American Music at Concert

Pochin to introduce Interpretation of typical American Rythms in Programs for Saturday Night.

Dvorak's New World Symphony will be played by the Philadelphia Orchestra on Saturday morning. Conductor Pochin has selected typical American tunes, and the appearance of this number on his list of selections is significant of the spirit of the composition.

Dvorak belongs to a school best represented by himself and MacDowell, which has succeeded today in interpreting the spirit of America's subject peoples. MacDowell in his Indian Suite, one of Pochin's early evening offerings, confuses himself to the rhythm of the redskin. Dvorak has chosen the melodies of the American negro as being exactly embodying the early spirit of the New World. It is a question of constant debate in musical circles as to which composer represents this spirit better. Although MacDowell's compositions as a whole seem to meet his place, it is conceded that Dvorak's Symphony No. 5 is more thorough, more constant and more comprehensive work than the Indian Suite. Indeed it has been criticized adversely as advertting too closely to thoroughness, to the neglect of the imaginative which lends a charm to MacDowell's work. However, the Fifth Symphony discloses all the plantation melodies, descriptive themes and symphonic breaks in their characteristic of the composer, making it a popular if not a perfect number.

Richard II

Richard III will introduce to the excellence of the program of the Schola in the orchestra's interpretation of Richard III. The play was written after the accession of Prince Henry, and he had been frequently a feature of the orchestra concerts in the gymnasium last year.

The poetry in this number is a product of the Schola's most fertile period. It reveals less flashes than some works which have earned unfavorable criticism for their composer on account of too much musical jargon, but contains enough legitimate discourse to reveal the originality of the author and the boldness which was a forerunner of Brittan's europaich school.

For all Saturday's offerings are the most attractive of the year, and as such are an important feature of student patronage.

Hockey practice at 4 o'clock to-day in the rowing Room.

Three Standards of Truth

Dr. Dewey Discusses the Subject from Pragmatic, Idealistic, and Realist Standpoint.

Dr. John Dewey, in the second of his series of lectures in Houston Hall yesterday, in answering the problem of truth as classed by three classes of philosophical thinking.

"Truth," said Dr. Dewey, "is judged chiefly by the people and the community. The need of the people is the need of the social order, and it is the need of the social order that causes the growth of its needs. . . ."

Our third point is the same idea, but it looks to itself for the interpretation of truth. One of Dr. Dewey's strongest arguments for defending the Pragmatic interpretation of truth was that it is the only true way, and that if the present from the future, then the future demands more. "It is only when we can find an end to an evil that truth or falsity is present."
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C H R I S T I A N  A S S O C I A T I O N  T A L K

Rev. Mr. McHenry Speaks Interestingly on "Prison Conditions and the Needs of the Prisoners."

Rev. M. C. McHenry, one of the leading workers in the Protestant Episcopal City Mission of Philadelphia, gave an extremely interesting talk on "Prison Conditions and the Needs of the Prisoners" before the members of the Christian Association, in Princeton Hall, last Monday evening.

Mr. McHenry was connected for some years with the Eastern State Penitentiary, and, in the telling of the conditions there, he said:

"When I entered upon my work in the Penitentiary, I was surprised to find that the authorities were so amply well versed in the Bible. I soon found, no more than, that the officers studied the Scriptures for exactly the opposite purpose which men generally study them for. Instead of hunting for those things which serve to strengthen one's faith, these men hunt for fables which will dispel the divinity of Jesus Christ and the teachings of the Scriptures in general. This tendency is due to a moral and spiritual warp, and it is this warp which wars most to undermine our faith.

"I am happy to declare that there is a change in the officers. The most desperate men are the most easily won. In proving this assertion, he told several stories of ex-convicts who had been taken up from the very lowest depths by simply being given a square deal and a little assistance.

PENNSYLVANIA RANKED FIRST.

"The Tech" Gives Red and Blue Team Supremacy of Eastern Colleges.

"The Tech," the daily paper of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, finds that the Eastern colleges are as follows:

Pennsylvania, Harvard, Annapolis, Brown, Yale, Princeton, West Point, Cornell, Dartmouth, Amherst and Williams. It reasons for doing so appears in the following paragraph:

"Had Harvard defeated Yale this year, says "The Tech," "these would have been the most desperate men for criteria against the choice of the Crimson boys as the country's premier aggregation. But the Yale game was a tie, and Pennsylvania at once presents a just claim to her record of the season for the title team."

FAST SOCCER SCRIMMAGE.

In Heavy Snow, Twenty-five Men Turn Out on Penns Park.

In scorns ranging from three to eight inches deep, twenty-five loyal devotees of association football held a fast and hard practice session on Franklin Field yesterday. All of the Varsity team were on hand and most of the second team. Two pointed sides were pitted against each other. Jordan and Sullivan each scored two goals, while the defensive work of Walton and Allen stood out prominently.

GYMNETIC MEET.

Middle States Intercollegiate Championship to Be Decided Here.

In reply to inquiries received concerning the date of the Middle States Intercollegiate Gymnastic Meet, which is held annually under the auspices of the University of Wisconsin and the authorities have announced that it will take place during the first week in March.

Almost a dozen preparatory and high schools compete annually for the gymnastic championship title, which was won last year by the Central High School of St. Paul, with the Car-

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MICHEL ANGELO SELLS PAPERS

Artounds Wharton School Professor and Class by Entering Their Sanctum Sanctorum.

Business was dull for Michel Angelo. All the morning he had been dispensing his papers, not necessarily the latest edition, at a penny a place. But in the afternoon, the crowd in College Hall, drifted away, Michel grew uneasy, he was wondered from his post in the basement to the second floor, filled with the busy notion that prosperity and staidness lie up together.

The Architect, scurrying from the old Chapel to the lockers on the top floor, didn't respond in Michel's appeal, and the end of the little Italian away grew faintly for want of recognition. An Insurance Session from the Wharton student held an overflow session in Room 201. Michel opened the rear door and started down the hall, dragging his feet and announcing his woes in a shrill Venetian treble.

The instructor, propounding a difficult problem in "Scroodover Valley" and didn't want to lose his trend of thought, but Michel had the door and was bent in selling at least two copies of the "Evening Times." The instructor requested Michel to leave, but Michel knew better; he was in the paper business and wasn't going to lose a sale for anybody. A second order came from the platform, then a third, but Michel didn't move—"there was a man over there who wanted a paper."

The instructor hesitated; the situation was becoming embarrassing—except for Michel. "Hut!" all he had escaped from the instructor, who finally forgot his dignity and set out in hot pursuit of Little Angelo. But the newsy was used to being chased, dodged among the seats until somebody made a noise out in the hall. Out there, perhaps, was a chance for a sale, so Michel executed a double shuffle, and dodged, disappearing through the door at the same time, and yelling: "Paper! Hey, youse, wanna buy a paper?"

THEFTS MUST STOP.

Dubois Puts Undergraduate Sleuths on Trail of Houston Club Pilersers.

Secretary George T. DuBois, of the Houston Club, has detailed a dozen indignant and irate students to de
tective duty in the reading-room of the Hall. Their purpose is to ascertain and bring to account the person who has fallen into the habit of appropriating for their own and exclu
sive use the popular weekly periodi
cals which are placed in the reading-
room for common use of all stu
dents. He said yesterday that the magazines and papers have been dis
appearing regularly since the first of the season, and that he had decided that it was time that some radical steps be taken to apprehend the guilty persons.

As soon as the weeklies arrive some one unscrupulously makes away with them. The comic and alleged funny journals are the ones that appeal most
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NOTICES.

"Vanity and Freshman basketball

candidates report at 7:30 tonight.

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ENGINERS PLAN REUNIONS.

Classes of 1908 and 1908 to Meet on December 23 and 24.

Following out their custom of past years, the 1904 and 1904 classes of the Engineering Department of the University will come together on December 23 and 24 for head reunions. Since graduation, those two classes have manifested more than the usual interest in the doings of their alma mater, and by keeping in touch with the school, and through it with each other, have been able to meet each year with very few of their members missing. The reunions have always been attended with great enthusiasm, and through the influences of a good banquet and as good speeches, their interest has been not only sustained but also increased. It is thought that a greater number will be present this year than at any former meetings. The 1904 class will make the Normandie its headquarters, and will be together all of Friday, December 23, while the 1904 class will hold forth the next day, December 24, at the Engineers Club. Professor Ruggles, head of the Engineering School, is expected to be present at both meetings to tell of the progress made in his department during the past year.

Blair County Meeting.

An important meeting of the Blair County students will be held this evening at 7:30 o'clock in Room 129, Provoit Smith House. All students from Blair are urged to attend.

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