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FOR A NATIONAL CONVENTION.

A Move to Make Alumni Associations More Effective.

Editor Yale Alumni Weekly:

Sir:—The organization of our alumni associations throughout the country has done and is doing much to keep up the interest and enthusiasm of the alumni in the University, but social reunions sometimes lose their attractions after many repetitions. Can these organizations not be made useful in some practical way to the University, without seriously taxing the members? Very many alumni, who take very little, if any, interest in the social side, would join them and pay the annual dues, if they felt that by so doing they were benefiting the institution.

There are many ways in which this can be done:

First, there is the Law Library. Let the associations of each State arrange among themselves to supply this Library with all the State and Federal reports, digests, revised statutes and annual session laws of their own States, not provided for by local associations. Many of these have no practical value for Law students, but ought not Yale University's Law Library to be made one for legal learning and research? To these might be added complete collections of the charters and ordinances of the different cities of the country. If it were known that such a collection were in our Library, would it not bring students of municipal government to our University? Nothing will tend to the development of suitable charters for our cities so much as the study of the experiments in this line in the past and a knowledge of their successes and failures.

Secondly, this would furnish means to supply the University Library with the past and present annual reports of the various State governments and their departments, as also all those of the United States. The Library should have complete sets of all these reports in its Department of American History.

Thirdly, it would be possible in this way to secure complete collections by States of the minerals, &c., of each.

There would be very little expense in procuring such books, reports, &c., of recent years, but considerable for the older editions. The suggestion of the want may lead to the presentation of many of the latter by graduates, who have sets or series of the old volumes.

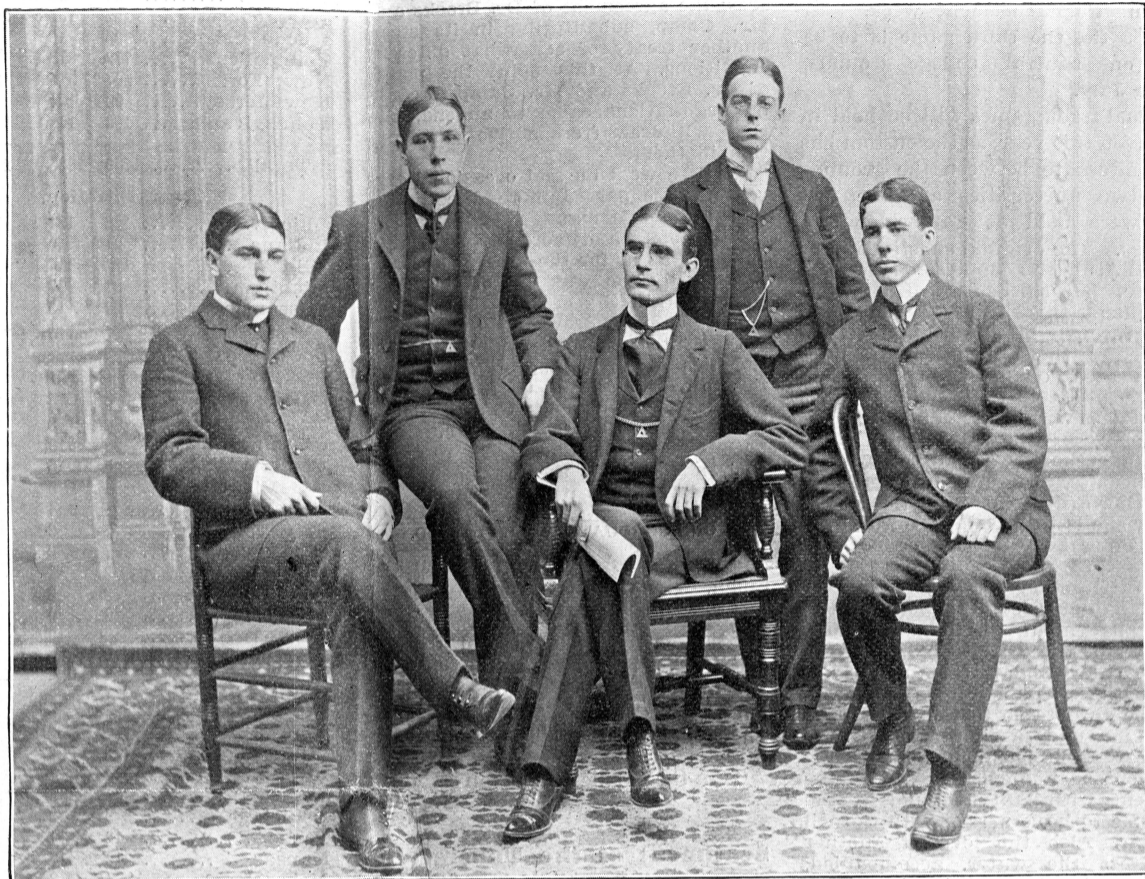
There can be no harm in making the suggestion, and once the ball is started the results will more than justify the effort.

In order to avoid duplication and waste of forces, it would be well for the associations in each State to consult together and divide up the work. In addition to this, why would it not be well to arrange for a convention, at New Haven, of delegates from all the associations during Commencement week, to discuss such questions as the above and see if the ideas cannot be extended.

For many years part of this has been done by individuals for certain States, but is it not time for a systematic and permanent movement to be organized?

YALE '66.

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THE RETIRING "LIT." EDITORS.

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Elections to the News Board.

The election of the following men to the editorial board of the Yale Daily News was announced in the issue of Monday, February 15: Richard Earp Forrest, '99, Philadelphia, Pa.; Anson Conger Goodyear, '99, Buffalo, N. Y.; Louis Ezekiel Stoddard, '99, New Haven, Conn.; Robert Woods Chandler, 1900, New Haven, Conn.; Julian Day, 1900, New York City, and David Darrow Tenney, 1900, Minneapolis, Minn.

Reported Gift to Yale.

On the death of Mr. William Lampson, '62, of whom an obituary notice is printed in another column, the report has been circulated from his home, Leroy, N. Y., that a sum of \$750,000 or upwards will come to Yale University. Mr. Lampson is known to have been a very wealthy man, and one of the executors of his will is quoted as saying that the bulk of his property has been bequeathed to Yale. No information was obtainable from the University authorities, up to the time of the WEEKLY going to press, as the will was not to be read until after the funeral Wednesday, Feb. 17, and no official announcement had yet been made.

A joint concert of the Yale and Brown Musical Clubs is to be given in Providence, R. I., Wednesday, February 24. It is the first joint college concert that has been given in Providence for some time and every effort is being made to insure its success.

HARVARD AND YALE.

A Simple and Strong Five-year Compact in Athletics—How the Agreement was Reached.

A formal agreement for the resumption of athletic relations between Harvard and Yale was drawn up and signed last Sunday by Mr. W. A. Brooks, Jr., Harvard '87, and Mr. Walter Camp, Yale '80, being the fully empowered representatives of Harvard and Yale, respectively. Although it has been generally understood during the past week that the reconciliation was close at hand, no definite information could be given until the recent meeting of Mr. Brooks and Mr. Camp had taken place. The main features of the agreement are the renewal of athletic relations for a period of five years, the requirement that all events except rowing should take place upon college grounds, and the appointment of a graduate committee of arbitration for the settlement of all disputes.

The text of the agreement follows:

"It is hereby agreed by and between the Harvard Athletic Committee and the Yale Athletic Management that there shall be annual contests in rowing, football, baseball and track athletics between the representative organizations of Yale and Harvard, beginning March 1, 1897, and ending March 1, 1902, the details of these contests to be left to the managers and captains.

"It is also agreed that all contests, with the exception of rowing races, shall take place on college grounds, and that the net gate receipts shall be equally divided between the two contesting organizations.

"This agreement is conditional upon the appointment on or before April 1, 1897, of a committee to consist of one graduate of each university to whom shall be referred all disagreements in any way relating to athletics and all questions of eligibility. The decision of this committee to be final.

"In case of a disagreement between the members of this committee it shall have the power to call upon a third person to settle the particular question in dispute.

"Owing to Harvard's present boating agreement, Yale is willing to make a third party in the Harvard-Cornell race at Poughkeepsie in 1897 if Harvard so arranges.

"Yale is to be definitely informed of the decision regarding and the date of the race on or before March 1, 1897.

"If the race for 1897 is arranged Yale is to have the privilege of naming either Poughkeepsie or New London for the race of 1898, the races of succeeding years to be governed by the main body of this agreement. If the race of 1897 is not arranged, that failure shall in no wise affect the general agreement, and the place for the race of 1898 shall then be governed by the terms of the general agreement."

This settlement of the athletic difficulties between Yale and Harvard, originating at the time of the football game in the Fall of 1894, is regarded by all parties familiar with the facts of the case as a most satisfactory arrangement. In order to bring it about it was necessary for both colleges to yield certain points, which