

ALUMNI NOTES.

Conducted by JOHN JAY.

[Graduates are invited to contribute to this column.]

'72.—Henry Heltfelt, Populist, was on January 28 elected to succeed Hon. Frederick T. DuBois, '72, as United States senator from Idaho.

'75L. S.—Hon. John P. Studley has been elected judge of the court of common pleas of New Haven county, Conn.

'78.—James B. McEwan has been appointed a member of the committee of Public Health in the New York legislature.

'78.—A movement has been set on foot by the Connecticut representatives in Congress for the appointment of John Addison Porter, by the incoming administration, as minister to Italy. Of this the Waterbury American says:

"While the meeting was enthusiastic enough in its endorsement of Mr. Porter, it is not understood that the members of it entertained any high hopes that he will really be appointed." This is the gratuitous confession at the end of a dispatch from Washington, recording the fact that the Connecticut delegation in Congress had unanimously signed a petition to President-elect McKinley in favor of the appointment of John Addison Porter of Hartford as ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary to Italy to succeed Wayne MacVeagh. The essential condition of faith as the accompaniment of efficacious prayer is too well understood to allow this lack of it to appear unconscious or, in fact, anything but malicious. But we hardly think that Mr. Porter needs the indorsement of the Connecticut delegation. As the original McKinley man of Connecticut, as the entertainer of the president-to-be when he visited Hartford, and as one who, in many ways, has been brought favorably to the attention of the president-elect, the latter would be guilty of base ingratitude if Mr. Porter required introduction to his favor. Whatever lack of confidence there may be in the hearts of this delegation, or however little the correspondent may believe in their sincerity or effectiveness, we are sure that Mr. Porter is serene, and that he smiles to himself at the anxious doubts of others in which he cannot share. Still, for the sake of many friends in Connecticut, the interests of journalism and good fellowship generally among the newspaper men, we hope that their doubts are warranted rather than any confidence which he may feel, and that John will not be sent to Rome—at least, not to stay long.

'86S.—W. A. Rice has removed from Tacoma, Wash., to New Haven, Conn., where he intends to enter into business.

'89 T. S.—Rev. Clay D. Chunn has resigned his pastorate of the Congregational church at Rocky Hill, Conn.

'89S.—Henry S. Burroughs has changed his address from Yale, Idaho, to 646 Washington boulevard, Chicago, Ill.

'90S.—Ralph S. Goodwin has removed from Thomaston, Conn., to New Haven.

'90S.—J. F. Pennell has entered the Crosby Manufacturing Company of Buffalo, N. Y.

'90S.—James M. Murdock is first assistant house physician in the Western Pennsylvania Hospital for the Insane, at Dixmont, Pa.

'90S.—Charles B. Spruce is in Umtali, Mashonaland, South Africa, acting as mining engineer in the employ of the Mozambique Reefs, Land and Exploration company.

'91S.—Ennis N. Searles was married to Miss Minnie A. Jones, of Brooklyn, N. Y., on January 5.

'91S.—The engagement is announced of Miss Edna Sampson to George M. Sidenberg, both of New York City.

'91S.—The address of the class secretary Noves D. Clark, has been changed from Woodbridge, Conn., to 642 Elm street, New Haven.

'91S.—Edward Van Ingen was married to Miss Mae Bell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Bell, of Paterson, N. J., in the Church of the Redeemer, Paterson, on January 21st. McLane Van Ingen, '93S, acted as best man.

'92.—Ernest B. Millard has been admitted to the bar of New York State, and has entered the office of Perkins & Hayes in Rochester.

'92.—Frank Julian Price and Leonard Bacon Smith, '94, have recently formed a law partnership under the firm name of Price & Smith, at 33 Pine street, New York City.

'93, T. S.—Rev. Harry E. Small has accepted a call from the Congregational church at Goshen, Conn., and will remove to that place in a short time.

'94.—S. K. Wheeler has been admitted to the State Bar Association of Tennessee.

'95.—James J. Walworth has entered the Newton Theological Institution in Newton Center, Mass.

'95S.—Cards are out announcing the marriage of J. Frederick Jackson and Miss Agnes L. Spencer, of New Haven, Conn., to take place on February 3, 1897.

'95 S.—The marriage of Joseph F. Jackson to Miss Agnes Lillian Spencer, took place in St. Mary's church, New Haven, Conn., on Wednesday morning, Feb. 3.

'96 M. S.—W. S. Kingsbury has been appointed to the staff of St. John's Hospital, New York City.

'96S.—John F. Havemeyer is with the Fourth National Bank of New York City, and not the First National Bank as stated in the last Weekly.

'96.—G. H. Nettleton sailed on Tuesday, January 26 for Europe where he intends to spend six months in the study of French Literature at Geneva, Switzerland.

Obituary.

JOHN WALLACE ARNDT.

John Wallace Arndt, ex-'41 died at his home in De Pere, Wis., January 12. He was taken sick about two weeks before his death and steadily grew worse.

Mr. Arndt was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., September 15, 1815, but since 1824 he has been a resident of Green Bay, Wis. He prepared for college at an academy in Easton, Pa., and entered Yale with the class of 1841. After leaving college in 1839, Mr. Arndt taught school for a year and read law with his brother. In 1841 he gave up his law studies and engaged in the lumber business with his father. In 1856 he became interested in the gold mines of Colorado and oil speculation in Western Pennsylvania.

On September 25, 1842, Mr. Arndt was married to Miss Mary C. Wilcox, of De Pere, Wis., by whom he had nine children. His wife died of pneumonia in 1891, aged 69 years.

Constitution of Scranton Alumni Association.

The last Weekly gave an account of the formation of the Yale Alumni Association of Scranton, Pa. The following articles of association adopted by the Scranton Alumni, may contain suggestions of value to those about to organize and even to those already under way:

"The name of this association is the Yale Alumni Association of Scranton, Pa. Its object is to increase the acquaintance among Yale graduates to facilitate the entrance of younger graduates into active life, and to promote the interests of the University.

"The officers of this Association shall be a president, a vice-president and a secretary and treasurer, who with two (2) members elected for the purpose, shall constitute the executive committee of the Association. These officers shall be elected at a business meeting to be held on the same date as, and prior to the annual banquet. None of the officers or members of the executive committee shall be eligible for election to the same office for the ensuing year. A month previous to the annual meeting the president shall appoint a committee of five (5) who shall report nominations for officers for the ensuing year at the annual meeting.

"Any person holding a degree of the University, or who is or has been a resident student in the University, shall become a member on election by the executive committee and payment of dues for the current year. The executive committee shall have power by a four-fifths vote to put an end to the membership of any person for violation of the Articles or Rules or for conduct, in their opinion improper and prejudicial to the Association. Any person eligible to membership in the Association may be made an honorary member thereof, free from payment of dues, by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any meeting of the Association, on the recommendation of the executive committee.

"The annual dues shall be five dollars (\$5.00), payable in advance on the 1st day of December. The treasurer shall send, not later than the 15th of December of each year, a copy of this Article to each member in arrears, and members failing to pay their dues before the annual banquet shall cease to be members of the Association."

Two or three other sections refer to unimportant details.

Hartford Alumni to Meet.

The Yale Alumni Association of Hartford, will give an informal smoker at the Hotel Hartford, on Friday evening, February 12th, at 8 o'clock. All Yale men are cordially invited to be present. A double quartet from the Yale Glee Club will lead the singing.

A Good Impression.

A Yale alumnus living in Toledo, O., writes the following in regard to the visit of the University musical clubs to that city during the Christmas vacation:—

"The Glee and Banjo Club was with us in Toledo, December 30, 1896, and I desire to assure you it sustained with credit the good standing which Yale and Yale men already maintained in this portion of Ohio. Our Toledo alumni are very enthusiastic and the reception accorded the Yale students and alumni by Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Schenck was most delightful."

The Hon. Thomas Collier Platt, senator-elect from New York, received the honorary degree of M. A. from Yale in '76, and the Hon. Orville H. Platt, who has just been re-elected to the Senate from Connecticut, the honorary degree of LL.D. in 1887.

WESTERN MASS. ALUMNI.

Reunion and Banquet—Prof. Perrin's Response.

The annual banquet of the Yale Alumni Association of Western Massachusetts was held at Springfield, Mass., on Wednesday evening, Jan. 27, at the Massasoit House. It was expected that President Dwight would attend and give them in person an account of the University's progress, but at the last minute he was detained and Prof. B. Perrin, '69, went in his place. In addition to Prof. Perrin's speech on "Yale as it Now Is," addresses were made by Prof. John F. Crowell, of Smith College, Major S. B. Spooner and E. W. Gilbert of Ware, Mass.; Dr. W. P. Souther and C. F. Adrien, of Worcester; O. C. Morse, C. M. Kirkham, W. G. Bronson and Jonathan Barries of Springfield. The banquet hall was decorated with Yale banners, all the alumni wore violets as insigni of their loyalty and many college songs were sung under the leadership of Mr. Souther at intervals during the evening.

In the opening speech of the evening Mr. F. H. Stebbins, who acted as toastmaster, said: "Yale needs no advertising from the dinner table, but no graduate is worthy of the name, who is not roused to enthusiasm on gathering with others and hearing the songs and yells of the college. The college has wonderful influence on men who attend long. Millionaires can find colleges but they cannot impart the charm that old Yale has. Many a college has stolen the name of university, but our university is a great one, and between her graduates there is a strong bond of sympathy. We are anxious to-night to hear from Yale and we have with us Professor Perrin to report."

The substance of Professor Perrin's response follows: "I take it you want information regarding Yale. I am confident I can give it for I am a graduate of the old Yale. As a tutor I was a member of the intermediate Yale, just emerging from the old college into the university. Then I spent twelve years in Cleveland, and when I began my professional life at Yale, I found a new Yale,—a great university, with superabundant opportunity and a redundancy of life. I began to make an estimate of it, and have been trying to find out what makes it so different from other college life.

"The apparent tumultuousness of Yale is the first thing which strikes one, as he returns to the University after a long absence. Every one is caught in the whirlpool of that teeming life there. I claim that the discipline of the Faculty in dropping students is due largely to the dissipation of energy on the part of the students. There are seldom slugs or drones at Yale. There is great life there, one works beyond his strength.

THE STRENGTH OF YALE LIFE.

"The peculiarities are due to three things in particular. First to the inheritance of old Yale, the Yale of the "Brick row," of small opportunities and great teachers. The second of these influences is due to the new university spirit, with the rich life due to a multitude of privileges and the growth of all polite learning. It invites the interest of the students. They take electives and open the doors instead of being driven through them.

"The third characteristic is the collective or team work which prevails along all lines. No community of young men has been so responsive to good leadership as Yale. How sensitive they are to public opinion! Why did they sweep away all opposition in athletics? Because public opinion and that of the alumni, demanded it. When the public had the same idea about Yale's short comings in literature, Yale made just as strong an effort in that direction. They fell to debating in squads, and downed Harvard in that, too. It is a responsive community, and puts great responsibility upon the alumni and upon the public. It is stirring to have a following of such fellows.

"The object of this association should be to bring right influences to bear. In athletics Yale got into the habit of working in squads. This feature of their athletics has crept into everything. Individual work is not

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cultivated much; if a man gets ahead of the squad he waits until the squad catches up with him. A man shrinks from individual prominence and everything is done in squads and teams. It is good if you cannot get anything better, but it is not quite the best. The individual is not given cultivation enough and this is the only complaint that I have to make.

"At Yale there is always this great life seething and teeming away. Yale is an organic growth. Different faculty and student bodies make some changes, but it is not a change of growth; they merely guide it; its roots stretch down and back into the prayer and self-denial of many generations and its branches reach up into the light of everlasting heavenly blessing."

Major S. B. Spooner spoke of the great growth of the University and its influence on the nation.

Prof. John F. Crowell, of Smith College, referring to the newspaper comments on the Bryan episode, said that he was glad to hear the "yowling yelps of Yale." Of Northampton he said: "The traditions there are Yalensian and it seems to be distinctly Yale in characteristics."

Col. E. W. Gilbert, of Ware, had been impressed with the squabble between Harvard and Yale. He said he did not know where the blame belonged, but he said it was derogatory to the dignity of all Harvard and Yale men that the two colleges cannot get together on athletics.

In connection with the athletic difficulties between Harvard and Yale, Mr. Aldrich said that he didn't know that Yale men were afraid of anything under the sun. "Those who are conversant with the facts know why Yale withdrew from regatta rowing. It was because the Yale men, wanted in amateur athletics to get at the truth of the matter and know which was the best crew."

At the business meeting which preceded the banquet, these officers were elected: President, Col. E. B. Glasgow, of Worcester; vice-presidents, Henry L. Dawes, of Pittsfield, William G. Bassett, of Northampton, William N. Washburn, of Greenfield, and Judge Hollis W. Cobb, of Worcester; secretary, Charles W. Bosworth, of Springfield; treasurer, Dr. Fred. H. Baker, of Worcester.

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