Spirited Discussion Precedes Defeat of Amendments.

The annual meeting of the Athletic Association was held last night in Houston Hall. The important question which was put to the large crowd of both alumni and undergraduates was proposed, each one of which was voted down by an overwhelming majority. The first amendment, which asked that the Directors be allowed to use their discretion in regard to the use of the A. A. books for admission to contests not held directly under the auspices of the Athletic Association, was received with disappointment. The second amendment to admit students to non-hold contests was accepted. The third amendment to give votes for graduate members of the Board of Directors to the undergraduates, was defeated. The Directors from the professional departments to be elected by a vote of the professional schools in which the candidates are registered.

After much heated discussion an amendment whereby the undergraduates should hereafter occupy seats in the center of the South Stand was laid on the table until the next meeting.

The speeches on all of the amendments were very spirited. E. C. Brumwell took the part of the undergraduates and made a very able speech of the meeting. The amendment to admit graduate members was proposed by J. R. St. Tappecker, J. M. Toree and T. D. R. Baldwin.

The report of the executive committee was read by Secretary H. M. Lipincott and accepted. The Basketball Committee presented for the season and announced that this year the Varsity team will be made up of graduate members only. The Varsity will be the use of the Gymnasium for indoor practice, and the reports of the following committees were read and accepted.

The features of the election result was the victory of Robert C. Forwell over C. Pemberton, Jr., as one of the graduate members of the Board. The vote for graduate members was as follows: E. C. Brumwell, 254; T. D. R. Baldwin, 252; H. M. Lipincott, 245; J. R. St. Tappecker, 143; C. C. Watt, 114; William Hollenbaek, who ran 400 votes won from EC, was elected. The vote for undergraduate members was as follows: R. C. Forwell, 338; H. M. Lipincott, 329; J. R. St. Tappecker, 282; C. C. Watt, 279; William Hollenbaek, 245.

The Medical Department representatives elected were: H. W. Scarf, 386; L. R. Whittam, 384; C. C. Wall, 290. In the Law Department R. J. Withers, 384, was defeated. The landspersons elected were: C. Hopkinson, Jr., and J. H. Cochran, Jr., who had 300 and 270 votes respectively.

The second-year class will meet in the second-year class room at 1:00 o'clock, but will meet the dormitory corner at nine o'clock.

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NEWS EDITOR OF TODAY'S ISSUE

J. ADDISON ARMANS.

JOHN MILTON.

Today we celebrate the tercentenary of the birth of John Milton. There will be appropriate exercises in Chapel this morning at which Dr. Childs, of the English Department, will make an address to the Faculty and students on the life and work of the great poet. John Milton was born December 9, 1608, just three hundred years ago today. He came from a family of culture, refinement, and means. Being a born student, he was given the advantages of the best education possible, and today the University of Cambridge is proud to honor the man whose greatness has brought such glory to its name.

His tastes from early youth were literary. He reveled in the Greek and Latin writers and read widely in Italian, French, and English. It was his first inclination to enter the church. By the time he had finished college he had decided on entering the law, but he finally gave this up. Of his later life his connection with the government, his travels, and his great accomplishments in the field of literature, we are all familiar. He gave to the world some of its greatest poetry, and by his great and inestimable work stands as one of the truly great men of the seventeenth century. Shut out from the active, outside world in his later years on account of his blindness, he found comfort and enjoyment in his own thoughts, and during this period of his life with this handicap he gave to the world some of his best works. It is well that we as a university celebrate this day with appropriate exercises.

Gifts to the Library.

Arthur Doughtery Box, '01 C, has presented copies of two of his latest dramas to the University Library. "One and Three," "Give Up Your Gods," is a drama in three acts set in pagan and Christian Russia. It is dedicated to the heroes, heroines and martyrs of the Russian Revolution, who have strive so nobly to compel the Romanov dynasty to give up its gods. Mr. Box further says in his introduction: 

"No longer can the (Russian) church oppose private resort to a perception of holy images and crosses through the streets and fields to quell rage and disorder, nor can Moscow fires now be extinguished by prayers even they ever could, nor plagues be obliterated by prostrations before jeweled thrones, for time has wrought its changes though the church has stood with concentric with failure, pride, and sin and ignorance, it has been unable to move along the highways of life, and has doomed those who have progressed and those who have scorned to be dead with it. Like Vladimir and his people of old, it must give up its gods to be redeemed.

The other drama by Mr. Box is "William Tell." It is a drama of the origin of the Swiss democracy, and depicts not only the Tell episode, but the movement of the spasms toward freedom and unity in Switzerland.

Professor Chester Lloyd Jones of the Wharton School, has presented a copy of "The Two Huguenot Conferences," by W. L. Hall, Ph.D.

Congressional District Club.

There will be a meeting of the students coming from the Twenty-sixth Congressional District of Pennsylvania—Pike, Northampton, Carbon and Monroe Counties—at the Houston Club this evening at eight o'clock.

The other dinner to be held today will be the annual dinner of the Wharton School Association.

CALENDAR OF TODAY'S EVENTS.

1.15—Sophomore Bowling Committee meeting, Houston Hall.

1.15—Freshman Class Meeting, Chemical Laboratory.

1.30—Brown Preparatory Club meeting, Room 2, Houston Hall.

2.15—Sophomore football candidates report, Franklin Field.

4.00—Cerle Franesia play trials.

Room 217, College Hall.

7.00—Candidates for Business Manager of "Red and Blue" report, Room 45, Bishop White.

7.00—Press Club meeting, Pennsylvania office.

7.20—Wharton School Association meeting, Room 102, Legrand Hall.

7.30—Schubert play rehearsals, Zeisshoff Hall.

8.00—Deutsch Verein meeting, Houston Hall.

8.15—Lancaster County Club meeting, Houston Hall.

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Cheer Leader Controversy.
Editor of The Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:—I have read with much interest and concern certain articles appearing in the recent University publications impugning the motives of the present Undergraduate Committee in its refusal to entertain Ralph Walte as a Cheer Leader after he had entered the Law Department.

As a graduate of recent years and one who has been in somewhat close touch with this situation and the selection of cheer leaders for some time past, I feel it my duty to lay before the student body certain facts in connection therewith.

In the college year of 1866-67 the Undergraduate Committee of which then Chairman as President of the Senior Class and of which Walte was a member, as President of the Junior Class, held through The Pennsylvania an election for cheer leaders. John A. Brown, then a second-year student in Law, and Lloyd P. Jones, Senior, College, were chosen.

The next season, 1867-68, the Undergraduate Committee, of which Albert H. Talley was then Chairman and John Brown was a representative of the Class of 1868, appointed Jones, who was also giving an extra year in Engineering, as Head Cheer Leader, and requested Brown to resign on the ground that they felt it was better to have the cheer leaders from the College. The Undergraduate Committee then appointed Walte to the Brown vacancy.

The present Undergraduate Committee, of which Sewell Cockran is Chairman, following the precedent set then, did not reappoint Walte, as he had entered the Law Department this fall. Jones had also graduated from College, and the two places vacated were filled from the College.

I do not believe Walte in any manner interested the vote and singling being done on his behalf, but so far he has remained silent and has not set the Undergraduate Committee's action before the College in the true light.

Walte was one of the committee which requested Brown to resign because he was in Law and was one of the committee which filled that place with his own way. Walte's appointment, Can Walte, now in Law himself, have any just grounds for grievance when he in turn is asked to give way to a man in the College?

As to the article in the "Red and Blue," either the writer of it was grossly ignorant of the situation or deliberately hoped to distort the facts that he might place the Undergraduate Committee in a false position before the student body. I cannot and do not believe the article was written with the approval or even the knowledge of the majority of the "Red and Blue" editorial staff, for I see on their board the names of too many good and loyal Pennsylvanians. The "Red and Blue" board if it does not wish to forever stigmatize itself must come out fairly and squarely and state whether or not the sentiments expressed in that editorial are their sentiments. If they are in line with the University's, then some sweeping change in the staff of its monthly magazine; if they are not, the Board should approve the "Red and Blue" to guarantee to the student body that it shall not in the future he so taken advantage of by editors with axes to grind or favorites to play.

Speak up, Walte, and deny the implication that you have been unfairly treated or discriminated against in the slightest degree.

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The following are requested to call at the Business Manager's office as soon as possible: Carothers, Durr, Dickson, Nell, Wodzickiholm, Caldwell, Collett, Martin, Myers, and Barrett. Signed: W. K. Johnson, Editor-in-Chief.

... Empire State Club.
Tonight, evening, at eight o'clock, in the Houston Club Auditorium, the Empire State Club will hold a combined smoker, entertainment and refreshments. There will be addresses by prominent men, selections by the Empire State Quartette, music of all kinds, valse/dances "vivace," and much refreshment. Only New York State men admitted.

... Tercentenary of Milton's Birth.
By request of the President, exercises commemorating of the three hundredth anniversary of the birth of John Milton will be held in the Chapel of College Hall this morning at nine o'clock. Address by Professor Clarence G. Child. All members of the University are invited to be present.

... Lancaster County Club.
There will be a meeting of the Lancaster County Club at Houston Hall this evening at eight o'clock. Vice-President, will be present and address the Club. Signed: J. P. Frantz, President.

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