TOPICS OF THE DIAMOND

BIG INVESTMENTS INDICATE THE PROSPERITY OF BASEBALL.

President Brush to Build New Covered Stand Around Polo Grounds Outfield—Brooklyn Club Will Have a Modern Plant—Marquard's Arm Is a Problem.

President Brush announced the other day that before another seson rolls around the entire playing surface at the Polo Grounds will be surrounded by covered stands. The huge double decked grand stand which will seat more than 25,000 spectators, with standing room for at least 5,000 more in the broad promenade in the rear, is practically finished, but Mr. Brush does not intend to stop here, for he has planned to build a concrete and steel structure extending around the edge of the outfield, which will be covered with a roof. In a word the New York Baseball Club will take the initiative in doing away with the old fashioned wooden bleachers where fans have broiled in the hot sun for many years. The outfield stand, according to present plans will accommodate 25,000 persons, so that the entire seating capacity at the stadium will be greater than that of any other outdoor place of amusement in America.

When the new structure has been finished the New York club will have spent nearly $800,000 in building up the Polo Grounds since the fire that devastated the plant last spring. With a thirty years lease at a rental said to be $40,000 every twelve months the New York club has permanently intrenched itself at an enormous risk. To cover expenses the Giants of the future must be contenders in the National League pennant races, which seems probable so long as John J. McGraw holds the managerial reins. The success of the New York club dates from the time when Mr. Brush secured control of the stock and signed McGraw to manage the team. That was nearly a dozen years ago and since then the club's business has been phenomenal.

Prior to the advent of Messrs. Brush and McGraw the New York club for six years was a drug on the market. With the Giants unable to keep pace with the other teams the attendance dwindled to almost nothing. The visiting teams complained on many occasions that they did not receive enough money as their share of the receipts to pay hotel bills, and as a result the entire league was affected. It was in 1894 when the Giants under John M. Ward's management won the Temple cup after finishing a close second to the champion Baltimores that E. B. Talcott, Cornelius Van Cott, Frank B. Robinson and others decided to sell the controlling interest in the club. That year had been a most prosperous one, but these men had grown tired of baseball and the limelight and proceeded to sell 51 per cent. of the stock for $19,000. Ward retired from the game to practise law, refusing an offer of $10,000 a year to remain in charge of the team. The purchaser of the stock, Andrew Freedman, then tried hard to produce a winner, but being without the services of a competent manager he failed in his attempt and finally concluded to sell out rather than contend with further trouble.

Before the Brotherhood revolt in 1890 John B. Day, then owner of the New York club, made a fortune out of baseball, but with his star players gone he put up a hopeless fight, in the end giving up his stock in the club to magnates of other clubs, who jumped at the chance to become financially interested in metropolitan baseball. After Mr. Day's retirement the New York club was a white elephant, and under the management of P. T. Powers in 1892 big money was lost, so the story ran. Little did the magnates of those days think that the New York club eventually would be developed into a great money making proposition and that the Polo Grounds twenty years later would be the finest baseball plant in the world. The success of Messrs. Brush and McGraw, in a large measure, is due to splendid management, but the existence of the peace agreement between the major leagues is also responsible for much prosperity. The presence of an American League club in this city has prompted a much needed spirit of rivalry, while the playing of the annual world's series has stirred up more public interest in the national game than ever before.

Expensive baseball plants have been built by B. F. Shibe in Philadelphia, by C. A. Comiskey in Chicago, by C. W. Somers in Cleveland, by F. J. Navin in Detroit, by T. C. Noyes in Washington and by R. L. Hedges in St. Louis, all American Leaguers. Frank J. Farrell intends to build a $250,000 stadium at Kingsbridge before next year and has paid $250,000 for a tract of land. August Herrmann has just begun work on a big stadium in Cincinnati, while the home of the Cardinals in St. Louis is a model of up to dateness. Forbes Field, the Pittsburg club's great plant, is a monument to baseball that will last for years.

In time C. W. Murphy says he will erect a mammoth stadium for the Cubs in Chicago and President Ebbets of the Brooklyn club declared recently that he had made up his mind to replace the wooden stands at Washington Park with structures of concrete and steel. The Philadelphia club has a wooden plant which doubtless will give way to one of modern construction, and some day the Boston Americans will have new grounds built regardless of expense. It can be seen, therefore, that the prosperity of baseball has brought about vastly better accommodations for the fans in a majority of the major league cities, and yet, as Mr. Ebbets often says, the game is in its infancy.

Aside from the building of new plants the magnates are paying higher salaries to the players than at any previous time. They are spending more money for new players and Southern training trips than ever before. A club with a salary list of $90,000 may be said to be moderate in its outlay, for more than one club owner is compelled to pay $75,000 for playing talent. There is no danger of a slump in patronage so long as baseball remains honest, and the men in control of the sport are shrewd enough to appreciate this fact at all times.

After playing their final game in Chicago to-day the Giants tackle the Pirates in Smokeville to-morrow. They leave right after that contest for Philadelphia, where they play on Tuesday. Then follow games with the Brooklyns at Washington Park on Wednesday and Thursday, including a double header. The Philadelphias will meet McGraw's men at the Polo Grounds on Friday and the Bostons will be here for one game on Saturday. The Giants are in Brooklyn a week from to-morrow and then rest until October 12, when Dahlen's men wind up the season in the Brush stadium with a double header. If the Giants have the pennant clinched by that time, which seems a certainty, they will begin the world's series with the Athletics here the following day.

The Highlanders play three games here with the Boston Red Sox beginning to-morrow and then go to Philadelphia for a similar series with the Athletics, winding up their campaign on Saturday. They have arranged to play an exhibition game with the Brooklyns at Washington Park next Sunday for the benefit of John H. Neldon, after which they will disband. President Farrell was asked to allow the Hillmen to play a post-season series with the Philadelphia Nationals or the Brooklyns, but he declined for business reasons, one of which was that such games would excite no interest.

Marquard did not begin to display his remarkable effectiveness until the middle of June. Including the first contest in Chicago last Wednesday, he had figured in forty-two games. In that number he started seventeen times and as he depended wholly upon terrific speed and curves it is no great wonder that his arm has begun to show the effect of the terrific strain. If Marquard had known how to use his head as well as his wonderful whip he would have been able to stick it out perhaps, but no pitcher who has adopted the methods of the Hoosier southpaw has been able to prove himself an iron man. In his commendable desire to take a big lead McGraw cannot be censured for overworking Marquard in view of the fact that with the exception of Mathewson and the Marquis the Giants' pitching department has not been dependable.

Mathewson to-day employs brains more than brawn. He cannot show the phenomenal speed of former years, but he knows how to pitch with rare judgment. He depends upon his fielding support as much as possible and when he finds himself in tight pinches he resorts to the old methods. Mathewson has made a study of box work and is saving his salary wing. He can tell a bat man's weakness at a glance and acts accordingly. Head work is his watchword and every ball player who has faced him will tell you so.

In signing Bill Dahlen to manage the Brooklyns next year President Ebbets has shown confidence in the veteran's ability to run a big league team successfully. Dahlen has worked hard with the material at his disposal this year and with added strength he believes he will land the Brooklyns high up in next year's race. The Brooklyns have played great ball on this last Western trip, which is a source of encouragement for the fans on the other side of the bridge. A winning team at Washington Park would be a decided novelty, as the fans haven't had a champion team since Ned Hanlon developed the combination that won the pennant in 1899 and 1900. Dahlen was the shortstop of that great team.

CRICKET AVERAGES.

Dr. C. C. Beling Takes Batting Honors in New York and New Jersey Association.

In the second season of the New York and New Jersey Cricket Association no letup in interest was experienced among the members of the clubs comprising that thriving organization. The eleven of the Staten Island Cricket and Tennis Club, which formerly was so successful in the Metropolitan League, again survived the championship series without a single defeat. Eight matches were contested, of which six were won by the champions and two were drawn. In addition to this one of the members of the Staten Island club, H. R. Nicoll, was placed first among the association bowlers for the season.

As formerly, the club did not lack in reliable batsmen, of whom E. H. L. Steinthal, J. D. Keenan, M. R. Cobb, W. F. Keenan, N. S. Hart and C. H. Clarke did the best work.

The New York Veterans Cricket Association, which finished below Staten Island in the competition, enjoyed the distinction of claiming the batsman with the best association batting average in Dr. C. C. Beling. Sidney Deane ranked high as always, while G. W. Hayman, F. F. Kelly, A. Brown and F. J. Prendergast were all well up in the double figure list. A. Bignall of Richmond County, whose club was placed third in the standing, was second among the batsmen, L. W. Stoughton, J. N. Escobal, W. Radford, O. Turville, E. G. Hull and E. O. Challenger being also placed well up in the averages.

Bensonhurst did not do so well in the association as in the league, but many excellent individual efforts were recorded. The Crescents were not at top form and brought up the rear. M. R. Cobb, Staten Island, and F. F. Kelly, New York Veterans, who have taken part in metropolitan cricket for the last twenty years, both rank high among the batsmen and bowlers.

Following are the final standing of the clubs and the batting and bowling averages for the season:

Clubs.:	*Played.*	*Won.*	*Lost.*	*Dr.*	*PC.*
Staten Island	8	6	0	2	1000
New York Veterans	8	4	2	2	667
Richmond County	8	5	3	0	[illegible]
Bensonhurst	8	2	6	0	250
Crescent A. C.	8	0	6	2	000

BATTING AVERAGES.

Batsmen and Clubs:	*Ins.*	*N.O.*	*H.S.*	*R.*	*Av.*
Dr. C. C. Beling, Veterans	5	1	44	197	49.25
A. Bignall, Richmond Co.	4	1	80	145	48.33
E. H. L. Steinthal, Staten Is.	3	0	58	137	45.67
L. W. Stoughton, Richmond Co.	2	2	*33	44	44.00
S. Deane, Veterans	8	1	81	198	28.28
J. D. Keenan, Staten Island	7	1	*53	164	27.33
M. R. Cobb, Staten Island	8	0	86	216	27.00
J. N. Escobal, Richmond Co.	8	1	59	186	26.57
E. R. Hawkins, Crescent	7	0	73	172	24.57
W. F. Keenan, Staten Island	8	1	48	160	22.85
G. W. Hayman, Veterans	7	3	*21	83	20.75
C. E. Marshall, Bensonhurst	7	2	*45	102	20.40
W. Radford, Richmond Co.	7	2	46	100	20.00
N. S. Hart, Staten Island	5	0	51	100	20.00
K. L. Street, Bensonhurst	6	1	*44	95	19.00
F. F. Kelly, Veterans	7	2	*65	93	18.60
A. Brown, Veterans	8	0	56	146	18.25
C. H. Clarke, Staten Island	5	1	*34	73	18.25
O. Turville, Richmond Co.	7	1	47	107	17.83
F. A. Sargeant, Bensonhurst	9	0	65	159	17.66
F. J. Prendergast, Veterans	8	0	64	139	17.50
E. G. Hull, Richmond Co.	3	0	35	51	17.00
E. O. Challenger, Richmond	7	2	48	82	16.40
W. F. Jackson, Crescent	9	0	61	132	14.67
A. D. Robinson, Staten Island	4	0	27	58	14.50
E. Turville, Richmond Co.	5	0	15	72	14.40
G. N. Monkhouse, Richmond	4	1	23	43	14.33
J. A. Simpson, Crescent	7	0	28	99	14.14
E. B. Reece, Bensonhurst	9	1	24	113	14.12
A. P. Ross, Bensonhurst	7	0	26	97	13.85
C. W. Townsend, Crescent	6	0	24	81	13.50
G. W. R. Steadman, Bensonh'st	3	1	18	26	13.00
W. H. Taylor, Richmond Co.	2	1	*16	26	13.00
F. Hawley, Richmond Co.	4	1	20	[illegible]	13.00
W. F. Keenan, Jr., Staten Is.	3	0	22	37	12.33
A. L. Gresham, Bensonhurst	4	0	21	47	11.75
S. B. Standfast, Veterans	6	0	25	70	11.67
F. S. Franklin, Bensonhurst	8	2	29	65	10.83
J. T. Johnstone, Crescent	6	1	24	53	10.60
C. E. Blades, Bensonhurst	7	1	20	62	10.33
A. Baxter, Crescent	9	2	15	70	10.00
A. S. Durrant, Veterans	4	0	25	40	10.00

*Not out.

BOWLING AVERAGES.

Bowlers and Clubs:	*B.*	*M.*	*R.*	*W.*	*Avg.*
H. R. Nicholl, Staten Island	468	18	228	30	7.60
F. A. W. Ireland, Staten Is.	156	6	69	9	7.67
M. R. Cobb, Staten Island	491	26	192	24	8.00
C. H. Clarke, Staten Island	78	2	57	7	8.14
F. F. Kelly, Veterans	581	21	326	39	8.36
A. Evelyn, Bensonhurst	186	4	104	10	10.40
C. E. Blades, Bensonhurst	568	6	278	25	11.12
F. C. Taylor, Richmond Co.	160	7	87	7	12.42
W. Bonnar, Crescent	343	8	212	15	14.13
W. Radford, Richmond Co.	380	10	215	15	14.20
A. S. Durrant, Veterans	192	4	87	6	14.83
O. Turville, Richmond Co.	384	11	213	14	15.21
A. Hoskings, Richmond Co.	324	3	219	12	18.25
W. F. Jackson, Crescent	418	10	266	13	20.46
F. A. Sargeant, Bensonhurst	487	12	289	13	22.20
C. C. Beling, Veterans	190	5	137	6	22.83
J. O. P. Humphreys, Crescent	[illegible]	7	221	9	24.55
G. W. Hayman, Veterans	365	3	207	8	25.87
E. B. Reece, Bensonhurst	192	0	167	6	27.83

Records of those who took less than five wickets: J. D. Keenan, Staten Island, 5 wickets, 5.00; A. L. Gresham, Bensonhurst, 3 wickets, 7.00; L. W. Stoughton, Richmond Co., 5 wickets, 9.80; J. N. Escobal, 3 wickets, 12.00; F. Hawley, Richmond Co., 4 wickets, 19.75; S. Deane, Veterans, 5 wickets, 21.00; A. Baxter, 3 wickets, 57.33.

FOOTBALL AT DARTMOUTH.

Six of Last Year's Team Gone and Not Much New Material.

HANOVER, N. H., Sept. 30.—The prospects of a successful football season at Dartmouth are not very bright. To begin with, the six best men on last season's varsity have been lost by graduation: Sherwin at right tackle, Lovejoy at left guard, Needham at centre, Ryan at right end, Ingersoll at quarter and George Hoban at right half. This leaves but five men of varsity experience available—Elcock, Whitmore, Morey, Barends and Capt. Daley. Of these only Barends and Daley may be said to be reasonable sure of positions on this season's lineup.

Capt. Daley holds down the left wing. Although his showing against Norwich on Wednesday was weak, he is a seasoned veteran, a good scrappy leader and on former occasions exhibited marked ability. Last year Barends played fullback. This season he has been put on the line at right tackle. The change has been justified by the fact that he has proved himself to be the strongest lineman up to date. He is an exceptional kicker, doing all the goal kicking last year. This season he is being developed as a drop kicker, which fact, along with his ability in place kicking, makes him a most valuable asset. Moving him from the backfield, however, seriously weakens that department, which at present is the most important and difficult problem the coaches have to solve.

Morey at left half is the only veteran now in the backfield. He is fast and fairly heavy, but has the fatal tendency to fumble. He has done the punting for the team to date, but his kicking is very mediocre. Last year Ingersoll did all the punting.

Up to date Gibson, '13, has played centre and his work is such that his position is reasonably secure. He was a sub last year and is not very heavy but is extremely accurate, keeps well on his feet and is a good fighter. Englehorn and Beer, guards on last year's freshman team, are fighting to play on Gibson's right. Both are 6 foot 2 and weigh over 200 pounds. So far Beer has been the choice of the coaches.

Bennett, '13, Harris, '13 and Biglow, '13, all last season subs, are trying out for guards along with Farnum, '12, who played on the 1909-10 team but who was unsuccessful last year. He is strong and big but very slow for the new style of game.

Several candidates are trying for right end. Hayes, '13, another sub of last year, is the only man who has pleased the coaches to date and if he continues to play the game he put up against Norwich he will be a member of this year's varsity. The backfield is as much a puzzle as when the candidates met the day after Labor Day.

Hogsett and Llewellyn, backs of the 1914 eleven, are the most prominent among the candidates for quarter. Both, however, have a tendency to star themselves and neither has shown much generalship. Hogsett's main asset is the ability to carry the ball through an open field.

Snow, '14, and Louden, '14, are the best men for fullback. Neither could be called good. Loudon is better in defensive work, while Snow shows up best on the offensive. From Dana, '12, of Mount Olivet, Estep, '14, Dudley, '13, and Filley, '13, the halfback must be chosen. Dudley seems to play the hardest game, and Estep the fastest. Filley has the most strength, and Dana the longest experience. None of them is yet varsity material.

Frank Cavanaugh, '99, an All American end, is head coach. It is his first trial at Dartmouth and his problems are very difficult. He formerly coached Holy Cross. He is assisted by Joe Gilman, '05, and Lawrence Bankart, '10, guard and end on former Walter Camp All American. Last year Bankart coached Colgate.

N. Y. U. FOOTBALL.

First Week of Practice Shows Some Good Material.

The New York University football squad has just finished its first week of fall practice on Ohio Field. Two weeks of preliminary work at Eddyville, N. Y., put the varsity men in prime condition so that the two days practice following the opening of college last Wednesday was a pleasant surprise to those who witnessed the team in action. All but four of last year's regulars are back and there is enough material among the second string men to enable the coaches to fill the vacancies.

Owing to the graduation of Murphy, Gorsch and Wheeler the left end and left halfback positions are open; Murphy and Gorsch alternated at left half last season. Yule is the only other man that the varsity loses. Crawford, the plucky little right end, contrary to previous expectations is in the squad. He is combining his last year in college with his first year in law school and thought at first he would be unable to give the time for daily practice. His presence on the line adds considerably to the strength.

Andrade, '13, who is filling in at right tackle in Capt. Brennan's old position, is a likely man for the place, although Weiner, last year's All Scholastic tackle from De Witt Clinton High School, is showing up well in practice. Andrade was out for end last season, but against Crawford and Wheeler he had no opportunity. In his new position at tackle he is showing up better than he ever did at end and will surely give Weiner a hard fight to keep the place.

Henneberger, who has held down the position of left guard for the last two seasons, is the mainstay of the line. He was largely responsible for the great stand the varsity line made against Princeton last year. Kopff, last year's varsity centre, who was graduated last year, goes to the New York University Law School this year and is eligible to play. He will no doubt be seen in his old position, although Cooney, last year's substitute and 1909 varsity centre, will be on hand. Torrence, the new man from Vermont, has not shown up as yet but is expected daily.

Mackay and Vesley, right guard and right tackle, are two old standbys on whose efficient work the coaches can always rely. They have played these two positions for three years. Under the four year rule this will be their last on the varsity, although both men are enrolled in the School of Commerce.

The strength of the backfield is an uncertain quantity. Galloway's old position at quarter will undoubtedly be filled by Nixon, who is again eligible, with Huntley, a freshman from Morris High School who is now running the scrubs, as a possible factor. Elliffe, who with Moore alternated at right half, may not be in the lineup. Owing to the serious injury he received last year in the game with Wesleyan his parents object to his playing football again this year. Moore will hold this position. Left half may go to Kennedy, who substituted the position under Murphy and Gorsch, but Von Egloffstein, who has been working hard in this position at summer camp and who played on the varsity in his freshman year, looks to be the man who will make the place.

The greatest blow to the team is the loss of Yule, the star fullback. Although Brennan, captain of the team for the coming season, promises to be a heady line plunger and a speedy back he lacks the beef and kicking ability of Yule. The weak spot of the team will be its punting. Moore, who has been practising drop kicks throughout the summer, will be an invaluable aid to the team, but he is no punter. Brennan has been punting better the past week and Von Egloffstein, who did much of the kicking in yesterday's practice, promises to be good. Dressler has shifted over from left tackle to left end. Dutcher, who gave promise of making a speedy end last season, is out for the same position. Bottcher, last year's substitute for this place, will be out this week. The fight between these three will be an interesting one to watch.

New York University faces this year perhaps the hardest schedule in its history, for aside from the preliminary games with Muhlenberg and Rhode Island State in October the team will face Yale, Trinity, Rutgers, Wesleyan and the Navy consecutive weeks in November.

TRINITY'S FOOTBALL SQUAD.

Many of the Team That Was Beaten Only by West Point in Training.

GUILFORD, Conn., Sept. 26.—The members of the Trinity football squad who have been here for the past week for preliminary training are fast rounding into shape under the direction of Coach Gettell. No scrimmage has yet been attempted, the work being confined to cross-country runs, punting and signal drill, with particular attention to the long forward pass, which has featured largely in the play of the Trinity teams of the past three years. Of last season's fast eleven, which was defeated only by West Point, the following are still in college: Capt. Howell, Ahearn, Hudson, Lawlor, Collett, Moore and Bleeker. The line will be greatly strengthened by the addition of Buck, tackle of two years ago, who will return to college this fall.

The quarterback position is the one which is giving the coaches the most difficulty. Cook, who has played the position well for the past two years, will not be back. There are several promising candidates among the freshmen, however, and the coaches are also pleased with the showing of Wessels, captain of the track team, who reported in excellent condition, as he had been pole vaulting during the summer for the New York Athletic Club. Capt. Howell, who played at tackle last year, is being tried at end, and will in all probability retain that position, as he has shown marked ability in handling the forward pass. The most likely candidates for tackle are Buck of the 1909 team and Hudson of last year's eleven. At guard the coaches are using Fitzpatrick, who played only a short time last season owing to injuries, and Lawlor a former halfback. Bleeker, the 1911 centre, will in all probability hold his position.

There is a wealth of candidates for the back field position. Ahearn, Collett and Moore seem the most likely, though there are several of the new men who are showing up well. The men will leave here on Thursday, returning to Hartford for the opening of college.

The schedule follows:

October 7, Worcester at Hartford; 14, Amherst at Hartford; 21, Colgate at Utica; 28, Wesleyan at Hartford; November 7, N. Y. U. at New York; 11, Massachusetts Aggies at Hartford; 18, Haverford at Haverford; 25, Brown at Providence.

COLUMBIA ROWING.

Placed on a Satisfactory Financial Basis This Season.

Rowing at Columbia seems to have been placed on a satisfactory financial basis during the season just closed, according to the report of the manager and graduate treasurer issued recently. According to Warren Kinney '11, the manager, and Morton G. Bogue, '09, the treasurer, the Columbia crew has finished the season with cash in hand, although the subscriptions were not as large as they were a year ago. By keeping down expenses to what was believed to be the minimum the crew finished with a small cash balance after paying $1,000 to the reserve fund, which now amounts to $3,500.

Altogether the expenses of maintaining rowing were $9,396.80 and the total receipts $11,726.68. The assets and receipts amounted to $12,193.49 and the expenses and liabilities $11,530.30, leaving a balance in the treasury, after paying all bills incurred up to and including September 15, of $663.19. By far the largest account of the year was that having to do with salaries, for $3,688 was spent in that way. The expenses of the training table were $1,097.78 and the racing account $895.63. The other expenses were launch account, $462.35; barge account, $531.46; boats and oars, $448.71; insurance $194.20; general expenses, $962.81; and special expenses, $1,225.88. The receipts came almost entirely from subscriptions and other like sources.

"The reserve account," the report continues, "was established last year to provide against depreciation in equipment and necessary replacements, and the need of such a fund is at once apparent when it is considered that our quarters at Edgewater are only temporary and we might have to quit them on ten or thirty days notice. It should also be noted that the barge cannot last forever, and the time is not far off when we will have to make provision for a more suitable boathouse on the west bank of the Hudson.

"Our expenses next year will be increased, for there are many improvements that have to be made in equipment and general operation so as to make the sport more attractive and the men more comfortable. A more active racing season is planned, and this will also entail additional expense. N. O. Rockwood, '10, a former coxswain, has been appointed assistant graduate manager and will supervise at the university and at the boathouse the details of management and see that the needs of the coach and crew are attended to."

NEWS OF THE ATHLETES

A SLEUTH TO HELP REGISTRATION COMMITTEES?

Official Programme of the Olympic Games Contains Interesting Points—Shift Among A. A. U. Old Timers—Where Some New York A. C. Stars Sojourn.

Those who would like to see the real kind of amateurism prevail hope the newly elected member of the registration committee will prove equal to the task. A little prior to the annual conclave of the Metropolitan Association there was talk of a reformatory move in the direction of the committee in the shape of keeping off representatives of any of the big clubs, and of having the committee composed of one man from Brooklyn, one from The Bronx and one from Manhattan. Though the Bronx and Brooklyn clubs are formidable enough to be specially represented they made no effort in the direction, but instead were carried along on the maelstrom of a political quibble to vote for other issues. Most of the delegates sent to this annual session are not imbued with a thorough spirit of sport and they allow themselves to be swayed by others who are in sport for purposes other than the popularization of outdoor exercises.

During the last season the local registration trio was so far short of its purpose that it has been suggested to appoint a lookout or special sleuth to be attached to the committee. His business should be to go about and keep an eye on the doings of certain athletes. He should be around to listen to the stories told by the appearance money brigade. He could hear those yarns all around, and how much Tom, Bill and Dick got here and there for this or that performance, as well as having a keen line on where the best and most profitable camping grounds are to be had. As long as the newspaper men can hear such stories it ought not to be hard for the lookout to hear even better ones. Then after he had heard sufficient things of importance the sleuth could go and disgorge himself to the registration committee, and they could act accordingly on the cases.

A man partly connected with amateur sport and who travels around considerably told a story recently and it is only similar to what can be heard at any rendezvous of the athletes nowadays. "I wonder where the eyes and hearing of the registration committees of the Metropolitan Association and the Middle Atlantic Association are when any of the big professional meets are on," said the man. "I happened to be over in Philadelphia in the month of August at the Caledonian games when I saw a prominent athlete from this locality competing for the cash. I thought I saw some members of the Middle Atlantic governing body around, but I am not sure, and anyway they would hardly know the man. At the metropolitan championship a couple of weeks ago I saw this same athlete walk out among the amateurs and win two prizes. At the moment I thought to jump out on the field, tap him on the shoulder and tell the referee that there stood a professional. On second thought I did not go, because I suddenly remembered some rulings of the committee, and perhaps I might be told to go away; that as long as the Caledonian Club of Philadelphia was not a member of the Metropolitan Association this athlete had a perfect right to run at its meet. What the board of governors of the Metropolitan Association ought to do is appoint a sort of commissioner at large and allow him full scope around this locality and with strict instructions to keep his eyes peeled for violators of the amateur rules. The association can afford to pay such an official a little salary, for hardly any one could spare the time for nothing on such a job."

The official programme of the Olympic games at Stockholm next year has just been issued and no more detailed publication of its kind could well be imagined. It covers every branch of sport that will be handled by the Swedes, and along with giving the events, the date of closing of the entries, the rules of competition are also included, as well as a statement about the nature of the prizes. The section of the programme which concerns America most is that which touches on the track and field competitions which are scheduled to start on Saturday, July 6, and continue till July 15, the Sundays included. Entries for these contests must be made before June 6 by European countries, but outsiders such as America, Australia, South Africa, Canada and China will have til June 14 to send in the names of their teams. No telegraphed entries will be accepted and those sent in writing must be very plain. The dates of closing for the gymnastics, swimming, wrestling and fencing will be the same as for the athletics, but the entries for the cycle road race around Lake Malar close on June 7. The modern pentathlon or all around competition will take place July 7 to 11 and the entries for that close on June 1 or June 9 for America and the other countries outside of Europe.

The most peculiar thing about the programme is the dimensions given of the running track. Reports had it here at one time that it would be a full third of a mile and correspondingly big otherwise. Such is not the case. It measures 418 yards in circumference and will be 32 feet at the broadest point, which will be the finish of all races. The narrowest point on the backstretch will be 22 feet wide, and the curves, which will be easy, will be banked up about 18 inches. On the infield there will be plenty of room for the weights and jumping, as it will be 178 yards long by 73 broad.

Though the prizes are partly limited to first, second and third in the different events it is evident that the Swedes are not going to let exceptional all around merit go unrewarded even though a man should not happen to land in the money. If any competitor should do well in two or three competitions he will receive a diploma. It is said that the referee will decide on the men's merits and in most cases the referees will be Swedes. Here and there though in odd events there may be a few officials drafted from the outside nations. Of course a commissioner from each nation will be on the ground, and he will have a voice in the international jury in case of disputes and objections. With regard to objections over contests the protest must be lodged not more than an hour after it takes places and each objection must be accompanied by twenty Swedish kroner.

Since the first athletic programme was issued it met with some changes but the following is the final list sanctioned by the International Olympic Committee:

Athletics in the Stadium Saturday, July 6, to Monday, July 15. Entries close June 6.

I. Individual events. Maximum number of competitors from each nation in each event, twelve. Prizes in each event: First, gold Olympic medal; second, silver; third, bronze.

In the Marathon race every non-prize winner whose time does not exceed that of the winner by 25 per cent. will receive a special diploma of merit. The following challenge cups will also be presented: (a) H. M. the King of Sweden's challenge cup to the winner of the pentathlon. (b) H. I. M. the Emperor of Russia's challenge cup to the winner of the decathlon. (c) H. R. H. the Crown Prince of Greece's prize to the winner of the Marathon race (holder, J. J. Hayes, U. S. A.). (d) The Montgomery statuette to the winner of the discus throwing best hand (holder, M. J. Sheridan, U. S. A.)

100 meters flat, 200 meters flat, 400 meters flat, 800 meters flat, 1,500 meters flat, 5,000 meters flat, 10,000 meters flat, Marathon race (40,200 meters, about twenty-five miles), hurdle race (110 meters), walking race (10,000 meters), running high jump, standing high jump, running broad jump, standing broad jump, hop, step and jump, pole jump, throwing the javelin (with javelin held in the middle), best hand; throwing the javelin (with the javelin held in the middle), right and left hand; throwing the discus, best hand; throwing the discus, right and left hand; putting the weight, best hand; putting the weight, right and left hand; throwing the hammer. Pentathlon (July 7), comprising: 1, running broad jump; 2, throwing the javelin (with javelin held in the middle), best hand; 3, 200 meters flat; 4, throwing the discus, best hand; 5, 1,500 meters flat. Decathlon (1 to 5 on July 14, 6 to 10 on July 15), comprising: 1, 100 meters flat; 2, running broad jump; 3, putting the weight, best hand; 4, running high jump; 5, 400 meters flat; 6, hurdle race, 110 meters; 7, throwing the discus, best hand; 8, pole jump; 9, throwing the javelin (with the javelin held in the middle), best hand; 10, 1,500 meters flat.

II. Team competitions. Maximum number of teams from each nation in each event, one team. Prizes in each event: First, diploma to the winning team and silver gilt Olympic medal to each member of the team; second and third, silver and bronze medal respectively to each member of the team.

Relay race, 400 meters: Teams of four, each man to run 100 meters, with maximum two reserves. Relay race, 1,600 meters: Teams of four, each man to run 400 meters, with maximum two reserves. Team race, 3,000 meters: Five to run, three to count; maximum three reserves. In the event of a tie the total time taken by the scoring three of each team shall decide. Tug of war, teams of eight; maximum four reserves. Teams may not be captained by any one who is not a member of the team.

III. Combined individual and team competition. Cross-country race, about 8,000 meters. Simultaneous start. Start and finish in the Stadium. The race is partly individual, partly team race. Maximum number of competitors from each nation, twelve. Prizes in the individual competition: First, gold Olympic medal; second, silver; third, bronze. Prizes in the team

competition: First, diploma to the winning team and silver-gilt Olympic medal to each member of the team; second and third, silver and bronze medal respectively to each member of the team. In the team competition the respective places of the first three men from each team will be added together and the team having the lowest aggregate number of points will be declared the winner. In the event of a tie the total time taken by the scoring three of each team shall decide.

Some of the old timers in the different A. A. U. districts are getting shifted about a bit, some moving up the ladder and others getting out of the hustle altogether. Tom Riley gained the top of the tree in the New England Association by becoming president. Down in St. Louis John J. O'Connor, who has been head of the Western association for the last twenty-five years, is out. He said he has other interests in athletics to look after.

Con Walsh, the hammer thrower and formerly of the New York A. C., is now in Seattle, and a few days ago he wired for his release to Capt. Halpin. It seems that Con will not get his release, and he may have to wait the full year before he can represent any other club. Dan Ahearn, the Olympic champion for the running hop, step and jump, is in Chicago, where he intends to settle down for good. He wore the Mercury Foot for a while, but he never seemed to strike his real form of the Old World.

HARVARD MEN AT PRACTICE.

Players in Good Trim and Material Promising.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Sept. 30.—Although the Harvard football squad began practice a week later this fall than did the candidates for most of the other college teams there has been truly remarkable progress made in two weeks: most of the players returned in excellent physical trim and an unusual amount of hard work apparently has had no ill effects—rather it brought the varsity men down to their first game well abreast of their rivals and prepared to meet the team's difficult schedule.

At first glance the material for a rush line, which has to be rebuilt except for two positions, seemed not altogether promising. "A lot of fine athletes, but they're all small," was the comment of the coaches, but although such rangy types as Fish, the Withingtons or Francis Burr are not included in the squad, there are some very husky boys on Soldiers Field this fall and ones that the Crimson coaches should be able to whip into a splendid team.

Harvard has its usual wealth of candidates this year, but not necessarily a wealth of good material. There is in sight the timber from which to build a good rush line. Not much is in sight just now in the way of substitutes for the regular rank of forwards, but barring accident Haughton now has the men on whom the most diligent coaching of the season will be spent.

Harvard's two All America veterans, Capt. Fisher, right tackle, and Bud Smith, right end, not only form the foundation for the rush line but their work in the three scrimmages already held indicates that they will be more capable even than in 1910. Fisher, weighing 205 pounds, is not hardened for a season's work, but he never has been more active, never more powerful and versatile. Fisher has been persuaded by the coaches to remain at right guard, although at the beginning of the season he was anxious to play tackle.

Smith has started the season a whirlwind on attack but as yet little opportunity has been given him to develop his defensive game. He has been particularly brilliant at the receiving end of the hard, driving forward passes shot at him by Potter, the quarterback, and he has followed the ball with all his former keenness.

Both Fisher and Smith will remain on Harvard's right wing this fall and between them at tackle is Gardiner, whose work on the freshman team last year commanded attention and whose ability has been again demonstrated in the few days that the team has been on the field. Gardiner weighs 184 pounds and is possessed of tremendous strength; he is very quick on his feet and has a natural ability to divine an opponent's play. He has indeed rare possibilities for a tackle and particularly for the position as now played, for he is fast enough for end and sturdy enough to close in next to centre, whichever place Harvard's varying shifts of base on attack may locate him.

Were Harvard assured of as strong a left wing as will be the right side of the line it would be difficult enough for the coaches to conceal their satisfaction. But it has not, and it will take all of the ten weeks of a season to bring up a left wing that can reach the standard sure to be established at the right and one that can retain the balance.

Left guard, left tackle and left end, not to mention centre, will be played by newcomers this fall. True, Felton played left end in a part of the Yale game last year, but it was at the beginning of the match, and he entered the lists as a kicker rather than an end rush, being in the original lineup to work out Haughton's hopes that a kicking game would soon place Harvard in a position to make an early score—which did not happen, Felton then being relieved by Lewis, the first string end.

Felton's kicking again is the best that is being done by the veterans, but Milholland, from last year's freshmen, is doing just as well, so that punting alone will not secure Felton a place at left end. Therefore the position is not settled, and of course the places left vacant by Minot and McKay at guard and tackle must be filled by newcomers.

There are perhaps ten players who will make the fight for the places on the left wing interesting this fall, and the coaches by no means have given all of them a trial sufficient to determine their possibilities. At the same time one man stands out preeminent for guard and another for tackle.

Percy Keays, on the freshman team two years ago and with the varsity squad last year, is the guard. He is powerfully built, with his 191 pounds well distributed. Last fall he seemed unable to apply his strength or to show continued aggressiveness. In past years Harvard has not been altogether successful in "making" football players, but Keays has made a promising start, and Harvard's reconstructed coaching system never has been given a better opportunity to manifest its soundness than by developing this particular player.

There are other guards, Stow, McGuire, Blodgett and Driscoll, men who weigh respectively 191, 227, 186 and 221 pounds, and material for tackle in Parmenter, 179; Jencks, 183; Leslie, 183, and possibly Rogers, but almost all of these have been tried in previous years as substitutes. Among them are some very solid, steady men who have worked hard and faithfully and who know a lot of football. But the coaches are conscious of limitations, however, and for tackle, particularly, have been seeking a man that can be developed to fill the place left open by McKay.

This man, unless the best tried signs fail, has been found in Hitchcock, a strapping fellow from Honolulu who played on the line for the Harvard freshman team last year. An ankle, sprained recently has prevented him from working hard in the scrimmages, but in the breaking through drill he has shown not only a splendid sense of football, but a thrashing style of play that later should be tremendously effective. Weighing well over 190 pounds, he handles himself naturally and with a season's coaching before him offers almost unlimited possibilities.

For centre there is bound to be a capital contest between Huntington, who played in the preliminary games last year, and Storer. Huntington is a mighty good all around man. He weighs only 172 pounds, about six pounds less than Storer weighs. He cannot be said to be as fast for a light man as was Pat Grant or Nourse, but he was good last year. However, he has been uncertain in his passing to quarter and direct for plays and kicks and his improvement in this detail has not been altogether satisfactory so far this year. Storer is active also and never has played in a position other than centre. In technique he has a slight advantage over Huntington. Possibly some heavier man, Jencks or Parmenter, later may be tried at centre, but either will have to develop very fast to permanently take the place away from Huntington or Storer.

The end coach, Leary, has two promising men in Howard and O'Brien to develop for the future elevens if not for this year's team. The former is green and has not O'Brien's speed. Both will make things interesting for Felton, granting that the latter's kicking ability possibly can be overlooked in the final reckoning. O'Brien is a sprinter and gets down the field faster than even Smith, and he has moreover a well developed sense of following the ball.

Manual and Stevens Prep Game Postponed

The football game scheduled between Manual Training and Stevens Prep at Hoboken yesterday afternoon was called off for the present and the elevens will not meet until a later date. The coaches found it inadvisable to let their teams go into a game without more practice.

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It is probable that the varsity men will not begin active practice until a week from Monday, although practically all of the men will come out in pairs or four oared shells this week in order to get limbered up. Rice's prospects for a good varsity crew are the best he has ever had since he has been at Columbia, because six of the eight who rowed at Poughkeepsie in June will be on hand at the first call, and in addition he will have W. Ruprecht, who rowed No. 2 in the varsity boat until after the Annapolis races last spring, and B. F. Phillipson, who stroked the 1913 freshman eight. F. Miller, who rowed in both the 1909 and 1910 varsity boats and who was out of college last year, will be in again. In addition Rice has practically the full squad of varsity substitutes that he took to Poughkeepsie in June and also the victorious 1914 freshman eight to draw from to fill holes in the varsity squads.

The cross-country men will begin work during the week and it is planned to have a series of handicap runs during the fall with one or two dual meets to round out the schedule before the intercollegiate run.

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