GILMAN SUCCEEDS SCHURZ.

HEAD OF JOHNS HOPKINS CHOSEN PRESIDENT OF THE CIVIL SERVICE REFORM LEAGUE.

The National Civil Service Reform League continued its twentieth annual meeting in this city yesterday. At an open session at the Carnegie Lyceum in the afternoon President Daniel C. Gilman of Johns Hopkins University was unanimously elected president of the league, and resolutions were adopted expressing regret that Carl Schurz had felt compelled to decline a re-election after eight years of zealous and efficient service. Mr. Schurz responded to the resolutions, and assured the League of the continuance of his efforts in the cause.

The officers of the League elected for 1901 are the following:

President—DANIEL COIT GILMAN.
Vice-presidents—CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS, Boston; JOSEPH H. CHOATE, New-York; GROVER CLEVELAND, Princeton; HENRY W. FARNAM, New-Haven; HENRY HITCHCOCK, St. Louis; HENRY CHARLES LEA, Philadelphia; SETH LOW, New-York; FRANKLIN MACVEAGH, Chicago; Bishop HENRY C. POTTER, New-York City; Archbishop P. J. RYAN, Philadelphia.
Secretary—GEORGE M'ANENY.
Assistant secretary—E. H. GOODWIN.
Treasurer—A. S. FRISSELL.
Members of the Council—MOORFIELD STOREY and W. W. VAUGHAN, Boston; RICHARD HENRY DANA and MORRILL WYMAN, Jr., Cambridge; WILLIAM A. AIKEN, Norwich; SILAS W. BURT, CHARLES COLLINS, RICHARD WATSON GILDER, S. H. ORDWAY, WILLIAM POTTS, CARL SCHURZ and EVERETT P. WHEELER, New-York; EDWARD CARY, WILLIAM G. LOW and EDWARD M. SHEPARD, Brooklyn; HENRY A. RICHMOND, Buffalo; CHARLES RICHARDSON, HERBERT WELSH, R. FRANCIS WOOD and CLINTON ROGERS WOODRUFF, Philadelphia; CHARLES J. BONAPARTE, GEORGE A. POPE and Dr. H. O. REIK, Baltimore; JOHN JOY EDSON and F. L. SIDDONS, Washington; CHARLES B. WILBY, Cincinnati; LUCIUS B. SWIFT, Indianapolis; WILLIAM D. FOULKE, Richmond, Ind.; JOHN W. ELA, Chicago; HENRY HITCHCOCK, St. Louis, and HENRY VAN KLEECK, Denver.

Papers were read by Henry Loomis Nelson, Hugo R. Meyer, of Harvard University, and Elliot H. Goodwin, of New-York. The league adopted resolutions declaring in part as follows:

At its last annual meeting the League protested against the President's order of May 29, 1899, exempting thousands of places from the competitive classified service and relaxing the safeguards of the service, not only because the order was wrong in principle as taking the first backward step, as encouraging the enemies of the merit system in their attacks, and as creating distrust of the President's faithfulness to his reform pledges, but also because it was certain to prove injurious to the service in its results. The year has shown that the step remains as unjustified in principle as ever, and that it has produced, in practical results, just the injuries to the service that were feared, as the reports of our committees on various branches of the service have proved. The League therefore asserts without hesitancy that the restoration of very nearly all the places in every branch of the service exempted from classification by this deplorable order is demanded by the public interest, and that the order itself should be substantially revoked.

At its last annual meeting the league further demanded that, if any alien lands should be brought under our National dominion, public offices therein should be consistently treated as a trust, to be administered for the sole benefit of their inhabitants, and declared that to abuse the public service of dependent provinces in the interest of American parties or politicians would constitute a crime against civilization and humanity, disgraceful to our Republic. As a safeguard against this shame and calamity it urged that, in the organization of any governments which might be established for such territories, adequate provision should be made for a non-partisan service, recruited through open competition and assured of promotion through merit, and of continued employment during good behavior and efficiency, and recorded its belief that the President alone, without additional legislation, had authority to make all reasonable regulations for executive appointments. The league now renews those declarations and demands. It has seen with great gratification the recent action of the Philippine Commission appointed by the President, which provides for the establishment of such a service in the Philippine Islands, as an important step in the right direction.

The league pronounces the action of a majority of the Civil Service Commission in refusing access to public records relating to matters of public concern, and in no wise confidential in their character, a violation of the right of citizens in a free country to learn from official sources how faithfully the public servants they pay administer the laws. The force of the reasons assigned for this refusal is gravely impaired by the fact that such access has been for years permitted to the league by the Commission without objection or inconvenience of any kind. This refusal exposes to suspicion the good faith of the officials responsible for it, and suggests the existence of abuses which the records withheld from inspection might disclose. The league demands that this unworthy policy of concealment and secrecy be forthwith abandoned as unrepublican, undemocratic and un-American.

The league protests against the mischievous practice of distribution among Administration Senators the presentation of Federal offices in their respective States. This is in violation of the Constitution, which gives to the President the power of appointment. The requirement that such appointments be made by and with the advice and consent of the Senate has been perverted so as to give to the Senators the appointments, reserving to the President alone the power to consent or decline. Such gross abuse of Senatorial power by Senators sworn to support the Constitution should receive the condemnation of all good citizens.

The league is opposed to the passage of the Veteran Preference bill now pending before Congress, as calculated to overthrow the merit system and as creating a privileged class contrary to the provisions of the Constitution and the principles of republican government.

The Executive Committee of the league had a meeting at the City Club yesterday morning, and the report of the Investigating Committee with reference to the operation of the reform law under the present Administration was read in executive session. The report will be followed shortly by other reports on special branches of the Government service.

The committee adopted a report reciting the attitude of the Republican and Democratic leaders in the last Presidential campaign, and declaring that "a friend of reform could not fail to see that the past of Adlai Stevenson illustrated one set of ideas and principles, and the past of Theodore Roosevelt illustrated another."

In the afternoon game W. W. Kellogg, of Chicago, defeated Frank Elliter, of Minneapolis.

REFORMERS AT DINNER.

BISHOP POTTER PRESIDES AND GOVERNOR ROOSEVELT AND OTHERS SPEAK.

The twentieth annual dinner of the Civil Service Reform League was held in the Hotel Savoy last night. It was attended by more than two hundred members and guests, among whom were many women. Bishop Potter presided. With the Bishop at the guests' table were Governor Roosevelt, C. J. Bonaparte, Wayne MacVeagh, Oscar S. Straus, George L. Rives, Charles S. Hamlin, Edward M. Shepard, William H. Baldwin, jr., R. H. Dana, Wheeler H. Peckham, William Dudley Foulke, Charles A. Schieren, Henry A. Garfield, Nathaniel A. Elsberg, C. W. Knox and S. W. Burt. Carl Schurz was not present, owing to a bereavement in his family.

When the speechmaking began Bishop Potter paid a tribute to Mr. Schurz. "This man of remarkable gifts," he said, "though of foreign birth, is eminently an American in the thought, directness and wonderful courage he has displayed in some attacks on evil. The evil we would eradicate we owe, in the first place, to a President of the United States. When Andrew Jackson spoke the words, 'To the victors belong the spoils,' he brought upon him the responsibility of having helped to create that greatest mischief which followed."

The toast of "Carl Schurz" was proposed by Bishop Potter, who asked the guests to rise.

Mr. Bonaparte was then introduced. He said the league ought to abandon the policy of criticism and take up constructive work.

Governor Roosevelt arrived at that time, and he was applauded as he took his seat. Mr. Bonaparte brought his speech to an abrupt close, and the Governor was introduced. Governor Roosevelt said in part:

My term is soon at an end, and I think for the next four years my life will be less strenuous. I feel that at the end of my term I can come before you and say that the administration of this State is at present on a clean and efficient basis. I am very anxious that this association and the State Civil Service Association shall not confuse names with things. My own view on this matter is that we shall strive on the one hand to better the standard of public service, and on the other to take the offices which are not strictly political out of politics.

I wish to impress upon Civil Service reformers this fact—to get reform, permanent reform, I mean, you have got to get the bulk of the people back of you to make it stick. In time the legislator will respond to effective public opinion—such opinion as makes itself felt in so emphatic manner that it will be impossible to misunderstand it. If we can make the voters believe that reform will not go wrong it will give us such a majority.

Oscar S. Straus, Minister to Turkey, paid a high tribute to Secretary Hay for the way in which he conducted his office. He said that the whole cost for a year of the entire foreign service was less than the pension list for thirty-six hours.

"I am not asking too much," he declared, "in demanding that the amount should be doubled so that our foreign consuls could maintain themselves and also that these officers should be kept in office as long as they conduct it in an honest and efficient manner."

Herbert Welsh, Wayne MacVeagh, Henry A. Garfield, of Ohio, son of President Garfield; William Dudley Foulke, of Indiana; W. H. Baldwin, jr., and Senator Elsberg also spoke.

WILLIAMS ALUMNI DINE.

ROBERT BRIDGES PRAISES COLLEGE TOWNS AND PROFESSOR W. M. SLOAN TOUCHES ON VICE CRUSADE.

The annual dinner of the Willams Alumni Association of New-York was held last night at Delmonica's. About two hundred members of the association were present. Jacob F. Miller, the president, occupied the chair. After he had made a short address, in which he spoke of modern specialism in colleges, and said the old ideal of all round education should not be sacrificed to it, President Carter of Williams took the floor.

President Carter said he had discovered recently an amazing expansion in higher education in the direction of modern languages, sciences and English and that Williams College had early opened her doors to welcome the new movement. The time was when it was a startling thing to have a professor of the French language—then French, hair dressing and dancing had been thought to be on a level. Yale had had no professor of history before the 60's and no chair of political economy before 1872. Williams College would like $500,000 to develop the scientific and humane branches of study. The railroads by annihilating distance had indefinitely extended the sphere of the college.

Professor William M. Sloan, of Columbia University, was the next speaker. He dwelt on the particular civic duties of the college man, and proposed that all college men should deny the charms of party loyalty for a season. It was time the scholar got out of politics, in the sense of being a mere office seeker, but open to him was a wide and worthy field of practical endeavor. Collegians should make use of their culture and put themselves in touch with city life. One thing that propagated distrust among the classes was ignorance of each other. Now going on was a great crusade to purify the city of New-York of vice. There was every prospect that the men in charge were going to lose the sense of proportion in the prosecution of their large task. The true remedy was to change the police force, root and branch. When that hierarchy was regenerated the crusade could go on.

The Rev. Dr. H. P. Dewey, of the Church of the Pilgrims, made some remarks on the benefits of a liberal education, and especially praised small colleges as furnishing the best mental and moral atmosphere to the student.

Robert Bridges referred to Williams and Princeton as illustrations of the benefits which surrounded a college that was not a mere annex to a large town. The life of the college dominated both Williamstown and Princeton. As a result the students were thrown on their own resources almost entirely for the interests and amusements that go to make up college life.

THE GOVERNOR ENTERTAINED.

JOSEPH MURRAY, AGAINST WHOM HE WAS FIRST PITTED IN POLITICS, GIVES HIM A DINNER.

Governor Roosevelt was the guest of honor at a private dinner given by his friend Joseph Murray at the Morton House last night. Mr. Murray is Deputy Superintendent of Public Buildings at Albany. The Governor made his entrance into politics in the old XXIst Assembly District, when Mr. Murray was the leader there. There were present among others Congressman Lucius W. Littauer, W. H. Russell, A. D. Russell, Michael Sheehan, James R. Sheffield, Attorney-General Davies, John Proctor Clarke, Colonel William J. Youngs and John McConaughy.

Governor Roosevelt said that when he first dipped into politics, in 1881, after leaving college, he found himself at a district meeting where he was opposed to Mr. Murray. After a hot debate Murray's side beat his side by a vote of 96 to 4. If he had been like a good many men, he said, he would have quit the Republican organization then and there, but he stayed in, and finally got the good graces of the leaders, who nominated him for the Assembly in 1882, the year Grover Cleveland was elected Governor. Colonel Roosevelt spoke in a happy way of his old friend, of Colonel W. J. Youngs and of Attorney-General Davies. He said that the Attorney-General's Ice Trust opinion was one of the ablest he had ever read, and that the postscript paragraph, in which Messrs. Hayes and Peckham were referred to, was particularly interesting.

Remarks were made by Attorney-General Davies, Colonel Youngs and others. After the dinner Governor Roosevelt went to the dinner of the National Civil Service Reform Association at the Savoy.

MOSS ADVISED TO CONVERT CROKER.

TELLS THE METHODIST SOCIAL UNION THAT IT WOULD TAKE A LONG TIME —BISHOP THOBURN ON REVIVALS.

Frank Moss, president of the Methodist Social Union, at the dinner of the society last night at the rooms of the Aldine Club, No. 111 Fifth-ave., said:

A lawyer friend of mine said to me this week: "What you need to do is to convert Croker, not drive him out of the country, wipe him off the face of the earth or annihilate him." But it will take a long time to convert Mr. Croker, and what shall we do with him while we are converting him? They say he is a Christian man. I hope he is. I dare say he needs, like you and I, a good deal more of the grace of God than he now has.

Bishop Thoburn, speaking of the so-called twentieth century revival movement, said:

We have reached a point in the development of our churches when we must meet the wants of the cities. We have larger Methodist congregations in the outskirts of our cities than ever, but in the congested districts we are selling our churches to people hardly worthy to worship in those sanctuaries. The fact is, we are not meeting these people. One thing we need to emphasize is the fact that Jesus Christ is alive in the world, leading and saving. We must get rid of the old conception of a revival—that we can pray one down. The cloud of blessing is hovering over us all the time. Persistent personal work in the home is one of the prime essentials to-day.

Remarks were made also by Bishop Warren, of Denver; the Rev. Dr. C. W. Millard and Joseph Fettrech.

IN HONOR OF PROFESSOR WOODBERRY.

CELEBRATION OF THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS CONNECTION WITH COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

A dinner was given at Sherry's last evening for Professor George Edward Woodberry, head of the department of comparative literature at Columbia University, to mark the tenth anniversary of his connection with the university. The dinner was an outgrowth of the new literary activity in the Columbia student body, which Mr. Woodberry has labored particularly to foster. It was tendered to him by about one hundred of the present and former students in his classes.

J. M. Proskauer presided at the dinner, and at the guest table were Professor Woodberry, President Low, Dean J. Howard Van Amringe, Hamilton Wright Mabie, John Kendrick Bangs, Professors A. V. Williams Jackson, Thomas R. Price, Harry Thurston Peck and Lindsay Swift.

With the menu card was a booklet containing extracts from recently published comments upon Professor Woodberry's work. In presenting a signed copy to the guest of the evening, Mr. Proskauer said that Professor Woodberry had been a moulder of character in his classroom, had inspired loyalty to Columbia and had gained the personal friendship of all the students who came in contact with him.

Professor Woodberry said in reply that his life had become so completely absorbed in Columbia that the university was most in his thoughts and hopes.

Hamilton Wright Mabie praised the guest of the evening as an idealist. President Low said that if Professor Woodberry was an idealist, he also was a man full of practical common sense. He said that the late James Russell Lowell had recommended Mr. Woodberry to Columbia as a man the university needed. Several other complimentary speeches were made.

PRESIDENT INVITED TO BE PRESENT.

The Republican Club is making elaborate arrangements for its annual Lincoln dinner in February, and yesterday a committee, consisting of William Brookfield, Arthur Merriam, Henry Birrell and Edward A. Newell, went to Washington to call on Senator Depew, president of the Republican Club, to consult with him as to the list of speakers. Later the Senator accompanied the committee to the White House and presented them to the President, who was invited to the dinner. The President expressed his thanks for the invitation, but feared that, as Congress would be busy in February, he would find it difficult to leave Washington at that time.

WEEPS SENTENCING A BOY.

JUSTICE FURSMAN BREAKS DOWN IN SENDING ALEXANDER STEWART TO SING SING.

Justice Fursman in the Criminal Branch of the Supreme Court yesterday sentenced to twenty years in Sing Sing fourteen-year-old Alexander Stewart, of No. 419 East Twenty-eighth-st., who recently pleaded guilty to a charge of manslaughter in the first degree. Several times in the proceedings, which were brief, Justice Fursman's emotion overcame him, and he covered his face with his handkerchief and wept. As the boy stood at the bar for sentence the top of his head extended only ten inches above the railing before the bench.

The minute the lad was taken into the room Justice Fursman became agitated. He wiped the tears from his eyes as he listened to the statement of the boy's counsel, Edmund Price. It was several moments before he could control his voice sufficiently to pronounce the sentence. Then, with tears streaming down his cheeks and his voice choked, he said:

I do not suppose that anything I can say to you, young man, will be of any particular value to you hereafter. You owe it to the mercy of a humane District Attorney that your life is saved. I appointed a committee, at your counsel's suggestion, in the hope, I am frank to say, that they would pronounce you insane. The best alienists in the city examined you and declared you to be sane. I read the testimony carefully, and am satisfied they could have come to no other conclusion.

Justice Fursman then broke down, dropped his face in the hollow of his hands, and cried for a minute or more. He continued in part:

I can do but one thing in your case—young as you are—send you to State's prison. You will there be surrounded by good influences, although you will be restrained of your liberty. You will be taught nothing that is not good. There remains always to a boy of your age hope of recovery, and yet it is only justice to say that the taint of the prison will always remain wherever you may go, however good your life may be when you come out. Sentence of the Court in your case is that you be confined at hard labor in the State prison at Sing Sing for the term of twenty years.

The boy did not appear at all impressed by the solemnity of the scene. He stood drumming idly on the railing with his fingers. He looked out of the windows and everywhere but at the Court. In court were his father, aunt and sister. He paid no attention to them, never looking at his father's outstretched arms. The father followed him out into the anteroom, where the lad drew from his pocket a handful of candy and began munching it.

The condemned boy has been in nearly every reformatory institution in this city. In the House of Refuge he cut the throat of his mate, Edward Piesel.

THE BOY ARRIVES AT SING SING.

SAID TO BE THE SMALLEST PRISONER EVER BROUGHT THERE—NO SUIT LITTLE ENOUGH TO FIT HIM.

Big Chief Keeper Connorton, standing in the office of the Sing Sing Prison, gazed down upon little Alexander Stewart, the murderer, when he arrived there. Thinking back over twenty-five years of his connection with the prison, the keeper said:

He is the smallest prisoner that ever came in here, although years ago—about twenty, I think—we had a boy not much bigger and not any older. He was in for a few years, and grew to manhood here. I forget his name, and never heard from him after he went away.

Stewart was led to the tailor shop and there fitted with his first long trousers. There was not a pair in the prison with small enough waistband or short enough legs. The latter trouble was overcome by one of the tailors clipping off the ends of the smallest pair in the place. The blouse he received could be almost doubled about him. In a day or so a suit will be specially made for him, and then the boy will take his place with the other prisoners.

In the clerk's office Stewart answered the usual questions readily. He said he was a Catholic, and born in New-York. He said he had been convicted of burglary in May, 1898. He had 90 cents. Thirteen and a half years hence, if he is good, and twenty years if he is not, the same 90 cents will be handed back to him as he leaves the prison.

The boy was sent to cell 1,171, gallery 24, the top, or isolation, ward. In two weeks he will receive his permanent number.

UPPER HUDSON NAVIGATION CLOSED.

Catskill, N. Y., Dec. 14.—Navigation of the Upper Hudson closed to-day with the departure of the steamer Onteora for New-York. The river at this point is closed tight by ice. Last year navigation closed two weeks later.

HONOR TO WHOM HONOR IS DUE.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: In the article on the Boyd monument in the Old Scots' Cemetery, in The Tribune of December 13, it is said: "The epitaph on the old stone is in Latin. The following is the translation of the inscription made by Professor Henry Goodwin Smith, D. D., of Lane Seminary, Cincinnati. Professor Cameron, of Princeton, disagrees with some of the minor constructions of Professor Smith." Then follows the translation.

In the report of the committee on the erection of the monument, made to the Synod of New-Jersey at its recent meeting, it is said, in reference to the epitaph:

The Rev. John Hall, D. D., of Trenton, N. J., in his "History of the Presbyterian Church of Trenton, N. J.," gives a translation, but the Church is under greatest obligation to the Rev. Henry Clay Cameron, D. D., of Princeton University, for the restoration of the text and the complete translation of the timeworn and partially obliterated Latin epitaph. The bronze tablet on the east side contains Professor Cameron's translation.

The translation referred to is that attributed by your Freehold correspondent to Dr. Smith. To Dr. Smith is due the credit of obtaining the admirable photograph of the inscription from which the translation was made.

Princeton, N. J., Dec. 14, 1900. J. T. D.

NEWS OF THE COLLEGES

YALE.

New-Haven, Conn., Dec. 14 (Special).—Again the question of sophomore societies has been raised. Several weeks ago a compromise was made, whereby the societies were allowed to initiate members from the present sophomore class, on condition that they should increase their combined membership from fifty-one to seventy-five, but the faculty reserved the right to use more radical means if this adjustment should prove unsatisfactory. To the undergraduate body and to the alumni at large the compromise proved unsatisfactory. Among the undergraduates the feeling against the exclusive societies has grown so strong that it is practically impossible for a society member to be elected to any office in the gift of the whole class. From the alumni have come innumerable letters of protest. The faculty is now convinced that the evil is too serious to admit of further delay. At its last general meeting it passed a resolution which, though couched in milder language, amounts to abolition of the three sophomore societies—Eta Phi, Kappa Psi and Hé Boulé. With these societies out of the way, a satisfactory reorganization of the whole society system should be possible. Just what form it will take it is impossible to say. The faculty declines to commit itself to any definite plan, preferring that the undergraduates should be left so far as possible to arrange the affair themselves.

The committee on funds for the bicentennial celebration has issued a circular asking for subscriptions to complete the $2,000,000 memorial endowment. In addition to conditional pledges of $250,000, over $900,000 has been contributed since the beginning of the movement, sufficient to pay for the site of the new buildings and to insure the completion of University Hall, which is now under way. The committee desires to begin work on the auditorium and memorial vestibule and to make a substantial addition to the permanent endowment of the institution. On Monday a meeting of the corporation was held to consider the honorary degrees to be conferred at the celebration, but its proceedings have not been made public. Committees have been appointed in the several classes to manage the undergraduate part in the bicentennial.

Edward B. Adams, of the senior class, has been appointed to the John J. Cox scholarship.

HARVARD.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 14 (Special).—There will be a public meeting in the interests of negro education in the South, as represented by the Tuskegee Institute, in Sanders Theatre next Monday. Dr. F. G. Peabody will preside, and the principal speakers will be Professor N. S. Shaler and Booker T. Washington.

Both of the new skating rinks on Soldiers' Field are now practically finished. The rinks this year are placed parallel to the parkway system, and are both 180 feet long by 80 feet wide, with rounded corners. City water will be supplied from the Locker Building for the purpose of flooding the rinks. One will be reserved for the use of the hockey team.

The basketball team has received official recognition this year for the first time as a university team. About twenty-five men have been retained on the university squad, which holds regular practice four evenings each week. Harvard will play Yale in basketball at New-Haven on January 19 and Dartmouth at Hanover on February 2. Games will probably be arranged with the University of Pennsylvania, Williams, Amherst, Cornell and Columbia.

The freshman class has elected the following officers: President, J. A. Burgess, of Boston, from Phillips Exeter Academy; vice-president, R. Sanger, of Morristown, N. J., from St. Mark's School; secretary and treasurer, N. A. Higgins, of Chicago, from the East Aurora High School.

A. W. Talmadge, '02, of Plainfield, N. J., has been appointed manager of the football team for next year.

The team which will represent Harvard in the intercollegiate chess tournament, to be held at New-York during the Christmas holidays, will be C. T. Rice, '01; A. J. Fotch, '01; W. G. Clerk, '01, and E. R. Perry, '02. Harvard's chances this year are considered good, as Rice and Perry composed the winning team in the tournament last year.

PRINCETON.

Princeton, N. J., Dec. 14 (Special).—R. S. Steen, of Philadelphia, received the prize in the French medal debate held in Whig Hall this week. The Coubertin medal is of gold, and is valued at $100. The fund was provided by Baron de Coubertin, a French nobleman, who visited Princeton in 1893 on a tour of the American universities as official commissioner of the French Minister of Public Instruction. Similar medals were established at Harvard, Chicago and several other American universities. The winner of the medal this year won the class of '76 prize debate last year, and was a member of the team which defeated Yale in debate last spring. He is a member of the senior class in the academic department. Walter E. Hope, of New-York City, and T. L. Thompson, both members of the senior class, won first and second places respectively in a contest in extemporaneous speaking recently held in Clio Hall.

The freshman class held a meeting this week, at which J. W. Cook, of Philadelphia, was elected to represent the class in the Washington's Birthday contest, and T. A. Butkiewicz, of Pennsylvania, who was a member of the 'varsity eleven this fall, was elected class of '76 debater. It was also voted to present H. P. Butler and E. P. Fellows, who won the annual cane spree for their class, with gold mounted canes.

Dr. Henry van Dyke entertained the Monday Night Club at his home this week. The speaker was Charles Bulkley Hubbell, of New-York City, who spoke on "Public Schools and Politics."

The Graduate Club of Princeton University has been organized, with Harden Craig president, A. M. Hiltebeitel secretary and W. Beale treasurer. H. F. Fisher and O. N. Smith were chosen delegates to the Federation of Graduate Clubs, which will hold a convention in Philadelphia the last week of December. The Princeton club will hold weekly meetings throughout the year, at which members of the faculty will speak on subjects of interest to the graduate body.

Dr. Marcus S. Farr has been appointed curator of vertebrate paleontology in place of Professor J. B. Hatcher, who has accepted the place of curator of the Boston Museum. Dr. Farr has been until recently assistant zoölogist at the New-York State Museum.

At a recent meeting of the Triangle Club H. P. Homans was elected business manager and D. H. McAlpin, jr., assistant manager. A motion was passed granting membership to all men who have been in either chorus or orchestra for three years. Work has begun on the opera which will be presented by the club next spring. The libretto will be written by R. P. Swofford and R. S. Thompson, and the music by Howard Saylor and L. I. Matthews. The first performance will be given in April.

SMITH.

Northampton, Mass., Dec. 14 (Special).—The Furniss Shakespeare prize has been awarded to Miss Marian Louise Sharp, of Brookline. Several years ago Mr. Furniss gave to the college a sum of money the income of which—$50—was to be devoted to the promotion of the study of Shakespeare. It was decided to use it as a prize for an essay written by a member of the senior class on a prescribed subject. This year the subject was "Shakespeare's Plain People."

President Seelye has issued his report for 1900, in which he states the religious preferences of students as follows: Congregationalists, 368; Episcopalians, 204; Presbyterians, 168; Unitarians, 129; Baptists, 59; Methodists, 36; Catholics, 34; Universalists, 17; Jews, 11; Swedenborgians, 8; Lutherans, 7; Dutch Reformed, 7; Christian Science, 5; Union Evangelical, 4; Friends, 2; Christian Church, 2; Seventh Day Baptists, 1; no religious preference, 29.

The Smith Catalogue, just issued, shows an enrolment of 1,133 students—first class, 341; second, 272; juniors, 236; seniors, 258. There are seven students whose work is exclusively in the School of Music and eleven in the School of Art. There are also eight graduate students.

BARNARD COLLEGE NOTES.

The adviser for the women students of Columbia University is a new office important to Barnard. It is, however, a tentative one. Mrs. Edith R. Darrach is the first appointee. This officer has no educational functions, but is expected to be of service to the women students in any way that she can, and especially in giving advice to students from other parts of the country as to where they may secure suitable quarters and on any other subject they may wish.

The study of German has been greatly popularized at Barnard by the Deutscher Verein, which was established last year, with the purpose of promoting facility in conversation in that language. Its membership has been steadily increasing this term, and now numbers about fifty. Like La Société Française, its activity takes the form of plays, readings and social meetings. A kaffeeklatsch will be given soon by the vereiners.

The enthusiasm with which the study of English is pursued at Barnard is shown by the number of candidates for honors this year as well as by the large increase in the English classes since the newly appointed professor of English, William P. Trent, opened several new elective courses this fall. Honor requirements for junior candidates are now announced. Those studying Shakespeare must take a special examination in "The Tempest"; students choosing Anglo-Saxon must study "The Battle of Maldon"; those in the English poetry course must work on "Idylls of the King"; to those in the class in American literature the "Life and Letters of Longfellow" is assigned, and for those studying pure composition the special work appointed is on the theory of the art of fiction.

The sophomores will have their first class reunion on December 19. It will take the form of a cotillion, with a "spread" to follow. The committee for the designing of favors and figures includes Miss Marion Latham, Miss Hilda Lockwood, Miss Marguerite Siedler and Miss Carita Spencer, ex officio.

CORNELL.

Ithaca, N. Y., Dec. 14 (Special).—The Cornell Debate Council has held several meetings this week to consider the question which the Debate Union of Columbia University has presented for the Cornell-Columbia debate, which will be held in New-York on March 7. Cornell has the choice of sides on the question: "Resolved, That the second part of Section II of the Fourteenth Amendment be retained as an integral part of the Constitution, to be rigorously enforced." This section provides that where part of the voters of a State are kept from voting the representation of the State be reduced. The competition for this debate stage has narrowed down to eight men—the men who won places on the '94 Memorial Stage. The following men were chosen on Monday night at a competition held in the Hall of Oratory: Ralph Sherlock Kent, Ithaca; Sidney S. Lowenthal, Rochester; Edgar Seeber Moshier, Auburn; Leroy Burns Smith, Seneca Falls; Milton Miller Underdown, Taughannock Falls; Ray Hughes Whitbeck, Hermitage; George Payne Winters, Melbourne, Fla., and Manton Marble Wyvall, Alma.

Many of the members of Cornell faculty have work for the Christmas holidays, which begin next Friday at noon and continue until January 3. Professor Morse Stephens and Professor Charles H. Hull will speak at the meeting of the American Economic Association in Detroit and Ann Arbor on December 27 and 29. Dr. Thurston, of Sibley College, will be in Philadelphia, working with the commission recently appointed by President McKinley to examine into the efficiency of the Postal Pneumatic Dispatch mechanism. Dean White, of the university faculty, will deliver a lecture at Harvard on German literature. Professor Bailey, of the New-York State College of Agriculture, will speak at the annual meeting of the Illinois State Teachers' Association in Springfield. Professor John Craig, of the Bureau of Nature Study, will address the Society of New-England Horticulturists on "University Extension in Agriculture" at its meeting in Boston.

NEW-YORK UNIVERSITY.

The faculty of the Graduate School held a meeting at Washington Square on Tuesday evening. The following rule was adopted: "The thesis for the doctor's degree must be printed within one year's time from the conferring of the degree, and as a guarantee that this will be done the sum of $50 must be deposited with the university register."

The members of the senior class in the University and Bellevue Hospital Medical College last week elected the following officers: President, A. S. Morrow; first vice-president, William V. Quinn; second vice-president, F. C. Heckel; third vice-president, Charles W. Hall; secretary, H. J. McKenna; treasurer, J. S. K. Hall; grand marshal, G. S. Comstock; chairman of the Executive Committee, J. A. Blakesley; Executive Committee—W. B. Brooks, A. W. Love, Andrew Murphy and J. M. Spetnagel.

The first edition of the first volume of lectures delivered upon the Deems lectureship foundation, which were given at University Heights and Washington Square, has been exhausted. This week the second edition is announced by the Macmillan Company. A second series of lectures will be announced shortly.

The death of Dr. Henry D. Noyes, professor of ophthalmology in the Medical School left a vacancy which has been filled by the appointment of Dr. John E. Weekes, University of Michigan, '81. Dr. Weekes has been filling the place of lecturer in the Medical School for the last two years in the same department of which he is now made clinical professor.

The Entrance Examination Board of the Middle Atlantic States and Maryland has appointed the chief examiners for the year, and the colleges represented by examiners are Johns Hopkins, Princeton, Pennsylvania, Cornell, Bryn Mawr, Vassar and New-York University. The department assigned to the university is the preparation of examination papers in the English language and literature, of which Dr. Francis H. Stoddard will have charge.

Designs by the Tiffany Company for the twenty-nine tablets for the Hall of Fame have been received and approved during the last week.

At the meeting of the Executive Committee of the University Council the acceptance of a seat in the council was received from Andrew H. Green and the Rev. Dr. Maltby D. Babcock, pastor of the Brick Church.

On Wednesday evening next the annual winter gymnastic exhibition will be given at University Heights. Regular class drills will be given, and there will be exercises on the apparatus by the members of the gymnastic team. Mr. Bissinger, champion all-round gymnast of 1899, and Mr. Metz, champion club swinger of 1900, will assist.

A regular meeting of the Eucleian Literary Society was held in the Eucleian Hall last Tuesday evening. Considerable business of importance was transacted and the literary programme was postponed one week.

SCHOOL OF PEDAGOGY, N. Y. UNIVERSITY.

Professor Samuel Weir, of the department of history of education and ethics, has been announced as the chief speaker before the Minnesota State Teachers' Association, at St. Paul, at the evening session on Friday, December 28. His subject will be "Humanism, Realism, or Education for Society: Some Reflections on the Function of Education."

The school has received the diploma of the silver medal awarded to its exhibit made at the Paris Exposition last summer. The exhibit, consisting of numerous charts, portfolios and brochures, represented the work in this department of the university and the relation of the school to the educational system of the United States in so far as this system pertains to the preliminary and the higher training of teachers for public and private schools.

COLUMBIA.

The budget for 1900-'01 prepared by the treasurer shows that the university expects to disburse $1,200,000 this year. The trustees have appropriated $946,337 for educational and administrative purposes. For interest on bonds and other indebtedness of the corporation $111,181 80 will be used. Interest on the Loubat fund and the Williamsbridge property will require $52,245 more, and other small appropriations and guarantees, together with the expenses of operating the Summer School, are expected to bring the amount up to the estimated $1,200,000. This will make the deficit larger than ever before, as may be seen from the following table of the expenditures and deficits for the five most expensive years in the university's history:

	Expenditures.	Deficits.
1896	$810,186 45	$48,260 52
1897	808,944 45	34,092 02
1898	803,655 80	32,164 34
1899	808,052 63	50,795 33
1900	820,491 18	17,328 47

Adolphe Cohn, professor of the Romance languages and literatures, has been made a Chevalier of the French Legion of Honor. While the medal is generally a military honor, it is also given to citizens for any direct or indirect service to France. It was, it is said, due to Professor Cohn's service in spreading French culture in America that he was decorated.

The 1902 "Columbian," the annual year book of the junior class, will appear next week. It will be dedicated to William S. Schermerhorn, chairman of the Board of Trustees, and will contain the usual things in an annual of this kind.

A catalogue of the educational works in the Columbia and Teachers College libraries will shortly be published by the university. It will contain from 8,000 to 10,000 titles, classified under forty-eight different subjects. About one thousand copies will be published.

Allison Mitchell Lederer, of Orange, N. J., has been elected class day historian of the college seniors.

Brander Matthews, professor of English literature, will publish two books in January, "The Philosophy of the Short Story" and "Notes on Speech Making."

The Chess Club was defeated in a tournament with the Dutch Arms Club, of Brooklyn, this week, by a score of 9 to 1.

George G. De Witt, '67, has resigned from the Alumni Council as a delegate from the college, and William T. Lawson, '82, has been elected to fill the vacancy.

COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK.

The twenty-sixth semi-annual joint debate of the Clionian and Phrenocosmia Literary societies will be held on next Friday evening at Madison Square Garden Music Hall. The subject of the debate will be: "Resolved, That the partition of China as agreed upon by the Powers will be beneficial to the Chinese." Clionia will be represented by Jaffe, '01, and Stern, '01; Phrenocosmia by Dotlen, '01, and E. J. Bernheimer, '02.

The Camera Club has started a series of lectures on photography, which are given in Natural History Hall every Friday afternoon.

The class of '80 will hold its twentieth annual reunion banquet on December 22 at the Hotel Manhattan.

The freshman class has elected the following officers for the first term: William Philip Breitwieser, president; John Fasola, first vice-president; Robert Stewart Martell, second vice-president; Larremore V. V. Sweezy, treasurer, and John Phelps Robinson, secretary.

The annual theatre party of the senior class was held last evening at the Casino.

The Theta Nu Epsilon, the sophomore secret society, has announced its election from the class of '01 as follows: George M. Alexander, Harry C. Benjamin, E. Mortimer Boyle, Eugene Rodney Burnett, Howard L. Davies, George Adams Merrill, G. Waldo Smith, jr., and William Henry Wallace, jr.

BROWN.

Providence, R. I., Dec. 14 (Special).—Last Friday morning a fire broke out in the basement of old Rhode Island Hall, which is occupied by the geological, zoological and biological departments. Prompt action by one of the students in giving the alarm saved the building from destruction. The loss is estimated at $1,500.

The freshman debating trials were held Monday and Tuesday afternoons. Out of twenty-six candidates three members of the team were chosen and three others were picked to contest for the fourth position. The three successful candidates were William George Hoffman, jr., of Providence; Eugene La Verne McIntyre, of Waldo, Wis., and Albert Benjamin West, of Providence. The other three were I. J. Beckwith, J. P. Herring and J. J. McKenna.

The following men have been elected members of the Junior "Prom" Committee: C. A. Phillips, W. C. Blanding, H. W. Stiness, G. E. Buxton, jr., T. Burgess, S. N. Douglas, L. S. Milner, H. M. Paine, A. K. Potter, C. A. R. Ray and F. W. Tillinghast.

The annual election of the 'varsity football manager by the junior class was held on Thursday. Howard Denison Briggs, '02, of Ashaway, R. I., who has been assistant manager for 1900, was chosen manager for 1901.

The Rev. F. C. Haggard, of Boston, a returned missionary from Assam, addressed the Young Men's Christian Association of Brown Wednesday evening on "Missionary Work as a Life Calling."

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