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TO THE TEAM.

On the eve of battle, we beg to assure Captain Chamberlin and his men that Yale is with them. They are good Yale fighters. May their knees be no longer twisted, and may their ankles be like the ankles of dray horses; also like the ankles of the dun deer. Oh, may they be whole again! Then shall we see men who worthily wear Yale uniforms and we shall see a great fight. We shall see a great fight anyway. There are more than eleven good men at Yale.

FOOTBALL TICKETS.

A number of people are now being disappointed, because they are asking for football tickets, through the agency of the WEEKLY, days after the closing of the applications. The notice and instructions about seats for both games were given in a double-headed article, on the first column of the first page of the WEEKLY, of the last issue of October. The article was headed all the way through and was very explicit. Those who followed it have made good every chance which the situation offers for good graduate seats.

All colleges are cursed with misrepresentation. Yale is supposed to have had more than her share of that sort of thing and may be a little callous now. She can, however, sympathize with a sister university when it is the subject of that kind of petty persecution, and she appreciates the sincerity of Cornell's repudiation of recent published statements about her athletic policy. The article in question had to do with that university's relation to Yale. It may be in order to assure Cornell that Yale will not look for any messages from Ithaca in anonymous newspaper correspondence.

The illustrative art exhibition, now being given at the Yale Art School, is one of the many good things which that department of the University successfully undertakes, not only to better carry out its own work with its own students, but also for the general good of the University. The drawings are from the leading magazines and weeklies, and are intended to practically

demonstrate some of the features of illustrative art. They were gathered at considerable cost and form a very interesting and instructive exhibition.

When the Yale platoon, on being mustered out, voted to its hospital steward a few of its surgical instruments, to form a part of his personal equipment as a surgeon, when he should begin his work, they showed an excellent sense of the fitness of things. If every volunteer organization had been blessed with an officer of similar sense, force and unselfishness, the death list of the last war would have been cut down by hundreds.

Yale organization would be made far more effective if some assured source of revenue, like a Class Fund, were behind the officers whose all important duty it is to keep up the class organization after graduation by frequent correspondence and promptly published records. Ninety-Nine will be wise in taking up the scheme now and putting it through on a cash basis.

The Yale University Club did a good thing in its recent revision of laws of government and choice of officers. Those in control of the Club are entitled to the credit which should follow a long step forward, in the interests of all the members of the organization and therefore for the good of the University.

Correction.

By an error in handling Mr. Phelps' copy on the article for Troop A published in the WEEKLY, a few names which should have been included were omitted. In addition to the list printed as among those present at the first roll call should have appeared Allan Robbins, '93 S., E. O. Holter, '94 and A. J. Slade, '92 S.

Fall Crew Work.

The University Crew candidates were called out by Captain Allen on Monday. Practice on the harbor will begin at once and continue as long as the weather permits. The men will be coached by J. C. Greenleaf, '99 S., who will be in charge, as Captain Allen will be obliged to give his entire attention to football this Fall. Last year's Freshman Crew also reported for work, and will be in charge of J. A. Keppleman, 1901. The University candidates will work for the most part in pair oar shells, and the 1901 crew will use an eight-oared boat. This Fall practice is intended to keep the most promising candidates in trim for the work next Spring, although strict training will not be enforced.

More Seats at the Field.

The management of the Football Association has made arrangements to build out the corners of the stands at Yale Field, thereby increasing the seating capacity by a little over twenty-one hundred seats. Entrance to the stands will be under the north-east and north-west corners. The new stands will be completed in time for the Harvard game.

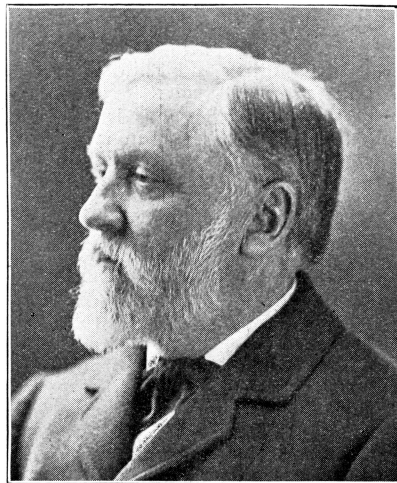
Ninety-Nine Class Fund.

The Class of Ninety-Nine, at a meeting last Monday night in Osborn Hall, decided to establish a Class Fund, such as that established by Ninety-Eight, and chose the following committee to canvass the Class for subscriptions: T. Wright, C. H. Walker, A. F. Way, R. Darling, A. S. Hamlin, T. D. Hewett, F. R. Parks, D. R. Hooker, N. C. Holland.

A PROGRESSIVE DEPARTMENT.

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professors and instructors on the English staff, a gain of six men in seven years. Perhaps no other Department can show a steadier growth in the numbers of its teaching force. English has been introduced in the Freshman curriculum and continued throughout Sophomore year, a Department of Rhetoric has been established, and the number of Junior and Senior electives has risen from eight to fourteen with an aggregate of twenty-six instead of fifteen hours. The work has been well systematized, the various courses arranged so as to form an harmonious plan, and the Graduate Department placed on a firm and substantial basis.



THOMAS R. LOUNSBURY
PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH IN SCIENTIFIC
SCHOOL.

While this brief statement shows the rapid development of the Department, the number of courses does not indicate the effectiveness of its work. A glance at the *personnel* of its force will give a better appreciation of its real strength.

The senior professor of English is recognized as one of the most distinguished American scholars. Prof. Lounsbury, the head of the English Department in the Scientific School, was appointed Instructor in 1870. His writings have won universal recognition for English studies at Yale, while his stimulating and inspiring teaching is well remembered by those who have attended his courses. As a writer he is best known by his "History of the English Language," his "Life of Cooper," and above all, by his "Studies in Chaucer." In his article on Prof. Lounsbury, which appeared in the *Century Magazine* for February, 1898, Prof. Brander Mathews, speaking of the appearance of this latter work, says: "By all, it was accepted as the most important contribution yet made by an American scholar to the great unwritten history of English Literature." To quote further: "A professor of English

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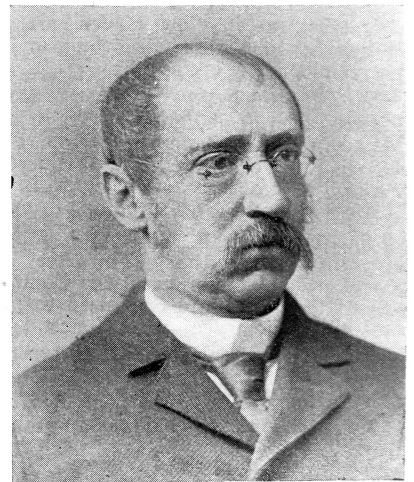
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is rare who has both philologic training and aesthetic perception as Prof. Lounsbury has, and he has also a rarer quality, the temper of the true scholar * * * In fact, whether the subject he is teaching be linguistic or literary, whether it be spelling reform or the English language, whether it be the prose novels of Cooper, or the poetic tales of Chaucer, Prof. Lounsbury handles it with the same firm grasp, with the same understanding and sanity, with the same wholesome good humor. "This high praise is not undeserved, and in Prof. Lounsbury Yale has one of the foremost critics this country has produced. He has taken an especial interest in the University Library, and it is due largely to his efforts that the English library is such a valuable one. The books have been judiciously selected and the collection of dramatic works is especially complete.

Prof. Henry A. Beers began his work at Yale as Tutor in English in the year 1871. He has taught so many college generations that comment on his work is hardly necessary. Perhaps the best testimony to the quality of his teaching is the appreciation and gratitude which his pupils have always shown him. As an author, his short stories and sketches have been unusually well received, and it is to be regretted that he can not devote more of his time to creative work. For some years, he has made a study of English Romanticism, and it is a pleasure to announce that he is soon to publish an account of this movement. The first volume, a "History of Romanticism in the Eighteenth Century" is already in press, and the second volume on the "Romanticism of the Nineteenth Century" will appear later. This work is anticipated with great interest, and will undoubtedly prove to be a valuable contribution to the history of English Literature.

As a teacher, Prof. Beers has an unusually wide knowledge of this subject and offers a variety of courses, changing them from year to year. Those announced for this year are Shakespeare and the Modern Drama, Milton and his Contemporaries, Victorian Literature and Theories of Metrical Translation.

Prof. Albert S. Cook was called from the University of California, and assumed his duties at Yale in the Fall of 1889. He is a most indefatigable worker and his labors have been particularly conspicuous in the field of Old and Middle English. His translation and adaptation of Siever's Grammar of



HENRY A. BEERS
PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH LITERATURE.

Old English and his own first book of Old English are standard works on the subject. As Prof. Cook is occupied in the Graduate School, he is not so well known by the undergraduate body as are other members of the Department.

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