

The new professor is the first who has been appointed to a university chair in Great Britain on account of his attainments in the science of naval architecture.

The Rugby Union Football Club has taken time by the forelock in the matter of the Intercollegiate games. At a recent meeting it was decided to favour the project in every way, and to endeavour to fix the annual match on a day that would be suitable likewise for the sports. The double event ought to be of much interest either in Toronto or Montreal, and certainly large numbers of undergraduates would take the opportunity of visiting the sister University, either as competitors or spectators. Our athletes would have some worthy object to train for, and their ambitions might rise higher than the Residence cake, if this meeting were established. The scheme is, in fact, just the one to infuse the necessary energy into an almost effete college institution, and we trust that it will be advanced with vigor.—*Varsity*.

UTICA, Feb. 16.—The faculty of Hamilton College have sent circulars to all the parents of the members of the senior class, in regard to the bolt from recitations. The two members who were suspended from college belonged to the class of '84, and the whole class numbering forty-nine, resolved to stay away until the two men suspended were reinstated. The majority of the members went to their homes to-day. The faculty of the college held a private meeting this afternoon. President Darling said the rebellious spirit of the students must be broken. The affair will throw a disgrace over the whole college and will reflect badly on the discipline of the institution. After some deliberation the faculty decided to defer their action until next week. It is generally believed that the faculty were too harsh in suspending the students, who were expected to be back in their places next week.—*New York World*.

TRINITY college has received all told from the late Colonel Northam and his estate nearly \$250,000. In the spring of 1881 Colonel Northam made the handsome gift of \$40,000 for the erection of the fine central building which connects Seabury and Jarvis halls. It has been completed and bears Northam's name. By his will, \$50,000 was left for the endowment of a professorship, which the trustees have established in the department of history and political science, and \$75,000 for the general purposes of the institution, besides \$12,000, subject to a life interest, which will be an addition to the college library funds. By the will of Mrs. Northam the college will get about \$60,000 more, making in all from this one estate an aggregate of about \$250,000. An effort now making by the New York alumni, and through them the alumni throughout the country, is expected to result in the raising of money enough to build a fine house for the president of the college and to thoroughly equip the institution with apparatus.

The proceedings at the annual meeting of the Intercollegiate Press Association, held at Harvard College, were made public some time ago. After some discussion, the following-named officers were elected for the coming year: President, Mr. Wakeman; vice-president, Mr. Norton; the Athenaeum was elected secretary. The president, the Acta Columbianna and the Brunonian were made the board of reference. There was a good deal of discussion about the work and purpose of the association, and the result was a resolution to this effect:—That the Acta Columbianna should be made a central bureau, that every paper in the association should make up and send to the bureau each week an epitome of its college news, and that the Acta should print and send to all the members the news thus gathered. Each paper has a corresponding secretary, who is elected out of its own board, as heretofore, and whose business it will be to make up the epitome. The Herald-Crimson, being a daily, is excused from sending an epitome, as its own printed columns are seasonably available at the central bureau. The next meeting will be at Providence, and it is hoped the membership will be considerably increased in the meantime.

WHAT the condition of the college would be without a system of athletics is a question already partly answered by what has been said in meeting the charges against the system. We can

understand, also, the effect of abolishing the present system by calling to mind the disorders reported in colleges in which no such system is allowed to exist. The revolts against authority and the great disorders between classes now occur with the most frequency not at colleges which have the greatest number of students and the most extensive athletic organizations, but at the colleges in which the students either are not able or are not allowed to establish such organizations. The disorders which used to occur in New Haven thirty or even twenty-five years ago ought to convince any candid man that, however great the present evils of college-life are with athletics, the past evils without athletics were worse. On one occasion in those "good old times," in consequence of a conflict between students and town boys, a cannon was brought before the college buildings to demolish them. The writer remembers another occasion when there was a collision between students and firemen, and one of the firemen was mortally wounded by a pistol-shot. That night the dormitories were bolted and barred and the students acted like a besieged party, and were making preparations for a possible fight the next day. In those same good old times there were more frequent disturbances between classes. There were snow-ball fights, too, on the campus, to the great destruction of window-glass. According to the testimony of men in the college in those days, drunkenness was more common. Certainly within the last twenty years the college sentiment with regard to intonation has undergone a change for the better. Before that period a student given to this vice did not necessarily lose caste among his fellows as he does at this day. The pressure of college opinion is against dissipation. It is absolutely necessary for the athletes to abstain from it. Being taught the evil effects of excesses upon their strong men, the university is not slow to see that intemperance is a wrong and evilfalling.—*Prof. E. L. Richards, in Popular Science Monthly for March*.

The resolutions lately submitted to the different college faculties are in general adverse to professionalism in athletics. Harvard has accepted them. Yale, Princeton and Brown have not yet been heard from, but it is believed that Princeton will follow Harvard's lead, and that Yale and Brown will not accept the proposition. The committee recognize the advantage of physical training, and submit that the trainer should be a man of character and ability, and should be made dignified by the support of the college faculty. The first resolution is that "every director or instructor in physical exercises or athletic sports must be appointed by the college authorities, and announced as such in the catalogue." But as athletic sports among students should never become a business, and since the tendency of a desire to win always results in an increasing employment of trainers whose influence is likely to be pernicious, the second resolution provides that "no professional athlete, oarsman or ball-player shall be employed either for instruction or for practice in preparation for any intercollegiate contest." And it is desirable on the whole to continue intercollegiate sports; but in order to have them more generally played in the colleges themselves, and to avoid the loss of time caused by too many contests at a distance from home, it is resolved, thirdly, that "no college organization shall row, or play base-ball, football, lacrosse or cricket, except with similar organizations from their own or similar institutions of learning." Moreover, in order to help obviate the frequent unpleasantnesses and disagreements in intercollegiate conventions of undergraduates, a faculty advisory committee is provided for in the resolution that "there shall be a standing committee of one member from the faculty of each of the colleges adopting these regulations, whose duty it shall be to supervise all contests in which students of their respective colleges may engage, and approve all rules and regulations under which such contests may be held." Again, college men not only frequently give too much time to athletic, and so raise the standard of successful candidature for the teams too high, but they sometimes come back to one of the schools to help keep the championship for their university; so it is provided, fifth, that "no student shall be allowed to take part in any intercollegiate contest as a member of any club, team or crew for more than four years." And, owing to the excitement consequent upon games with