beside it. Put your money in an envelope, write your name on the outside and drop the envelope in the cash box. Please attend to this as soon as possible.

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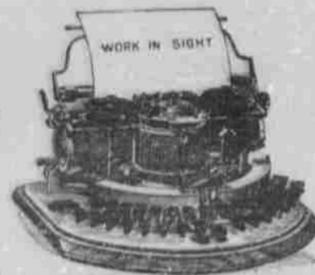
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