TRUSTEE MEETING.

The stated winter meeting of the Board of Trustees of the College was held yesterday, after which a dinner was served in the Faculty room. An important action was taken in regard to the selling of rooms.

The trustees passed a new code of rules governing the disposition of the college rooms to the students. The new laws will abolish room selling entirely. The student when vacating a room will have to dispose of his furniture as best he can, and the new comer will draw for the room without being compelled to purchase the furniture of the previous occupant.

President Patton in his report stated that Ernest O. W. Mildner has been engaged to teach English for the rest of the year which action was confirmed.

Honory degrees were conferred as follows: The degree of LL.D. upon Austin Scott, president of Rutgers College; the degree of J.D. upon Professor of Elizabeth, N. J.; Henry T. Thornton, of San Francisco; Chancellor McGill, of New Jersey. The degree of D.D. on the Rev. Samuel Jessup, of Beaufort, S. C., and the degree of Ph.D. on William Seeley '79, of San Antonio, Texas.

THE NINE.

Base ball work has begun in earnest. About twenty men, all told, have started the daily routine. The exercise taken daily in the gymnasium, since the holidays has been successful in getting the men in good condition for regular base ball practice. In order to improve facilities a linen net is stretched across the cage at the middle to furnish a place for two squads of men to practise batting at the same time. Captain Dana practices his men at batting and running for the most part at present. Seven of the men, Dana, Knickerbocker, Watts and Payne '91, Brokaw, L. Young, and Brown '92, were members of last year's team. A. Young and Bergen '92 and Guild '93, were substitutes last year. Other candidates are Woods and Spooner '92, Brokaw, King, Warren and Woodcock '93, Drake, Wright and Young '94. The college feels that the loss of the services of Durell '89 will be very difficult to meet if, as it seems at present, he will be unable to play this season. It is hoped that this player will appear on field in support of Old Nassau another year.

Y. M. C. A. CONVENTION.

The twenty-second annual state convention of the Young Men's Christian Associations of New Jersey meets at Trenton, Feb. 26—March 1st. This convention promises to be unusually interesting to college men. That part of the programme relating to college work is as follows:

Friday, 4:15—"Purpose and Work of International College Deputation." J. H. Dunham, Princeton and S. A. Johnson, Rutgers.
Saturday, 2—Address by J. G. Estill, Yale; and A. C. Hart of Wesleyan.
Saturday, 5–P. M.—Parlor Conference, College delegates and students. Addresses by A. A. Stagg, J. Naismith and others.
Saturday, 7–30 P. M.—College work. The railroad department also occupies a large part of the programme.

COLUMBIA'S ATHLETIC FIELD.

Ground has been purchased at an expense of $80,000, and $25,000 to $25,000 will be used in fitting Columbia's new athletic field. The place selected is at Williamsbridge, thirty minutes from the Grand Central depot on the New York and Harlem R. R. The plot includes 29 acres, and the situation is good both for beauty and convenience.

A grand stand with accommodations for 5,000 people will be erected and there will be room for 200 carriages about the athletic field proper. It is proposed to afford room for 10,000 spectators and to have the future athletic battles of Columbia. The field will be of easy drainage. It is expected to have these grounds in readiness for the work of the fall in foot ball. The running track will be laid that on Holmes field at Harvard. Columbia has produced fine athletic teams and crews in the past, but owing to disadvantages her efforts have been of little avail and her successes only spasmodic. The committee in whose hands the matter lies are Wm. G. Lathrop, Jr., Geo. G. DeWitt, Jr., Prof. Pross and Goodwin, A. B. Simonds, R. C. Cornell, J. B. Pyne, W. S. Sloane and C. H. Mapes.

HARVARD BASE BALL.

The outlook for a winning team at Harvard is a bright one. A general interest pervades the college and a large number of men from all classes have handed in their names as candidates. At the call of Captain Dean twenty-two men, not including those trying for battery positions, met last week in the Hemenway Gymnasium to begin regular work. This number does not include many of last year's team who will come out later. Most of the new material is comparatively green and little can be said of the comparative merits of the candidates. Hovey of Brown University having had several years experience is the most promising candidate for short stop. The gymnasium work is made up of light exercises tending to develop quickness. This will be given up as soon as the weather permits out-door work. The general interest is largely owing to the recent success in foot ball.

PROF. BRACKETT'S LECTURE.

Quite a large audience greeted Prof. Brackett at the Second Presbyterian Church last evening to listen to a most entertaining and instructive lecture on electricity. Prof. Brackett was introduced by Mr. Anderson, and occupied the stage promptly. He opened his talk by referring to the difficulty in determining precisely what electricity was, as the is nearly in all the great phenomena; experience has taught us that the world is electric and that electricity our acquaintance is more limited. Man was told to subdue the earth, which he at once began by subduing it according to his own wants and necessities. The means he employed was work, which is always done whenever force acts through space. But there is employed here also an other element, namely energy; these two differ as do our ideas of past and future time, though possessing identity in that the result comes in form of either. But in all this man found there was a force constantly opposing his work. The source of his troubles here turned out to be the phenomena of electricity. When a piece of brown paper is pressed against the wall and rubbed for a moment, it will adhere awhile. This condition of things Gilbert in 1600 was pleased to denominate an electric force, from whom we first got the word and its many derivatives. Prof. Brackett then proceeded to show how far we are entitled to give an answer to the question, What is it? Another condition of matter which electricity resolves is in many cases inimitable, and in two of the case be carefully compared. In the one the answer to this question is too evident from our experience of its nature and effects; in the case of the other, although its attachment to some residing soul or spirit within the substance, until here also we get a better knowledge of its phenomena and other causes. Though the two possess many qualities in common, yet in conclusion along a wire it is found that the velocity of electricity is greater by far than that of heat. In heat there is motion among the particles of matter, it is not the passage of something through it, as in electricity, but merely the result of this.

The Philadelphia Club will hold its Second Term meeting on next Monday, at 7 o'clock. The meeting will be important on account of the near approach of the Spring examinations of students in schools, the election of a secretary and other business. All Philadelphia men ought to be present.

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We would call attention to the fact that a prize is offered this year for excellence in the oratorical exercises of Washington's Birthday. The prize is a gold medal awarded by the Lit. to the one of the four orators considered most deserving by Judges appointed by the Lit. for the occasion. It is to be hoped that the offering of this prize will stimulate the speakers to higher endeavor and at the same time add to the dignity of the occasion.

We should like to urge upon our subscribers the necessity of paying their subscriptions, immediately. The Princetonian loses yearly a large number of subscriptions by reason of delay in the matter.

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the Harvard nine.
Canada has forty colleges.
Voluntary chapel exercises at Col-
umbia are well attended.
The Eeater and Andover clubs at
Yale will hold a joint banquet Feb.
Stagg is in New Haven almost ev-
ery week coaching the candidates for
pitcher.
Roddy '91, Turner '93 and Wood-
bridge '88 are entered for the Boston
A. A. games.
J. P. Younglove '91, won the pool
tournament given by the University
Club at Yale.
Trinity College, Dublin, has honored
Chief Secretary Balfour with the de-
gree of LL. D.
The Freshmen at Yale from St.
Paul's School show the best physical
development.
President Elliot of Harvard is op-
posed to inter-collegiate matches be-
tween Freshmen.
Prof. Young is announced to lecture
before the Literary Association at
Dartmouth, on Feb. 28.
Boston University offers instruction in
a larger number of languages than
any other American institution.
Sunday evening 100 Yale men met
at the residence of the Democratic
Fathers, to consider plans for forming
a Catholic union in each department
of Yale. President Dwight looks with
favor on these unions.

THE ANNUAL ORATORICAL CONTEST
at Lawrenceville has been postponed
from Washington's Birthday to the middle
of March.
Of the members of this year's An-
lover football team five will enter Yale
next year, one goes to Harvard and
Williams.
One division of the Sophomores in
the School of Science have begun read-
ing Goethe's Lesensem, edited by
Prof. H. C. O. Huss.

Connecticut claims the honor of
producing a larger proportion of col-
elcates than any other state.
The proportion is one to 549.

President Patton is at Washington,
attending the meetings of the Revis-
ion Committee. He was a guest of
the Gridiron club last Saturday ev-
ening.

The annual indoor games of the
Manhanttan Athletic Club will be held
at Madison Square Garden March
14th, at 8 p.m. Entries close March
7th.

The Harvard A. A. has appointed
E. J. J. Wendell, '92; G. B. Morison,
'91, and G. S. Wendell, '90, as a
committee to have charge of track
and field athletics.

President Patton is preparing a bi-
ographical sketch of Charles Hodge,
for the same series to which Dean
Murray has already contributed a
volume on Francis Wayland.

The Seniors of the college depart-
ment at the University of Pennsyl-
van ia have elected Classday officers as
follows: President—W. S. Knowles;
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man—E. E. Howard; Prophet—E. H. Shum-
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