

Sophomores landing over "the fence" to the Freshmen, Freshmen-Sophomore wrestling bout, Junior and Senior promenades, etc., etc., all of which though interesting, would take too much space for explanation.

The Faculty has instituted some *customs* which of course are objected to by students, three of the most important being no co-education in the under-graduate department, no under-graduate allowed to marry during his course, and a standing of at least 2.25 required before anyone can represent the University on an athletic team, while the required standing for others is 2.00. All three rules are good, the last named being valuable both from the stand-point of scholarship and of athletics.

Yale is essentially a democratic college. In this it is like Acadia,—a man is never asked what is on his back or what is in his head. The only hint of aristocracy being among the members of the secret societies, and this is far from being pronounced. More students comparatively are partially or wholly paying their own expenses at Yale than at any other University in the land,—the city surrounding the University giving exceptional advantages for this. The University itself gives employment to a number of students, and the twenty or more student publications assist a good many more.

One has not the advantage of knowing all the students and professors, nor does one know even all one's class-mates. The Academic graduating class of '97 consisted of two hundred and eighty members, not one-half of whom was known to the writer after being a member of the class one year; yet the education of being associated with so many young men cannot be over-estimated.

Yale life is peculiar to itself, it is an education in itself, language fails to describe it; it can only be understood by being experienced, and the benefits of such a life in itself are almost equal to the value acquired from the study, of which the life is the environment.

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Y. M. C. A. Convention.

The ninth Intercollegiate Convention of the Maritime Y. M. C. A. was held during the Thanksgiving season at University of New Brunswick, Fredericton. Dalhousie, Mt. Allison and Acadia were represented by the following delegates

Mt. Allison—E. Forsey, H. C. Rice, H. E. Thomas, H. I. Young.

Dalhousie—E. W. Coffin, J. H. A. Anderson, C. O. Main, R. B. Layton, R. Stavert, F. Vance.

Acadia—I. Hardy, C. E. Aherton, R. J. Colpitts, L. M. Duval, E. L. Dakin, G. W. Elliot, C. J. Mersereau, S. S. Poole, J. W.