

**THE HARVARD SPEAKERS.**

**Personnel of the Team which Meets Yale in Debate.**

Cambridge, Mass., March 12.—The approaching annual debate between Harvard and Yale promises to attract more attention than any previous intercollegiate contest of this nature in Cambridge. The debate will be held in Sanders' Theatre, as usual, but the prospect is that the audience will over-tax the limited capacity of the hall, and the time will soon come, if the interest in these annual forensic contests continues, when the University theatre will have to be abandoned for a more commodious auditorium. The arrangements for the debate are not yet completed, but an effort will be made this year to secure a section of seats for Yale sympathizers, so that they can bunch their enthusiasm and give more united support to the visiting debaters.

The debate will be held on the evening of March 26. The fact that Yale was successful last year has awakened the Harvard men to the fact that success will not be easily gained, and they are working indefatigably to reverse the outcome in the present instance. They realize, too, that Yale has the popular side of the question, and the one which lends itself more readily to specious and attractive argument. They are accordingly preparing themselves to expose any sophistries in the Yale presentation of the question, and it is not unlikely that they will follow the plan which worked so successfully against Princeton last year, and present an elaborate scheme of finance, constructed to avoid as far as possible the objections raised against monometallism, which scheme the negative will be invited to demolish.

The competitive debate held last month to determine the Harvard representatives proved a lively preliminary skirmish and called out the best speakers in the University. Two of the men who represented Harvard at New Haven last year were among the candidates, Parker and Stewart. The latter made an effective speech, and his failure to secure a place on the team caused much surprise. The men chosen were F. Dobyms, G. H. Dorr and S. R. Wrightington, with W. H. Conroy, Jr., as alternate. Dobyms is regarded as the best debater in the University, and his selection was conceded, although his effort at the trial was much inferior to his customary showing. Dorr was a new aspirant for intercollegiate honors, but his brief speech on the evening of the trial was clear and logical. Wrightington was fresh from the recent victory of Harvard over Princeton and made a strong plea for monometallism. The team as a whole is thought to be as strong as any which has represented Harvard for three years past, and superior to many of its predecessors. The men excel rather in argumentative ability than in ease of manner or grace of diction.

Sidney Russell Wrightington of the Senior class will probably open the debate for Harvard. His home is in Fall River, where he prepared for college at the Durfee High School. He had small experience in debating before entering Harvard, but has been successful in his work in the debating courses. He was elected to membership in the Harvard Union, but had no experience in inter-collegiate debating until last Fall when he was chosen one of the trio to speak against Princeton. Not content with one debate a year, he entered the lists for the Yale debate and was again selected to represent the University. He is a strong, earnest speaker, with a tendency to be declamatory.

Goldthwaite Higginson Dorr is also a member of the Senior class. He is a comparative novice at debate, his experience being limited to that gained in the debating courses since entering college. He is a clear thinker, however, and well informed, as he has specialized in economics and history. He comes from Orange, N. J., and prepared for Harvard at Milton Academy. He was recently elected a member of the Harvard Forum. He never competed for an intercollegiate debate until last month.

The responsibility of closing the debate for Harvard will, in all probability, be given to Fletcher Dobyms of the Junior class. He excels his associates in his manner of presentation, having a persuasive, forceful address, which has won him deserved recognition. Added to this, he has displayed in previous debates a ready ability to shape his argument to meet the salient points in his opponents' presentation, which has made him a formidable foe in rebuttal. His success is doubtless due more than anything else to his long experience in debating, which antedates his college course by some years. At Oberlin, where he pursued preparatory studies, he was president of one of the

two debating clubs and represented the College in the state oratorical contest, winning second place in competition with upper classmen from many of the rival colleges. In 1892 he was elected Vice-President of the National Intercollegiate Prohibition Association, and later he spoke in the interests of prohibition in a tour which included the colleges of twenty-five states.

On entering Harvard in the Fall of 1894 he won immediate recognition in debating by being chosen alternate in the debate with Yale. Later in the same year he was chosen a member of the team which met Princeton in the first intercollegiate debating contest with that University. Harvard was successful. Last year he again participated in the Princeton debate and succeeded with his colleagues in placing another victory to Harvard's credit. Professor Hadley was one of the judges on this occasion.

Dobyms has pursued the English courses at the University which give opportunity for debating practice, but his special lines of study have been economics and philosophy. He is a member of the Harvard Forum, of which organization he has served as president, and he now represents it in the Advisory Committee on Debating.

In the last campaign he spoke in the interests of sound money, stumping in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and other states.

William Henry Conroy, Jr., alternate in the debate, is a Sophomore and was a member of the Freshman debating team which defeated the Yale Freshmen last year. He lives in Philadelphia and entered Harvard from the Central High School of that city, where he received the degree of A. B. He was valedictorian of his class at graduation. He is studying government and history in the Law School. His prowess in debating secured him an election to the Forum.

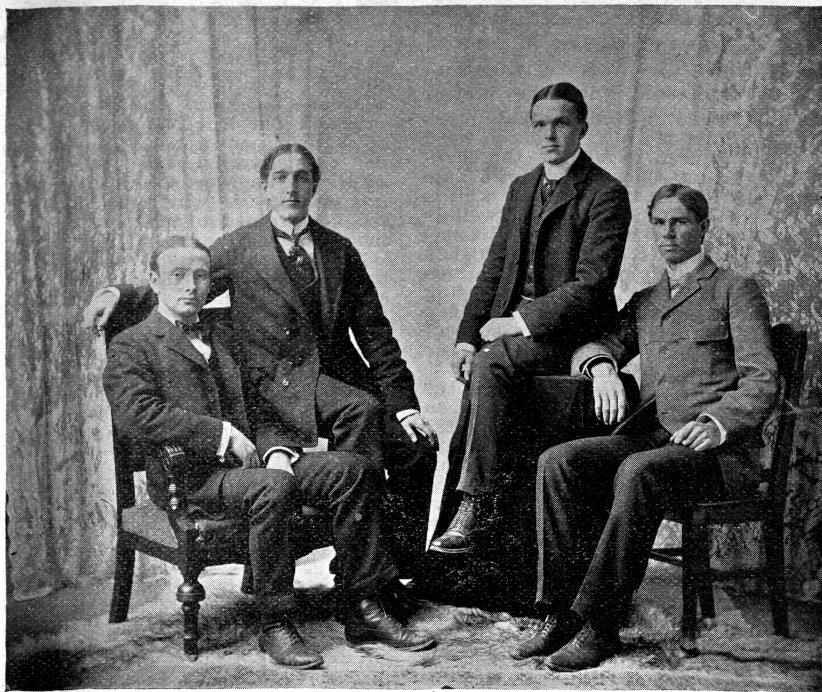
**The Virtue of Saving.**

(E. S. Martin in Harper's Weekly.)

Mr. Lampson is reported to have owned, at the time of his death, most of the business part of the village in where he lived and large tracts of land in the Genesee Valley. The recent discussion as to the proper way to use money suggests some reflections on the usefulness of such a life as his seems to have been. No details about his habits or character are at hand; but suppose that he was, as he seems to have been, a country banker, who lived rather simply, without display or any considerable expenditure for luxuries, loaned his money on mortgages, added interest to principal, accumulated real estate by the slow process of foreclosure, and finally turned over the results of his thrift to promote the higher education. That would appear to be a life that should square fairly with the ideals of critics who disapprove of lavishing funds in high living and gorgeous entertainments.

Is there anything, on the whole, which a man who has more income than he need may better do with his surplus than to save it? It has been the custom of the world these many ages to look upon men who save up a very large proportion of their incomes as useless people, whose money did no one any good. But nobody hoards nowadays. No one, in his senses, who is really thrifty, hides his treasure in a stocking or buries it. The contemporary accumulator lends his funds on mortgage at a moderate rate of interest, and what he cannot keep in sight in that way he invests as safely as he can in some sort of business. He tries to keep his money in constant use, paying wages and developing industries. Yet if he goes on accumulating, and spends very little on himself, and gives away little during his lifetime, he is apt to be regarded with qualified favor by his neighbors, and to be spoken of as "close;" whereas the man who spends freely is looked upon as liberal, and is popular with his associates. It seems possible that the contemporary political economists will direct us to revise our opinion of accumulators (we used to call them misers) and to bid us look upon them with special respect as self-denying persons whose instincts are of great value to the community, and whose wealth, once it is gathered and turned into capital, stands practically ready to promote any enterprise which appears to an astute investor to offer prospects of success. Can it be, then, that the conditions of life have so changed that avarice, which used to be a good old-gentlemanly vice, has come to be (vide Fayerweather, and now perhaps Mr. Lampson) a praiseworthy old-gentlemanly virtue?

A. J. Baker, 1900, has been elected President of the Freshman Glee Club. W. G. Cooke, '97, has been elected Captain of the Yale whist team.



**HARVARD DEBATING TEAM.**

S. R. Wrightington. W. H. Conroy, Jr. (Alternate).  
Fletcher Dobyms. G. H. Dorr.

**THE CORBETT LETTER.**

**Action Taken—Sentiment of the University and Outside Press.**

The excitement over the "Corbett Club" letter has considerably abated among the students who have been inclined generally to accept the statement printed in the News of March 12, as the last chapter of a very disagreeable incident, which they would like to forget as soon as possible, and like to have others stop talking about as soon as possible.

The signed statement was not, however, generally acceptable to those who had given the matter any serious thought, and was very unsparingly criticized by many as far removed from the frank and straightforward apology that had been hoped for ever since the letter appeared. This was the more surprising and the more disappointing to men because it was known that nearly all the signers had early recovered from their idea of the humor of the situation, and had felt very badly over the matter, and had expressed their willingness to make any statement in the matter that seemed best. The general inference has been that the form of the statement was a compromise between the feelings of a very large majority and a very small minority. The statement was as follows:

Appreciating that a wrong may have been done to Yale University by the outcome of our act in sending a Yale flag and a letter to James J. Corbett, we make the following statement:

First—We had no authority to commit the college or any member of the college, other than ourselves, nor did we intend to do so.

Second—No one of us had considered for a moment the inference which, it now appears, has been drawn from the misconstruction of our letter.

Third—Regretting, especially, that we have thus unwillingly and unwittingly cast any slur on the University, and with the assurance that we will do all in our power to undo what harm we may have done, we are,

Respectfully,

J. W. Wadsworth, Jr.,  
Bruce Clark,  
J. C. McLauchlan,  
Forsyth Wickes,  
Frederic Kernochan,  
Robert J. Turnbull, Jr.,  
Payne Whitney,  
John S. Rogers,  
Dallas C. Byers,  
F. H. Simmons,  
Moreau Delano,  
Gouverneur Morris,  
F. W. Sheehan.

Earnest efforts have been made on the part of the Corbett club to regain possession of the Yale flag, and it is to be reasonably expected that they will be successful. The matter has been put in the hands of a New York graduate, who is thought to have influence in the desired direction, and who can carry on this work quietly and effectively.

The News editorially accepts the statement, but implied in doing so its disappointment at its lateness and insufficiency and its desire to have done with the matter.

A number of men in the University have from the first strongly advocated a University meeting, or some form of open and public repudiation of the whole business. By the majority, however, the vigorous editorial in the News, reprinted last week, was taken as sufficient public condemnation of the act. The local papers overlooked the letter at first, perhaps doubting its authenticity. Awakening late to the news possibilities of the situation, they found the freshest material at hand in the attitude of the College press. This fact was taken by some as showing that if the College press had suppressed the incident, it might have circulated very little.

The Faculty has not taken any action in the matter and it is not expected that there will be any official treatment of the case.

The graduates in New Haven and others who have been heard from have generally taken the matter very seriously. By all of them, the quick repudiation of the act by the News was most comfortably received.

**Some Press Comments.**

The New Haven Daily Palladium commented editorially upon "A Little Incident at Yale," as follows: "Both the undergraduate body of Yale and the Faculty have refused to accept the recent episode of the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight in the humorous spirit in which it was inspired. A prize fight has always been regarded in the staid old Puritan institution as a very brutal and uncultured affair, not at all to be encouraged by young gentlemen of education and refinement. Had any individual student therefore manifested the slightest indication of favoring the event, it would have been a matter of deep regret and shame to all Yale men. He would have acted within his right, however, and in an entirely unofficial capacity. It is because a few members of the Junior class presumed to speak for the College itself that the indignation of all respectable men has found such a liberal and expressive vent. To send the note as voicing the sentiment of the college, and still worse, to request the burly brute to wear the sacred insignia of Yale during the critical hour, are unquestionably the most flagrant examples of effrontery within the memory of the college man. We say nothing about the morality of the transaction, which is obvious; but simply refer to it as an unparalleled example of undergraduate gall.

"Yale men understand the spirit of frivolity which is responsible for the whole affair. But the young men cannot be excused on that score; nor because they are men of enviable prominence, both in the undergraduate and in the outside world. The matter is too important not to call for condign punishment; and we trust that the student body will find a means of bringing this about."