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## YALE-PRINCETON DEBATE.

Sketch of the Men Who will Meet To-morrow Night—Yale's Speakers Criticized.

The debating team has been hard at work for several weeks past in preparation for the annual contest which takes place to-morrow evening at Alexander Hall, Princeton. Prof. A. T. Hadley, Dr. E. V. Reynolds and Mr. George Fox, Rector of the Hopkins Grammar School, have given much time and aid in coaching the team. The second debating team, with which several debates have been held, has done much to make the first team especially strong in rebuttal.

The judges selected are Professors W. L. Wilson of Washington and Lee College, J. F. Jameson of Brown University, and Mr. Everett P. Wheeler of New York City. Ex-President Cleveland will preside.

Yale is to uphold the affirmative on the question, "Resolved, That national party lines should be disregarded in the choice of the councils and administrative officials of American cities." N. A. Smyth, P. G.; J. K. Clark, '99, and C. H. Studinski, '99 L. S., have been selected for the regular team, B. C. Smith, '99, and F. E. Richardson, '98, being alternates.

At the banquet to be held after the debate at the Princeton Inn, Professor W. L. Phelps, '87, will respond to the toast, "Yale."

This will be the fifth debate of the Yale-Princeton series. Of the four that have been held, Princeton has won two and Yale one. At the first debate, held March 15, 1893, at Princeton, there were no judges and no decision. Chancellor McGill presiding. The question was, "Resolved, That the peaceful annexation of Canada would be beneficial to the United States."

Princeton sustained the affirmative and won the second contest, held May 1, 1895, at New Haven, on the question, "Resolved, That the income tax law of 1894 was, under the circumstances, a justifiable one."

The third debate, at Princeton, December 6, 1895, was won by Yale, who debated affirmatively on "Resolved, That it would be wise to establish, in respect of all State legislation of a general character, a system of Referendum similar to that established in Switzerland."

The last debate, held at New Haven, May 7, 1897, was won by Princeton, on the question, "Resolved, That the power of the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives is detrimental to the public interest." She sustained the negative.

NATHAN AYER SMYTH.

Nathan Ayer Smyth, P. G., who will open the debate for Yale, is a resident of New Haven, Conn. He was born in Quincy, Ill., on the 29th of May, 1876. He came to Yale from Andover, where he took an active interest in debating, and was Class Orator. Entering College with the Class of Ninety-Seven, he won the Woolsey Scholarship in his Freshman year, besides taking prizes in English and Mathematics. In Junior year he won the Ten Eyck Prize, and the next year was one of the Townsend Prize speakers. In his Academic course, Mr. Smyth took little or no interest in debating until last year, when he was one of the men selected to compete in the final trials for the Harvard debate. Mr. Smyth was a Class Deacon, was President of the University Tennis Association in 1897, and a member of the Ninety-Seven Lit. Board. He received a Philosophical Oration Appointment,

and was Salutatorian of his class. Mr. Smyth is now taking graduate courses in Economics and Philosophy. As a debator Mr. Smyth is exceedingly clear headed and logical in his arguments, but lacks an effective delivery.

JOHN KIRKLAND CLARK.

John Kirkland Clark, '99, will be Yale's second speaker. Mr. Clark, who is the son of Edward P. Clark, '70, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and a brother of C. V. Clark, '97, was born in Springfield, Mass., on January 21st, 1877. He took his preparatory course at the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute. He began his debating career immediately on entering College, being on the Freshmen team which met the Harvard Freshmen in 1896. Mr. Clark has the honor of being on two debating teams in one year, as he was a member of the team which defeated Harvard last Fall. It will thus be seen that he has had no lack of experience. In his debating he has good style and always shows a thorough knowledge of the subject, but is apt to lack animation. Mr. Clark is a fine scholar, taking the Berkeley Prize and the Lucius F. Robinson Latin Prize in his Freshman and Sophomore years respectively. Last Fall he received a Philosophical Oration Appointment and won the Waterman Scholarship.

CHARLES HEITLER STUDINSKI.

Charles Heitler Studinski, P. G., Yale's final speaker, is another debater with intercollegiate experience, being a member of last year's winning team against Harvard. Mr. Studinski was born in Mansfield, Ohio, on April 25th, 1876, but now lives in Pueblo, Col., where he prepared for college at the High School. He spent the first two years of his college course at the University of Colorado, entering the Class of Ninety-Seven at Yale in the Fall of 1895. In Junior year he was an alternate on the winning team against Harvard. In the trials for the team last year he won the Thacher Prize of \$75. He was President of the Yale Union last Spring and was Class Orator, besides receiving a High Oration Appointment in his Junior year. He is now in the Junior class of the Law School. Mr. Studinski is the best of the three debaters in point of oratory and command of language, but he has a tendency to overstatement and at times is likely to fall into the commonplace.

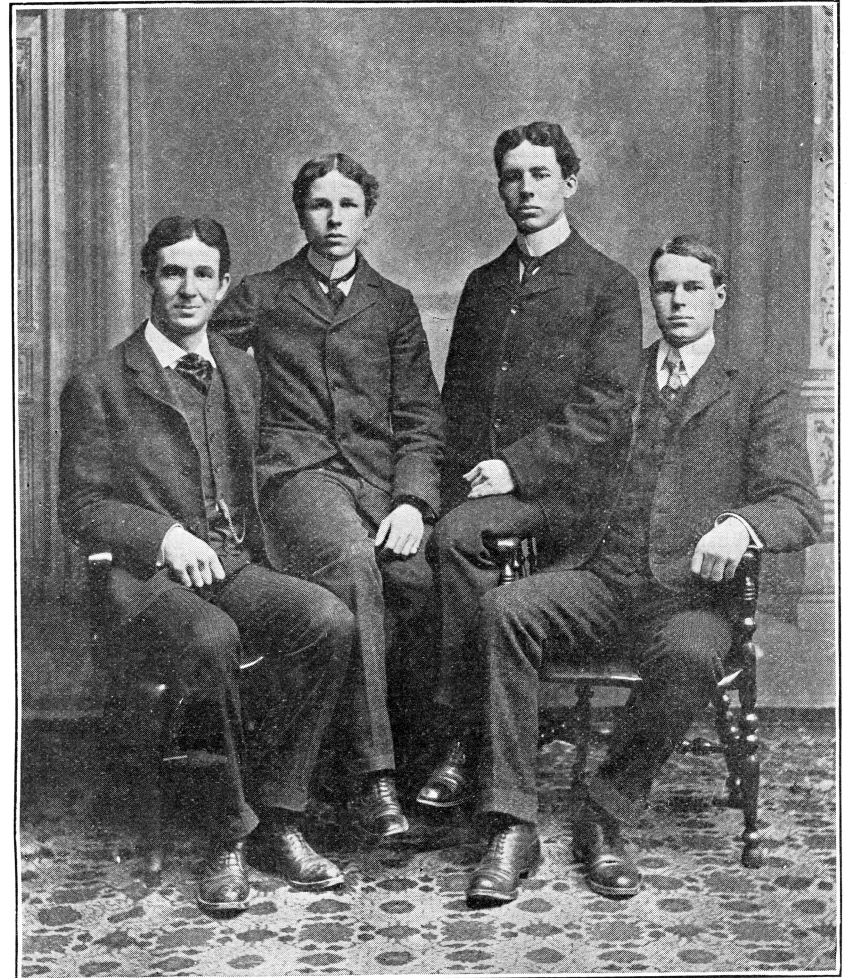
BARRY CONGAR SMITH.

Barry Congar Smith, '99, who has been chosen as the first alternate, was born in Pittsburg, Pa., on June 28th, 1877. He prepared for College at the East Orange, N. J., High School. Before entering College he had had no debating experience, but since then he has been steadily at work, and has tried for all the debates, being selected as one of the final trial speakers for his Freshman team against Harvard and for the University debate against Harvard last Fall. In the trials for the coming debate he was awarded the Thacher Prize of \$75. He is a high stand man, having received a Philosophical Oration Appointment last Fall.

FRED ERWIN RICHARDSON.

Fred Erwin Richardson, '98, the second alternate, comes from Lancaster, N. H., where he was born on January 28th, 1869. Before entering College he was engaged in business for several years. He prepared for College at the St. Johnsbury Academy, St. Johnsbury, Vt. Last Fall he was al-

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ternate on the team that won from Harvard, and he was a member of his Freshman team against Harvard. In his debating he has always been distinguished by his painstaking energy.

PRINCETON'S REPRESENTATIVES.

The debaters who will represent Princeton have all had previous experience in the forum. The following facts about the men are taken from the *Alumni Princetonian*:

Mr. Howard H. Yocum, who will probably speak first, was in both the Yale and Harvard debates last year. He has also won a large number of honors during his college course. In Freshman year, he was first honor man of his class, and won first prize in a Whig Hall competitive debate. He won the Sophomore Prize Debate in Whig Hall and also the Sophomore prizes in Mathematics and English, offered by the University. On Washington's Birthday, 1897, he won the Class of Seventy-Six prize debate. Last year, he was awarded half of the Junior first honor prize. This year he has won the French Medal debate in Whig Hall, and the first disputation prize in the Baird Contest. Mr. Yocum is now a member of the Senior class, his home being in Columbia, Penn.

Mr. Matthew Lowrie, '98, hails from Warrior's Mark, Pa. He prepared at Lawrenceville, graduating in the Class of Ninety-Four. Upon coming to Princeton, he joined Clio Hall, and won second prize in the Freshman Declamation Contest. In Sophomore year, he won the Sophomore prize debate. Last year he won first prize in the general competitive debate in Hall, represented his Class in the Washington's Birthday Oratorical Contest, and

won the Junior Oratorical Contest at Commencement. This year he won the second disputation prize in the Baird Contest and has been elected Senior Class Orator.

W. M. Shultz, '99, of Danville, Pa. prepared for College at the Hill School, Pottstown, Pa. He received honorable mention in the Freshman Declamation Contest in Clio Hall, and won the Sophomore prize debate. He was first honor man of his class in Freshman year and won the Class of Seventy Sophomore English prize. He also represented his class in the Class of Seventy-Six prize debate on Washington's Birthday.

Robert F. Sterling, '97, alternate, is pursuing post graduate work at the University, and is also matriculated at the Seminary. He lives at Blairstown, Pa., and prepared for College at Kiskiminetas School. In his Freshman year he won the Freshman debate in Whig Hall. In Sophomore year he won the Class of Seventy-Six prize debate on Washington's Birthday. During his last two years he took a prominent part in Hall work, winning one first and one second prize in competitive debate, and the French Medal debate. He also won the Lynde debate and the first disputation prize in the Baird Contest. In his Junior year he was chosen alternate in the debate against Yale, and was one of Princeton's representatives in both the Yale and Harvard debates last year.

### Class Boy of Ninety-Six.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert E. Hawkes on March 16. The child, whose name is John Ballard, is the Class Boy of Ninety-Six.