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PRINCETON LETTER

In the second intercollegiate basketball game with Columbia the Princeton team was defeated by the score of 19 to 14. The game was extremely fast, and Princeton's passing and blocking was much better than heretofore this year. Columbia started the game with a rush, and although the University made a great improvement in the second half and outplayed Columbia, they were unable to overcome the lead gained in the earlier part of the game.

In the fifteen annual tournament of the Intercollegiate Chess Association, composed of Yale, Columbia, Harvard and Princeton, which was held in New York during the Christmas vacation, the Princeton team won a second third.

The University hockey team played four games previous to the opening of the Intercollegiate season, and was defeated by New York in three of these games. The playing was generally handpicked by reason of their lack of practice. A Northern tour had been arranged for the vacation, but it was not possible to get a satisfactory understanding as to the date of departure, and the trip was not finally decided upon.

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University Debate Committee.

The University Debate Committee met yesterday and arranged plans for bringing out a number of new men as candidates for this year's Yarnall debate team against Cornell and Columbia. Special letters will be sent to all, giving promise of debating ability, urging them to compete in the trials. Already twelve notices have been received from the first-rate law class, all of whom are new men. One of these appears sure of places on the team, judging from his rec- epts at other colleges.

The Committee decided that contestants should have their choice of ideas throughout the trials, in that in every case they should be required to draw for the order of choice of speaking.

"Varsity men who are eligible and will try for this year's teams are Black, Paul, Hutton, Obermayer, Met- tin and Stevens. The Debate Com- mittee greatly regretted that Charles E. Asma, '97 L., was unable to represent Pennsylavnia this year. As- ta has debated on Yarnall teams for three years, but the pressure of his work in the law office of William F. Harrity, Esq., will prevent him from debating this year.

News of the Dormitories.

Mr. Cottrell has been making some improvements at the Dormitories. A handsome new brass office sign has been placed at the office entrance door. The lights and water arrangement, which have caused a little trouble lately, have been thoroughly gone over. Mr. Cottrell has also ar- ranged to have a brace, with line of electric lights, extended out over the directory board in the arch. This is an improvement long needed. The painting of the interior of the new Dormitories, which was to take place during the Christmas holidays, has been postponed until next summer, as the result of a complaint from men not wanting to take down their decorations.

An unfortunate accident occurred at the Dormitories yesterday, when a heavy derrick, which is being used in building the new Dormitory house, fell, and breaking through a door, struck one of the stone masons, breaking his leg and cutting his head badly. He was removed to the University Hospital.

Condition of Joseph Z. Todd.

Joseph Z. Todd, '97 Wharton, who has been in the University Hos- pital with meningitis since December 26th, has been slowly improving during the last three days. He is not, however, yet considered out of dan- ger, and is still isolated.

The doctor in charge of Todd stated yesterday afternoon that a definite diagnosis of meningitis has been made. This disease is like cerebro- spinal meningitis, except that it is not contagious. Todd's attack was brought on by grippe, but it is not known what was the superinducing cause. Todd has been able to take food all along since he was taken to the Hospital. None of his people have come on from Tacoma, Wash., where he lives, and no one is allowed to see him.

Daniel R. Rington, '97 D., is the solo orator in the present "line of the students' ward. He has been in since last Friday with a severe case of grippe, which is expected to take his place for a week.

Architectural Department News.

Mr. Elliott, of the Faculty of the Architectural Department, de- livered a lecture yesterday at 4:15, in the recitation room, College Hall, on the "Elements of Architectural Com- position." This is the first of a series of lectures on architectural subjects to be delivered on Monday afternoons by Professor W. T. Miller, Principal of the Pennsylvania Museum and School of Industrial Art, Bread and Pine streets. The lecture on January 21st on "Architectural Sculpture."
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