

ALUMNI NOTES.

Graduates are invited to contribute to this column.

'24—Benjamin D. Silliman, the oldest living alumnus of Yale, is in good health and recently celebrated his ninety-second birthday.

'40—James M. Hoppin, Professor of the History of Art in the University, will give a course of six lectures next term in the Art School, upon "Early Italian Painting."

'56—Chauncey M. Depew has consented to give an address under the auspices of the Harvard Debating Union, at Cambridge during the Spring.

'56—David J. Brewer is the author of a book just published, entitled "The Pew to the Pulpit." This volume contains the address delivered to the students of the Theological Seminary last year.

'61—Franklin B. Dexter read a paper before the Connecticut Historical Society, December 7th, on the subject, "A Sketch of the Development of the President's Office in Yale College."

'66—Rev Edward S. Starr is pastor of the First Congregational Church at Cornwall, Conn.

'68—Frank Cramer has written a scientific study in, "The Method of Darwin." This book does not teach Darwinism, but commends to all thinkers Darwin's method in the pursuit of knowledge.

'69 S.—Charles A. Weed has been appointed to the Board of Education of Binghamton, N. Y. by the Mayor.

'72—Charles D. Warner is the author of a book from the press of Harper and Brothers, entitled "The Relation of Literature to Life." This is the last volume in the Contemporary Essayists series.

'76—Professor Arthur T. Hadley will be one of the speakers at the tenth annual convention of the American Economic Association, which will be held in Cleveland, December 29th and 30th.

'79—Rev. E. M. Noyes recently won the championship of the Newton Center Golf Club and thereby holds the President's cup for one year.

'81—Grant Fitch and T. H. Myers returned on the St. Paul, Dec. 4th, after rather extended trips on the Continent, meeting at Southampton.

'81—L. C. Hay is established in control of large interests in London, as an importer of American hard woods.

'81—W. E. Peck returned from Europe on the St. Paul, December 4th.

'81—William D. Howells is the author of a new book in the Contemporary Essayists series, entitled "Impressions and Experiences." This book is published by Harper and Brothers, New York City.

'84—David Kinley has written a book about the "Independent Treasury System of the United States."

'87—Frank C. Howe is the author of the book entitled "Taxation and Taxes in the United States under the Internal Revenue System."

'87—William L. Phelps, Assistant Professor of English Literature in the University, has just completed a series of six lectures in the University Extension Lecture Course.

'87 T. S.—Rev. George F. Prentiss has accepted a call to the Davenport Congregational Church of New Haven. He was formerly rector of the First Congregational Church of Winsted, Conn.

'91—Samuel W. B. Moorhead is on the staff of the *Pittsburg Dispatch*.

'91—A son was born to Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Gage on Dec. 8th, 1897.

'93 T. S.—The Rev. Frank C. Putnam is pastor of the Congregational Church of Walpole, Mass.

'93—Noah H. Swayne, 2d, was elected Recording Secretary of the Ohio Society of New York, at the annual meeting held in New York City on Monday, November 29.

'94—Dr. Philip F. Rogers has begun a year's interne service in the Mercy Hospital, Calumet avenue and 26th street, Chicago.

'94—Ralph R. Lounsbury and Miss Katherine W. North of Springfield, Mass. were married at the bride's home Saturday, December 4th. Mr. and Mrs. Lounsbury will live in Chicago.

'94—Edward J. Redington is an instructor in Latin at Syracuse University.

'94 S.—Charles R. Knapp is Secretary and legal adviser to the general manager of The Telluride Power Transmission Company, of Telluride, Colorado. He travels extensively through the West and was recently heard from as being at Provo, Utah.

'94—C. O. Jenkins, who has been teaching for several years at the University School, Cleveland, has accepted a position on the faculty of St. Paul's School, Concord, N. H.

'95—Roger S. Baldwin has entered upon the practice of law at 35 Wall street, New York City.

'95—Franklin L. Lee is attending lectures at the New York Law School.

'95 S.—Harry G. Wells has been elected valedictorian of the Senior class of Rush Medical College of Chicago, Ill.

'95—William A. Moore is studying at the New York Law School.

'95—Michael Gavin is acting as managing clerk for the law firm of Underwood, Van Vorst, Rosen & Hoyt, 27 William street, New York City.

'95—Francis B. Harrison is delivering lectures before the night class of the New York Law School.

'95 S.—The engagement has been announced of John Eastman Belding to Miss Edith Barney Tilghman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick B. Tilghman of New York City.

'96—Huntington Taylor is with the dry goods house of Deering, Milliken & Co., New York City, and lives at 115 West Forty-Ninth street.

'96—Herbert S. Brown has won the third prize out of over 3,000 contestants in the Century Dictionary prize competition.

'96 and '98 L. S.—Willard N. Drown has been elected editor of the "Shingle," the annual publication of the Yale Law School.

'96—The address of John S. Abercromble is 36 Avenue de l'Opera, Paris.

'97 S.—H. B. Tuttle is with the Brush Electric Light Company, Cleveland, O.

'97 S.—W. Scott Cameron is traveling in Europe.

'97 S.—Richard I. Neithercut is now with the Bridgeport Brass Co. of Bridgeport, Conn.

'97—E. S. Brackett has changed his address from Hartford to Rockville, Ct.

'97—Poultney Bigelow has written a book in two volumes on the "History of the German Struggle for Liberty." This work is copiously illustrated with drawings, portraits and maps, and is published by Harper and Brothers of New York.

'97 S.—George H. Flinn has arrived in Sicily on business. He will remain there for about four months.

'97 S.—Harry D. McCandless is with the Chambers Glass Company of Pittsburg, Penn.

Obituary.

GEORGE R. BLODGETT, '84.

George R. Blodgett, '84, was shot and fatally injured by a burglar, at his home in Schenectady, N. Y., on Friday morning, Dec. 3d. He died on Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Blodgett prepared for College at Andover and took a high stand during his College course. He became Examiner in the United States Patent Office soon after graduation, and studying law, was admitted to the bar and in 1888 began practice in New York. He soon removed to Boston and became a member of the patent law firm of Bentley and Blodgett, who were counsel for the Thomson-Houston Electric Company, and, subsequently, for the General Electric Company. When the General Electric Company, in 1883, removed its headquarters to Schenectady, Mr. Blodgett moved thither and took charge of the patent department of the company. Apart from his immediate important duties, he had, at the time of his death, attained a position of much influence in the company and had become one of its most trusted and respected advisers. He had been unusually successful in his private practice, and besides having a profound knowledge of patent law and electrical science, he was a man of sound judgment and much executive ability. He was a man of most attractive personality, and besides winning substantial success in his profession, had gained a host of friends,

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who have been deeply moved by his untimely and shocking death.

So many erroneous reports of the shooting have appeared in the daily newspapers that the facts as printed below have been sent to the WEEKLY by Mr. Blodgett's former law partner, for publication:

"About 2.45 Friday morning, December 3d, Mrs. Blodgett was awakened by the flash of a dark lantern and a man's voice at their bedside. She instantly awakened her husband, just as the robber ordered them to throw up their hands. In response, Mr. Blodgett sprang up, saying to his wife, "I am no coward," but he was hardly on his feet before the man fired, from a distance of less than six feet, and ran. Mr. Blodgett, unconscious of his wound, pursued the burglar down stairs and out of the front door, where the latter disappeared in the darkness, he, or his confederate, carrying off considerable plunder, but nothing of great value. Mr. Blodgett returned up stairs and reached his room before discovering that he was injured. He then succumbed to his wound and, as the cries of Mrs. Blodgett and the servants were ineffectual in arousing the neighbors, she hunted up her husband's revolver and fired it several times out of the window, slightly injuring her hand in so doing. This aroused the neighbors and in a short time local physicians were at hand. They immediately summoned Dr. Vandever from Albany by telephone, who came at once on a special locomotive. Before five o'clock, efforts had been made, without success, to locate the bullet by probing and by the X-rays. Mr. Blodgett remained conscious during the forenoon and it was hoped that no vital injury had been done, but a rapid rise of temperature in the afternoon led the physicians to decide at once upon an operation, which revealed the fact that the ball had entered the lower abdomen, and striking the pelvis, had been deflected and then pierced the intestines at three points. The X-rays had failed to disclose the ball, by reason of its being hidden by the pelvic bone. Mr. Blodgett survived the operation and rested comfortably until Saturday forenoon, when he rapidly failed and died about two o'clock in the afternoon. The murderer has not yet been apprehended, but the General Electric Company immediately offered a reward of five thousand dollars, and the County offered an additional two thousand dollars. There is some expectation that the man will be caught. Mr. Blodgett leaves a widow and one son, two and one-half years old."

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