

FENCING BY WEST POINTERS.

Cadet Squad Entertained by Turn Verein Members—Good Bouts with Folls.

A squad of fencing cadets came down from West Point yesterday, and for the greater part of the day they were the guests of the members of the New York Turn Verein at Lexington Avenue and Eighty-fifth Street. The prime object of the visit was to afford the military students an opportunity of trying their skill with foils against the fencing squad of the Turn Verein. For several years these fencing meets with West Point have been held on Washington's Birthday in the Turn Verein fencing hall, and they always attract a large and enthusiastic crowd. More than a score of women watched the sport yesterday morning, and several members from local fencing clubs were present. No awards were made, as the event is more in the nature of an exhibition than a competition, but the individual bouts were closely contested.

Capt. H. J. Koehler and Lieut. B. E. Gray, with Prof. Vauthier, the West Point instructor in swordsmanship, came down with the students, eight cadets forming the fencing squad. Of these the regular team, as tentatively picked, consisted of Robert Sears, Reginald Cocroft, and O. N. Sohlberg. Sears is well known to local fencers, having appeared with success in many tournaments, and all of his bouts were watched with keen interest. He had some rattling fast bouts with John Allaire, A. Reith, Jr., George Reimherr, and Paul Benzenberg, all of whom did a large share of the creditable work for the Turn Verein. Six bouts were kept going simultaneously, and it was no easy task for the spectators to keep watch of all the good points that were made in the art of attack and defense with the foils.

Capt. Reith of the Turn Verein marshalled a squad of a dozen fencers to meet the visitors. On general team strength the cadets appeared somewhat stronger and slightly more skillful in attack. Allaire, Kroeger, Reith, Reimherr, Benzenberg, and Postgate upheld the reputation of the home team. Some of the other men have had comparatively little practice, but in the general excellence of all of the bouts the event was considered the best exhibition with foils ever given by the Turn Verein with West Point.

The West Point fencers were Robert Sears, Reginald Cocroft, O. N. Sohlberg, E. St. John Greble, Chester Mills, R. D. Smith, Forest E. Harding, and F. Hanna.

The Turn Verein squad consisted of John Allaire, J. Kroeger, J. H. Schwarten, Albert Strauss, A. Reith, Jr., George Reimherr, Paul Benzenberg, L. Frost, G. W. Postgate, E. Glaesser, J. C. Dengler, and E. H. Douth. At the conclusion of the fencing bout President A. G. Goldbach of the Turn Verein, with the other officers, entertained the cadets at dinner.

FRESHMEN FENCERS WIN.

Yale Lads Defeat Cornwall Academy by 5 Bouts to 4.

The Yale freshman fencing team sent three of its best members, under the Captaincy of S. C. Ross, to the city yesterday to compete in a contest with foils against the fencers from the New York Military Academy of Cornwall, N. Y. The event was held in the rooms of the French Young Men's Christian Association, West Fifty-fourth Street, near Sixth Avenue, and resulted in a well-fought series of bouts. The Yale lads won by a single point, scoring five victories to four for the Cornwall swordsmen.

This is the first year that the Yale freshmen have had a fencing team, and the members have been practising for several weeks for the purpose of meeting rival college and club teams. The meet last night was their first competition of the year. Capt. Ross was the only member of the team of three who won all of his bouts. He had a hard fight, however, with A. Harcasitas, the star fencer from the Cornwall Academy, and Deyo also made Ross do his best in the final round. Sanders of Yale won two bouts, but was beaten by Harcasitas in the final round, after one of the spirited contests of the match. The Yale team consisted of S. C. Ross, J. W. Sanders, and J. Alden, and the Cornwall team was D. C. McClure, A. Harcasitas, and I. A. Deyo. The results:

First Round.—Sanders, Yale, beat McClure, Cornwall; Ross, Yale, beat Harcasitas, Cornwall; Deyo, Cornwall, beat Alden, Yale. Yale, 2; Cornwall, 1.

Second Round.—Ross, Yale, beat McClure, Cornwall; Harcasitas, Cornwall, beat Alden, Yale; Sanders, Yale, beat Deyo, Cornwall. Yale, 2; Cornwall, 1.

Third Round.—McClure, Cornwall, beat Alden, Yale; Ross, Yale, beat Deyo, Cornwall; Harcasitas, Cornwall, beat Sanders, Yale. Cornwall, 2; Yale, 1.

Total, points—Yale, 5; Cornwall, 4.

The Yale team will go to Montclair on March 7 to fence the members of the Montclair High School team, and on March 21 the Yale and Columbia freshmen will compete in a duel meet in the Columbia University gymnasium.