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The report of the registrar of the university of
Halifax for 1879 states that seven examinations
were held during the year, attended by 25 candi-
dates, of whom 17 passed and 8 were rejected. Up
to this time 57 candidates have been examined, 40
of whom have passed, the nature of the examina-
tion and the standard of attainment required of
candidates accounting for the number of rejections.
Every one of the affiliated colleges, with the single
exception of Acadia, have sent up candidates to
one or more of the examinations.

The proceedings of the senates of the univer-
sities of Halifax and Manitoba are open to press
and public.

HARVARD'S NEW GYMNASIUM.

The gymnasium which was built at Yale in 1859
at an expense of \$12,000, though an unpretentious
structure, was the best one of the kind then belong-
ing to an American college, and it did not lose its
pre-eminence when Harvard next year erected a
gymnasium by the aid of \$8,000 from an individual
whose name has never been made public. Almost
immediately, however, the Barrett gymnasium at
Amherst claimed recognition as the best; after-
wards a gift of \$24,000 from George H. Bessell, of
this city secured a better one for Dartmouth, and
the Bonner and Marquand gymnasium at Prince-
ton in turn took rank as 'the most expensive and
complete.'

But at last Harvard has come to the front, for on
the 12th of January her undergraduates began
exercising themselves in 'the finest gymnasium on
this continent,' the same having been erected and
furnished at a cost of \$100,000, which sum was con-
tributed by Augustus Hemenway, a Bostonian.
The building is built of brick, in the colonial style
of architecture, with trimmings of sandstone, and
is a great ornament to the city of Cambridge. It
is 125 feet long and 113 feet wide, and the top of
the cupola, which surmounts the roof, is 98 feet
above the ground. Over the main window front-
ing on Kirkland street, the coat-of-arms of the col-
lege is carved in freestone. The main entrance is
by the way of an elaborate porch. There is an
outer and an inner vestibule. On the right of the
latter is a reception-room finished with enamel-
t bricks, and beyond this is a dressing-room 103 feet
long and 20 feet wide, containing 474 lockers,
through which steam pipes pass for drying the
clothing. On the same side of the building there
are two large bath and toilet rooms, and between
these is a room arranged for vapor and needle
baths, with appliances for giving a lateral, vertical
and descending shower. Three doors open from
the dressing-room into the main hall, over which
extends an iron framework arranged with sliding
eyebolts and beams, so that the swinging apparatus
can be suspended from any point. On the left is
an apartment containing a great variety of pulley
apparatus, and a semi-circular room intended for
an armory, which may also be approached by a
door from without. The main hall is very elegant,
the walls being of red and yellow bricks and the
wood-work of hard pine. It is 115 feet long and
in the widest part 84 feet wide, and the ridge of
the roof is 54 feet above the floor. The second
story contains a room for the exhibition of trophies
and for committee meetings, and also the rowing-
room, with sixteen rowing machines. The director's
office, the janitor's room, the measuring room, and
others are upon this floor. Around the hall is a
gallery which can be used as a running track. In
the basement are eight bowling alleys, and the
whole north end of the basement under the main-
hall is reserved for base-ball, lacrosse, and tennis
practice, and is inclosed by heavy wire netting.
The basement also contains rooms for sparring and
fencing, a boiler-room, and a store-room. The
whole building is heated by steam and thoroughly
ventilated. The main hall contains 10,000 square
feet of flooring available for exercise, and the run-
ning track is 324 feet long, making 17 laps to the mile.

It was the purpose of the corporation, in appoint-
ing Dr. Dudley A. Sargent assistant professor of
physical training and director of the gymnasium, to
put the department in the hands of a man of
medical education, who was also practically fami-
liar with every kind of bodily exercise and athletic
sport.