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## THE SUPPORT OF CHESS.

The Yale Chess Club is doing more this season than ever, to make the Yale showing in the tournament a good one. An enthusiastic interest in the game is restricted, we know, to a comparatively small number of students. At the same time, everybody appreciates the high intellectual value of chess, and it is not necessary to spend any time in arguing that the showing of a College in a chess tournament has considerable significance. Yale has appeared to very great disadvantage hitherto, and everyone ought to be sufficiently interested in the credit of the University, to do everything in his power to make the showing in the tournament this year the very best possible. The Chess Club has taken the responsibility of engaging a very excellent coach from New York, whose influence on the players is already very noticeable. It will be really most discreditable if any lack of interest on the part of the University keeps the treasury of the Club so low that some patriotic alumnus, as so often in times past, is obliged to meet the expenses of preparation for the tournament. It is to be hoped that the students and alumni, who have the opportunity of doing so, will take tickets to the tournament, whether they can use them or not.

## FRESHMAN FINANCES.

It is not a surprise to one who remembers the editorial columns of the News during his own time in College to find, at least annually, and generally in each season according to the style of athletics thereof, warnings and lamentations over the deficits in the finances of Freshman organizations. The College is not more certain to convene nor athletic contests to occur, than are these mournful editorials to appear.

Monday's News has a Fall philippic on this theme, and calls attention to the plan adopted at Princeton for avoiding the evils ordinarily incident to the business management of the Freshman organizations. The members of the Junior Class have been put in charge of the finances, and the result, in the case of this Fall's football eleven, we are told, has been a comfortable balance at the end of the year after all bills have been paid.

The News doubts the wisdom on general principles of such a plan, but is emphatic in saying that some change should be made, if these organizations continue to demonstrate what seems now to be an inherent weakness in the system.

The only criticism possible on the comment of the News is its leniency. It is indeed time that something should be done when it has come to be a custom for Freshman deficits to remain uncovered for two years and then to be met, if met at all, by the surplus in the hands of the Junior Promenade Committee of the Class.

The delay is bad enough but the custom of diverting funds raised for one object, and largely by subscriptions, to another purpose, is a great deal worse. The News is very mild, we repeat, when it says that such a method of finance is a matter "for legitimate doubt" as to its propriety. The fact that there ought not to be any surplus from Junior Promenade is a comparatively unimportant feature of the case. The principle involved is the serious thing.

Business managements of student organizations used to be as a rule, with very few exceptions, bad. University organizations here at Yale have improved, as we have pointed out, under the business-like influences of the Financial Union. Some such influences must affect Freshman organizations. It is carrying the idea of education, through self-government, a point too far to allow it to involve the business honor of the whole class, and reflect as it does on the University as a whole.

## SEND IN NEWS.

At this time of year the alumni associations in different parts of the country are preparing for their annual meetings, revising their membership, changing of officers, and in general doing things. It is not possible for the Weekly to keep accurately posted on all this Yale news without the co-operation of the officers of the different associations. We especially request the secretaries of the different alumni associations, whom we consider on our list of correspondents, to let us know what is going on in their particular provinces.

And we also particularly desire that all graduates who are in possession of news about Yale men and Yale affairs, be quick to transmit it to us, and send with it any suggestions they may concerning the University, or the course of the Weekly.

## CRITICISM OF YALE.

The University is just now going through another season of criticism and assault. We have been left alone for a few days, probably out of a false sense of sympathy over the result of the football season. But the good work is taken up again and the bombardment continued. This institution is hardened to it. Its officers and members pursue their traditional silence, which is dignified, and which in the end redounds to the good name and the right opinion of the University.

But there is no reason why Yale men, who are or can be in communication with the disseminators of news in different parts of the country, should not correct misstatements, and do all in their power to promulgate the truth about Yale affairs.

Many Yale graduates allow the newspaper reading public of their own locality to get the very worst impression possible about their Alma Mater.

## ALUMNI FUND.

## A Large Subscription Necessary This Year—New Officers.

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Alumni University Fund was held at the University Club, New York City, on the evening of December 4, 1896, all the members except one being present.

All the present officers were re-elected for the ensuing year, as follows: Chairman, Thomas Thacher '71; treasurer, W. W. Farnam, '66; secretary, L. S. Haslam, '90. An Executive Committee was appointed consisting of Messrs. Thacher '71, Merrill '65, Adee '67, Bannard '76, and Jennings '80.

Messrs Skiddy '65 S., and Judson '90 S., were appointed a committee on the work of the Fund in the Scientific School.

The question of increasing the number of members of the Board was referred to the Executive Committee with instruction to report at the April meeting.

A vote of thanks was given Mr. M. M. Barnum '77 for his gift of a number of record books for the use of class agents.

The appointment of several new class agents was announced, and favorable reports made upon the result of the canvass made last spring of the two graduating classes.

A large portion of the evening was spent in a somewhat informal discussion of means to be used in increasing the usefulness of the Fund to the University, by increasing the number of subscribers.

The Fund for the year ending in June last showed a considerable increase over the preceding year, but it is hoped that an even greater increase will be made this year, as the entire amount available as income, \$11,517.39, was in June appropriated to the use of the University, and it will be necessary to collect at least \$10,000 before next June in order not to let next year's appropriation fall below the standard set by the last four years.

## Outing for December.

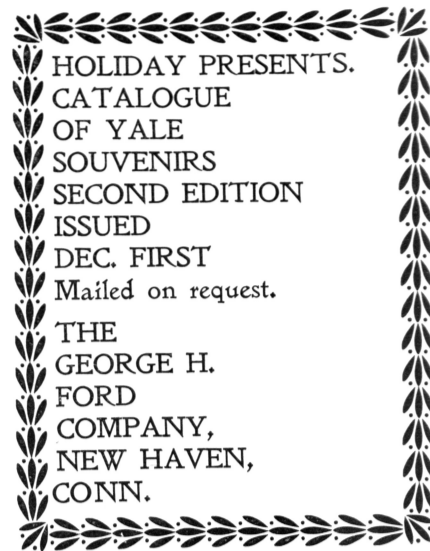
Outing for December has, perhaps, an unusual budget of news, comment and discussion on every kind of healthful and interesting sport. Rollin Smith writes of "Hunting the Mule Deer"; Edward W. Sandys on "Hares and Hare Hunting"; James R. Benton on "A Winter Day With the Ducks"; R. B. Burchard on "Racing Schooners"; B. A. H. Verrill on "A Day's Sport in Costa Rica," and Price Collier on "Golf in America to Date." Mr. Curtis finishes his series on "American Amateur Athletes in 1896." Alice Lee Moque tells of "A Bohemian Couple A-Wheeling Thro' West England" and "Lenz's World Tour A-Wheel" is continued by a special correspondent. "How Peg's Runners Rusted" is a good story of ice-boating by Charles Floyd McClure. The whole number is finely illustrated, but especially interesting are the illustrations of E. M. Allaire's article, "At the Top of Europe," while very artistic, and appropriately so are the illustrations of the decidedly original story by Miss Justine Ingersoll, which opens the number and which she calls, "The Pectoral Cross." Captain Charles B. Hall continues his article on "The National Guard of the State of Maine." The Monthly Review of Amateur Sports and Pastimes is complete and interestingly and intelligently done, as usual.

## The Senior's Feelings.

[R. L. Munger in Yale Courant]

It is a melancholy thing for the majority of men to feel themselves fairly entered upon the last college year. To be sure we all know that in the matter of dignity we are much compensated for the passing of time. It is no small thing to cut names in an exclusive table and to be ignorant of homesickness at Omega Lambda Chi. You who are Seniors, gentlemen, have your blessings.

And yet in a surprisingly short time the leaves will be red, then blow about your feet, and you will hunt your great coat. Winter is here in a twinkling, and then can any one of you who watch the time, say that some day shall not find him gloomy; It is not hard to see very vividly before you the day when you shall go vacantly along the walk with a diploma, thinking of four fine years and saying as a boy after a fire, "All over." But come, gentlemen, it is but Fall: we have time before us. There are no lions in the way for a long time, and before we must fight them it is a pleasant way.



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## Basket Ball Schedule.

The schedule of the basket-ball team, so far as has been arranged, is as follows: December 10th, Wesleyan at New Haven; January 16th, Trinity at New Haven; January 23d, Central Y. M. C. A. at Brooklyn; January 28th, Wesleyan at Middletown; January 30th, Springfield Training School at Springfield; February 6th, Trinity at Hartford; February 13th, Twenty-third Street Y. M. C. A., New York, at New York.

C. R. Rinehardt has been elected captain of the Lafayette team for the season of 1897.

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