

HARVARD'S FENCING CHAMPIONS.

Defeated Columbia for the Racquet Club's Trophy.

Teams from the Columbia College Fencers' Club and the Harvard Fencing Club met last night at the Racquet and Tennis Club to compete for the challenge trophy presented by that club. This was the second annual competition. It was won last year by Harvard. Last night the Harvard fencers won again by a score of 6 to 3, and the trophy will be taken back to Cambridge for another year.

The teams were made up of three men from each college. J. E. Hoffman, J. P. Parker, and Archibald G. Thacher made Harvard's team, and their opponents from Columbia College were Fitzhugh Townsend, Samuel A. Tucker, and Robert Dunn Graham. Each fencer had to meet each man on the opposing team, so that there were nine bouts. The winners were selected by the following jury of well-known fencers: H. K. Bloodgood, Director, Racquet and Tennis Club; Dr. G. M. Hammond, New-York Athletic Club; Dr. James T. Kemp, Fencers' Club; Alfred Howard, Boston Fencers' Club, and Dr. M. J. Echeverria, New-York Athletic Club.

Harvard started off well by winning the first two bouts, and then Columbia won the next. Harvard won the fourth and fifth, Columbia the next two, and Harvard the last two. Many of the bouts were very close, and the fencing was very good. Next year the Racquet and Tennis Club hopes to have teams from West Point and Annapolis in the contest, which will add considerably to the interest. Following are the summaries:

First Bout.—Parker defeated Graham. Second Bout.—Thacher defeated Tucker. Third Bout.—Townsend defeated Hoffman. Fourth Bout.—Thacher defeated Graham. Fifth Bout.—Hoffman defeated Tucker. Sixth Bout.—Townsend defeated Parker. Seventh Bout.—Graham defeated Hoffman. Eighth Bout.—Thacher defeated Townsend. Ninth Bout.—Parker defeated Tucker.

For Harvard Thacher won three bouts, Parker two, and Hoffman one. For Columbia Townsend won two bouts, Graham one, and Tucker none.