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THE NEXT ISSUE.

The next issue of the Weekly will be on January 7. In accordance with custom there will be no issue of the paper during the Christmas vacation. The issue on the seventh of January will be one week earlier than the first issue of the Winter term in previous years, and will give one more number of the Weekly for the year.

GOOD WORK OF SECRETARIES.

In an article published in the last issue of the Weekly, on class organizations, it was not attempted to go back to the older classes, because, as hinted in the article, the latter years furnished better opportunities to compare the two undergraduate departments of the University, and offered some few points of variety in class organizations and management. It is taken for granted that practically all of the classes of the Academic Department are more or less under organization, and follow out the regular program of reunions.

It is, however, true that some classes make particularly good records. They are made up of men who went out from Yale with an unusual supply of enthusiasm for their Alma Mater, which they have retained until this day. The Weekly has been reminded since this article appeared, of the success of the Class of Sixty, whose reunions have been unusually large and enthusiastic. It was in '95 that the last one was held and that brought together, out of sixty-eight surviving members, forty-three, while reports had been received by the Secretary from every one of the sixty-eight. Correspondence is kept up by the Secretary, and, in case of death of any classmate, letters are sent to the family and notice to all the members of the Class.

It is pleasant to refer to such cases as this, for the more of them, the better for Yale. We could wish that every class had as active a Secretary as some classes which could be named by anyone familiar with alumni history at Yale, and that all reunions were as well attended as, for an ex-

ample, the reunions of the Class of Sixty.

It is a direct gain to the University to have a well organized and enthusiastic class, and the life of every class after graduation depends very largely upon the efficiency of its organization. That is another way of saying that everything depends upon the Secretary. In fact, the list of good Yale secretaries is a list of positive Yale benefactors. May their tribe increase! And may every class, as it graduates, choose from its number, its most active, enthusiastic, ablest and best located member, for this office.

"YALE" VENTURES.

It is with real satisfaction that we learn of the attitude of Yale football players towards the proposed trip of the so-called "Yale Consolidated Football Team." Such a stand, re-inforced by a vigorous expression of Yale sentiment, graduate and undergraduate, will repress this habit of using the name of Yale to carry this, that and the other irresponsible enterprise. We trust that the failure of Yale players to enlist in this last venture will induce the management to change the name.

It is no light thing to play thus fast and loose with the name of Yale, and because there is no law that prevents the indiscriminate use of the University's name to further the success of any scheme, mercantile, athletic or literary, the more necessary is the cultivation of a strong spirit against its appropriation by those who are themselves connected with the institution, and may therefore use it the more successfully, and with more likelihood of giving a false impression that may not at all be intended, but is none the less harmful.

On the recent appearance of a certain book, whose publishers traveled successfully through the advertising departments of Yale men's concerns on the strength of the name, and who, though not students themselves, represented themselves thus and secured thereby a long subscription list for their work, the Weekly received a letter from Mr. Albert Lee, of which the following may, in this connection, be pertinently repeated:

"No man may plume himself with a university 'Y' and go unrebuked, but it would seem as if one might rush into print, with any kind of material, and advertise his product with the name of the College. I dare say there is no legal way of preventing any one from publishing 'The Yale Faro-Bankers' Guide,' or 'The Yale Drink-Mixers' Hand-book,' or 'The Yale Card-Sharps' Vade Mecum,' but there is an effective and substantial method of discouraging speculators from adopting the revered name of St. Elihu as a cloak to their ventures. There is certainly no copyright on the name of Yale, but its honor and integrity in bookdom should be upheld nevertheless; and whereas there is nothing dishonorable or disgraceful about this latest publication which has advertised itself at the expense of Yale, it is an enterprise which has no legitimate field in our College literature and one which I feel certain is not in any way supported or counterbalanced by the student body."

In this case the actual editorial work was done by Yale men of high position, who had been drawn into the enterprise on misleading representations, which fact only emphasizes the need of being ever on guard against this abuse.

THE PRINCETON BANQUET.

The banquet at Princeton in celebration of the University's football victory was most delightful. It had more of the spirit in it that should

characterize the athletic affairs of university men than most celebrations of its kind in a good many years. We regret very much that its very largely extemporaneous nature prevented us from printing the speech of Mr. Sheffield on that occasion. This University was represented in a way which added to its good name and the opinion in which it is held, as we trust, by its rivals. This is not a slight result to be attained in a year of defeat. We congratulate Princeton on the spirit which her men showed on such an occasion, which made it difficult for one to accept the situation in anything but a chivalrous spirit.

CRITICISM OF FOOTBALL.

Ever since the closing of the football season, and particularly since the indiscriminate contests of Thanksgiving Day all over the country, there have been the usual editorial criticism of the game. These are, in most cases, based on some exaggerated account of injury to a player or players in local games. And these games were generally between teams not well trained or disciplined, and the contests were, not infrequently, ungoverned by proper restriction.

It would be idle to go into the "facts and figures" of football. These have been collected and arrayed in formidable if not impregnable barriers against the continually recurring criticism from more or less intelligent sources.

It is not to be expected that any game, that is vigorous and requires careful preparation, can be played with safety by men who have not made a very serious business of getting ready for it. In a raw or distorted form it is bound to impress spectators most unfavorably. We are not surprised therefore that the game which becomes more and more popular each year, which means more and more games between elevens not well prepared, draws criticism even in such violent form as the introduction of bills to restrain or forbid the game in the legislatures of several Western and southern states. But those who appreciate the value of the game need not fear for the sport. Where it is best understood, it is best appreciated. The St. Louis Republic touches the heart of the matter in this closing paragraph of an editorial on the game. "The Princeton-Yale game was a hard fought contest, yet it was marked by perfect courtesy between the opposing players and was unmarred by serious accidents. This record has characterized the playing of the crack teams for several years."

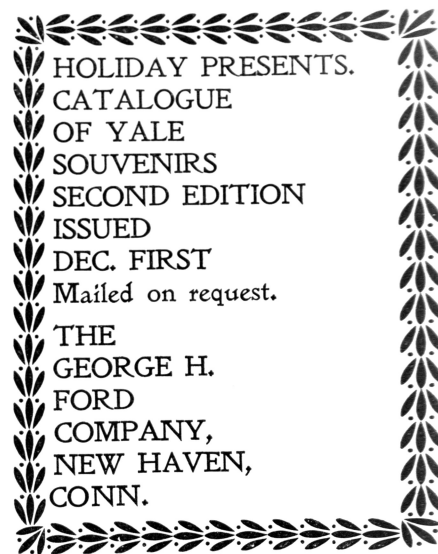
Figures from the New Catalogue.

The catalogue of Yale University for 1896-'97 was published on December 15. The total enrollment as compared with that of last year is as follows, this year's figures being given first: Total, 2,495, against 2,415; Graduate School, 227, against 176; Yale College, 1,237, against 1,199; Sheffield Scientific School, 553, against 584; Art School, 53, against 46; Department of Music, 76, against 53; total in Department of Philosophy and the Arts, 2,146, against 2,058; Divinity School, 104, against 105; Medical School, 138, against 125; Law School, 213, against 224.

Mr. Rodgers' Election.

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The News congratulates Mr. Rodgers upon his election to the football captaincy and wishes to express the opinion that he is in every way a fit man to fulfill the difficult duties of the position at a critical time in our football history.



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Football Players for Next Year.

It now seems certain that five of this year's Yale eleven will be in college next Fall. It is quite sure that Chamberlin will return for graduate study. If he plays football, as he undoubtedly will, he will try for the position of tackle, for which he seems especially well qualified. Messrs. Rodgers, Benjamin, Conner and Hine are the other remaining players.

Of Harvard's regular eleven of last year, Wrightington, Dunlop, Beale and Shaw will graduate next Summer. At Princeton, Brokaw, Smith and Church will not return, and Gailey will be ineligible.

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