

**CLASS NOTICES.**

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To those men who did not receive a circular this is a notice, and it is requested that they send on their addresses immediately to Benj. I. Spock in order that the Triennial Committee may make some early announcements.

**Ninety-Six Smoker.**

A smoker is to be held on the evening of March 19th at Winthrop Hall, Cambridge, by a number of Yale men of the Class of Ninety-Six living in Boston and the vicinity. It is desired that other Ninety-Six men, living in or near Boston, send their names to G. X. McLanahan, 6 Winthrop Hall, Cambridge, so that they may be informed of other meetings of the class.

**Fifty-Two's Class Record.**

The Secretary of Fifty-Two, Rev. A. N. Lewis of Montpelier, Vermont, announces that the record of the ninth reunion, June 29, 1897, is nearly ready, and will probably be issued during the present month. It will contain, besides the usual statistics and reports, half-tone pictures of most of the surviving and of many of the deceased members, and views of the later College buildings. Reports have been received from all but L. C. Duncan, Hardy, Hendrickson, and Stewart. Much new information has been received concerning non-graduate members. The price of the Record is \$5.00 (additional copies, \$1.00), and the cost of half-tones (from photographs furnished) is \$2.00. The book will be handsomely bound, and printed upon the best quality of paper. Only a limited edition will be published.

**Obituary.**

JOHN C. PARSONS, '55.

John Caldwell Parsons, Yale '55, died Friday, March 11, at his home in Hartford after a serious illness that had lasted nearly a month. The funeral services were at the Center Church of that city Monday afternoon.

Major Parsons was born in Hartford June 3, 1832. His father, Judge Francis Parsons, was of the Yale Class of 1816 and his mother was a daughter of William Brown of the Yale Class of 1784. He entered Yale with the Class of Fifty-Four, but after two years his health compelled a year of rest, and he was graduated with the Class of Fifty-Five. After a course at the Harvard Law School, he entered the office of his great uncle, Connecticut's Chief Justice, Thomas S. Williams. Major Parsons' legal work was largely that of administration and advice. The following is from a sketch in the *Hartford Courant* by Professor Williston Walker:

"Major Parsons never was ambitious for office, but he had the respect and confidence of his fellow citizens always, and many offices of trust were filled by him. The title by which he was familiarly known was derived from his service as major of the First Company of the Governor's Foot Guard, from 1875 to 1877—an organization with which he was associated for many years. He was long identified with the interests of the Brown School, he was president of the association for the care of the ancient graveyard behind the Center Church, belonging to the town, where sleep so many of those whose names are honored in our colonial history, and he took an active interest in the efforts of the Daughters of the American Revolution to adorn and render it attractive. For eight years, 1872 to 1880, he was president of the board of street commissioners. At the time of his decease he was president of the Society for Savings, an office which he had held since 1894; and he was a director in the National Exchange Bank, the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company, the Connecticut Fire Insurance Company and the Security Company, of which latter organization he was president from 1894 to 1896. He was, and had been for many years, a director of the American Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb, now the American School for the Deaf.

"He was also a trustee of the Perkins estate, and of that of the late Lieutenant-Governor Julius Catlin. As one of the two trustees of the latter property, he recently erected the building on the corner of Main and Asylum streets oc-

cupied by George O. Sawyer. He was at one time a trustee of the Industrial School for Girls at Middletown. With the First Church he was most intimately associated. Brought up in it under the ministry of Dr. Hawes, he was attached to it with an affection dating from boyhood, and which never waned. He was conspicuous in all the concerns of the First Ecclesiastical Society, and was long a member of its committee. Few actions have been taken by that society for more than a generation past without his active participation or his counsel. His services and his benefactions to the interests of the church of his affection have been unwearied, self-sacrificing and continuous. It was characteristic of his modest self-distrust, however, that though always interested in the spiritual welfare of the church, he did not make a public confession of his religious faith till 1881, when he and his son united with its membership on the same day. He felt a personal sense of pride and possession in its ancient house of worship, evidenced during the last four or five years by its adornment with a beautiful window, representative of the Angel of the Resurrection, and commemorative of Major John Caldwell, whose name he bore. More recently he has placed two tablets on its walls, one in memory of Dr. Hawes, the pastor of his youth, and the other in honor of Chief Justice Williams."

Major Parsons wrote a paper on "The Early Topography of Hartford," which was read in 1883 at the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the First Church of Hartford. He also wrote a paper on "The Duties and Responsibilities of Directors and Trustees of Financial Institutions," which was issued in a privately printed edition.

He was married in 1870 to Miss Mary McClellan of Philadelphia, who died in the following year. He is survived by a son, Francis, a lawyer of Hartford and a graduate of Yale in the Class of Ninety-Three, and by two sisters, Mrs. Watson Webb and Mrs. Elizabeth P. Newton, also of Hartford.

**AN EDITORIAL COMMENT.**

The *Hartford Courant* speaks editorially of the late John C. Parsons as follows:

"Few men who have lived in Hartford in the past half century have so impressed upon the community a sense of their integrity and fidelity as John C. Parsons. He was a modest and retiring man and did not make his mark in any demonstrative way. It was the natural result of his life of simple honesty. Everybody trusted him and he deserved the trust. Business men used his name and opinion as their standard. You would hear such expressions as 'Well, it may be all right, but John Parsons would not approve it.' But what he did say was right needed no other indorsement. Director in as many of our great and successful business corporations as he would go into, trustee of as many estates as he would take care of, officer of all the charitable and benevolent organizations that came to him for aid and guidance, and adviser of all the friendless and unfortunate, he was always busy and much of the time gratuitously so. The trust in him was universal."

JAMES DETRAFFORD BLACKSTONE, '68 S.

James DeT. Blackstone died at his home, No. 110 West Fifty-seventh street, New York City, Monday, March 7, 1898. Mr. Blackstone had been an invalid for five years, and on Friday last was stricken with apoplexy, from which his death resulted. He was born in Manchester, England, and was fifty years old, and was graduated from the Sheffield Scientific School with the Class of Sixty-Eight. He was the Treasurer of the Totokett Mills Company, Norwich, Conn., and Secretary of the Attawaugan Company and of the Occum Company, of Occum, Conn.

His wife and a son survive him.

**Record Elections.**

At a meeting of the board of editors of the *Record*, on Monday night, John Brown Adams, '99, of New York City, was elected to fill the last vacancy on the Ninety-Nine board.

On Tuesday evening the Ninety-Nine board organized and elected Charles Edward Hay, Jr., of Springfield, Ill., Chairman, and Henry Hunt Tomkins, Jr., of Denver, Col., Business Manager.

**University Club Elections.**

The following men have recently received elections to the University Club: Mac Intosh Kellogg, '99; H. H. Tomkins, Jr., '99; R. Z. Buchwalter, '99; D. R. Hooker, '99; E. J. Thompson, Sp.; E. F. McIntosh, M.S.; and from '99 S.: C. J. Freeborn, B. F. Tritch, B. V. Norton, C. R. Drummond, C. C. Conway, W. W. Knight, E. A. McCullagh, R. P. Flint, J. T. Walker, J. McL. Walton, C. A. Warden, E. DeN. Sands, J. F. Archbold, J. C. Greenleaf, G. P. Docker and W. E. Stanley.

Last Sunday, at the request of Mr. Moody, a quartet from the University Glee Club assisted him in the first of a series of services which he is now holding in New York. The quartet was made up of D. B. Eddy, '98; D. L. Eddy, '98; L. G. Billings, '98, and E. D. Pouch, '98 S.

It has been decided that the Harvard-University of Pennsylvania football game next Fall will be played on November 5th at Cambridge.

Prof. A. S. Cook has published his address delivered before the Modern Language Association of America last December on "The Province of English Philology."

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