The preliminary trials for the Mask and Wig chorus were held in the old house, 316 Queen street, last night.

Stage Manager Wasley welcomed fully two hundred candidates. He spoke a few words of greeting, and announced that the trials would be conducted in the same manner as in previous years. He said in part:

"The men will be called up in groups of twelve. Each group will first sing the chorus of a popular song and then be put through a few steps to test their dancing ability. The preliminary trials will continue on Thursday and Wednesday nights and Saturday afternoon of next week and Monday night of the following. All work will then be suspended until after the fall examinations. No man having more than one condition will be allowed to take part in the trials."

Mr. Morgan then introduced President C. F. McMichael to say a word or two. President McMichael spoke of the past work of the Mask and Wig, and in a few well-chosen words, told what the Club really stood for. Said Mr. McMichael: "It has been a success."

C. F. McMichael to say "a word or two," President McMichael spoke of choruses candidates during our fourteen years' existence. Our preliminary trials are now over. Tonight we will carry on upon the real work of the coming season. Real work it is I want to tell everyone present at the outset of this fact. Our motto, 'There is Only Room for One,' means that there can be only room for whatever thing is on the boards. There is only room at present for students. For this play. We all know that the coming season will be the best ever, and it always has been. To make this hold true we will all have to work. No one can cut a répétition. We expect as much attention as in business of any of your studies. The name of the play is 'A Journey In Search of Christmas.'"
Polo and Swimming Captains.

In anticipation of the coming swimming meet with the Freshmen, the Sophomores have elected R. E. A. De R. as captain of both the polo and Yachtsman's teams.

Regular practice is held every night at 8 o'clock, at which time Coach Ritter has an opportunity to train the team. The Sophomore-Preston meeting will be held Saturday, January 19th, at three o'clock, and there will be a small admission fee to cover the expenses, occasioned by the purchase of medals, which will be of gold, silver, and bronze.

The events will be a four-man relay, each man swimming two hundred feet; fifty, one hundred and two hundred and twenty yards, swim, pluge for distance, diving, and a one-mile race.

Those who have reported are: De Bow, Wharton; Sylvester, R. E. W. Wharton; Armstrong, Arts; Freund, M. E.; Bryant, Wharton; E. H. Rogers, Wharton; Morgan and Mocleach, Wharton; F. C. Rogers, M. E.; Cochrane, Wharton; Ziebel, M. E.; Buschinger, Wharton; Yorks, Arts.

Houston Club Library.

The library in the Houston Club opened about a month ago, has proven very popular among the students. Composed of thirteen hundred volumes, mostly fiction, it affords an excellent opportunity for the reading of classical and late novels by those who have the time. Over three hundred books have been in circulation, and more are being added by presentation of the Club membership ticket or matriculation card to the desk.

The plan of keeping the library open on Sunday for reading has been adopted, and is being taken advantage of by many.

If any students have novels which, having read, they would like to donate to the Club, they will be gladly received.

'09 C. Wins Bowling Match.

The bowling team of '10 C, by booking three games to the '09 C team in the interclass series on the Houston Club alleys yesterday, lost first place, which it held until yesterday. The scores: "09 C.—Hammond, 154 127 149, 435; Bouler, 161 156 163, 521; Plante, 143 151 152, 442; De Bow, 117 146 131, 394. Totals, 735 719 769, 2244.

"10 C.—Galloway, 139 126 131, 395; Gruenler, 133 151 122, 405; Hartranft, 132 131 214, 381; MacFarland, 117 148 418, 449; Schreer, 153 166 169, 441. Totals, 984 745 625, 2760.

Reading by Dr. Furness.

Dr. Moorehouse Howard Furness will give a reading of "A Winter's Tale" in Witherspoon Hall on January 30th.

Dr. Furness rarely gives readings, and this is therefore an opportunity. He is considered the greatest living Shakespearean scholar, and in 1873 he began a variorum edition of Shakespeare, which gives a complete list of all opinions on each text of Shakespeare. This work, the greatest attempt of scholarship in the United States, has reached the twelfth volume.

Lectures on New York Practice.

Hon. Charles M. Hough, Judge of the District Court for the Southern District of New York, will begin his lectures on New York Practice, at the Law School this morning. The class meets every Saturday at 10.30 A. M. for two hours and for the same period on alternate Wednesday evenings at eight, until a total of thirty hours' work has been completed.

Fourth-Year Medical Class.

Dr. F. Schenck will lecture to the fourth-year class on Monday, January 14th, and Monday, January 21st, at 4 P. M., in lecture room D, New Medical Laboratories, on the subject of vaccination, small-pox, etc.

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The showing made so far this year by the "Varsity" basketball team is most gratifying. Although the prospects at the beginning of the year were very bright with the return of all the members of last year's championship team, the danger of over-confidence and individual playing, instead of team work, was feared by many.

The season is young, and the strongest teams must be conquered before glory can crown the year's work. Great things are expected, and the championship must be retained.

The approaching examinations for the Rhodes scholarships should be of interest to several students at Pennsylvania. Although the field for selection is large and the applicants many, we see no reason why at least one of the representatives from this State should not always come from this University. The examinations to be held on January 17th and 18th are merely qualifying, and the most successful may not be the one chosen by the Selection Committee. There are many things to be considered, such as character, athletic record and other abilities. Thomas Ellis Bolstis, a former editor-in-chief of this paper, is the present holder of a scholarship, and should undoubtedly be succeeded by a Pennsylvania man. We want many to try, and we hope that the one selected will be a true representative of the University.

FRESHMAN DEBATE COMMITTEE.

The Freshman Debate Committee has opened negotiations with the first-year men of the law school University for a debate, to be held on or about Friday evening, April 12th, and hopes to have within the next ten days a definite program to announce. The Committee is composed of Harold Whitehouse, Harold A. Lederer and Louis J. Otenberg, chairman.

HOUStON CLUB SERVICES.

The Sunday services in the Houston Club auditorium tomorrow will be in charge of Rev. Robert Talbert. Back of the Evangelical Church for Eastern Pennsylvania. Bishop Talbot has spoken at Pennsylvania before, and will need no introduction to University men.
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Grand—"Arrah Na Pogue."
Andrew Mack, as "Shawn, the Poet," in Don Boucicault's beautiful Irish comedy drama, "Arrah Na Pogue," is the attraction at the Grand Opera House this week. Mr. Mack, who is without a peer as an Irish comedian, is supported by a company of well-known actors and a chorus of twenty picked male and female voices of Mr. Mack's latest songs.

Now that Mr. Mack has developed so much as an actor, and ranks as one of the leading dramatic stars, it may be of interest to know that in its earlier days on the stage it was his singing rather than his acting that won him his great popularity. Music was not neglected even now, for if Mr. Mack did not sing in "Arrah Na Pogue," his thousands of adorers would be disappointed. Boucicault's celebrated comedy drama furnishes natural and abundant opportunity for the introduction of songs. Boucicault himself provided for local taste, and although the fact is not generally known, the words of the famous song, "The Winning of the Green," was written by him for this play. The power of appeal of this pathetically stirring ballad was such as to win its immediate celebrity, and it has since been sung as wide as the ocean, perhaps as any song ever written. There are four other songs introduced in the performance here. They are modern songs, in that they are the product of a present day composer and lyricist, but nevertheless they reflect both in words and music the spirit of the play.

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Track Candidates Report.
About sixty men reported for light track work yesterday. N. Carten, of the University, leaves today for Baltimore, where he will represent Pennsylvania in the one hundred yards straightaway race, held at the armory.

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