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THE ALLOTMENT OF SEATS.

The allotment of seats has been made for the Harvard game and, as usual, a great many people have not secured what they hoped for. Among them are a number of WEEKLY subscribers. While we were very careful to say that we could make absolutely no promise as to location, we have not left a stone unturned to secure the most favorable consideration possible for WEEKLY subscribers. In this we have been favored by the pronounced good-will of the Association, which took up the paper's applications at as early a date as seemed possible. There were then some good seats left and many others not so good. The good ones were distributed as far as they lasted. No managements have attacked the problems of seat distribution more conscientiously than those of this year and last, but the difficulties seem to increase with each year. To our mind these difficulties are more or less inherent in the system, and the subject may be a profitable one for discussion at a later date. On account of these difficulties, the WEEKLY hesitated to take up the matter at all this year. It seemed, however, ungracious, at least, not to do what was possible. So the task was again undertaken with no promises and more time and energy were given to the matter than ever.

A good many applicants did not follow the notice, printed in the WEEKLY of October 20, and a number of late applications have as usual been received, and with the usual result. We regret exceedingly any disappointment from any source whatever.

THE PRINCETON GAME.

Princeton may always be relied upon to take every chance in football. The game is bred in the bone of Nassau and it is not one of the instincts of the game to let a chance go by. At straight fighting those Princeton men are always good. At unexpected opportunities they are excellent. We would recall in some detail the game of the Fall of 1885, if it were not a painful subject of reminiscence at such a time as this. That was harder to bear than even last Saturday, for then the game had really been won, and there were less than four minutes of play, and the Lamar touchdown was made possible

because a Princeton man made a bad mistake. But the touchdown was also possible, because another Princeton man knew how to take advantage of that mistake, and turn a flub-dub into a glorious achievement that will always live in football history.

Let us wander no more under the willows where we then hung our harps. Here is a fresh row of them in 1898. We will get out of this unpleasant place also, after we have said that in grieving over the opportunity that came to Mr. Poe, we must not forget how bravely he took advantage of it. If that unexpected sprint made good many Princeton weaknesses and naught of many Yale virtues, so much the better for the sprint. That was a nice piece of football. We most warmly congratulate Princeton for having Mr. Poe on hand at the right time, and also for preventing eleven enraged Yale fighters, of fine force, from making up for that little incident. That is a point not to be forgotten.

The Yale players have the Yale spirit. They showed that Saturday. They are learning more football this week and they are considerably worked up. We may be happy yet.

THE YALE MISSIONARY BAND.

A Novel Form of Christian Work by Five Recent Graduates.

Early in the Spring of 1898 the Senior members of the Yale Band of Student Volunteers, in studying the different fields of church work, were impressed with the opportunity which presented itself for a vigorous campaign on behalf of Foreign Missions among the Young People's Societies and Epworth Leagues of the Eastern and Middle-western States. The missionary interest in many churches of the larger cities was low, and there were no agencies directly reaching the young people. After consultation with Mr. Robert E. Speer, Secretary of the Presbyterian Board, they decided to form from their number a band of five young men who should spend the Winter and Spring of 1898-99 in going from city to city visiting the church societies and awakening missionary interest.

The undertaking at once received the hearty endorsement of four of the Missionary Boards—the Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist and Congregational. It was to be inter-denominational and without expense to the churches visited except for entertainment during the stay of the band in the city. Permanent results were to be aimed at rather than momentary enthusiasm and a special plea was to be made for a more intelligent study of missions. These plans involved much self-sacrifice on the part of their originators, for in many instances personal arrangements for the next year had to be entirely renounced, and the necessary support for traveling expenses had to be sought. The five young men who entered upon this work were: A. B. Williams, Jr., Brownell Gage, D. B. Eddy and Lawrence Thurston of the Class of Ninety-Eight, and C. V. Vickrey, P. G. During their college course they were all actively engaged in Christian work. Williams was a Class Deacon and Vice-President of the Yale Y. M. C. A. He was leader of the college Volunteer Band in 1897 and led the Senior Bible Class in 1898. Eddy had charge of the Yale City Mission during his Senior year and it was in large measure due to his efforts that the new building now in process of erection on Franklin street was started. Thurston was leader of the Volunteer Band last year. Gage and Vickrey have both had a wide experience in missionary speaking, the latter having been College State Secretary of Nebraska Y. M. C. A.

The purpose of the movement, as now definitely decided upon, is two-fold.

(1) To assist Young People's Societies in awakening and maintaining an intelligent interest in missions, thereby

ultimately reaching the churches themselves.

(2) To give wider circulation to the fact that large numbers of college men have offered themselves as missionaries, but are unable to be sent on account of the lack of funds.

The Band commenced its work on Oct. 1st at Scranton, Pa. The itinerary since has been as follows:

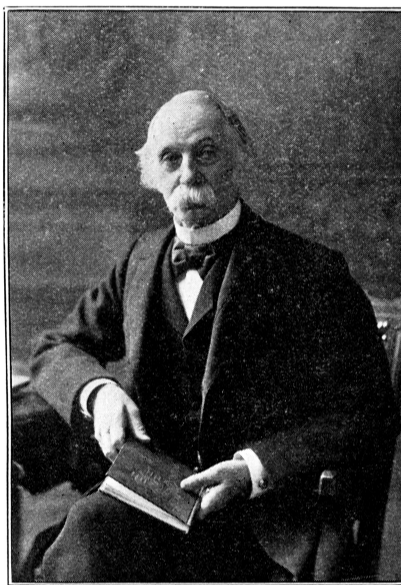
Oct. 8-13, Washington, D. C.; Oct. 15-22, Baltimore, Md.; Oct. 23-28, Harrisburg, Pa.; Oct. 28 to Nov 5, Philadelphia, Pa.

This plan will be continued in the cities of the Eastern and Middle States until Spring, when the season's work will be finished by a series of visits to the principal colleges.

The undertaking has met with a cordial welcome everywhere and access has been obtained to nearly all the churches in each city visited. The press comments are very favorable and Rev. Francis E. Clark, the originator of the Y. P. S. C. E., commends it in the highest terms.

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Nearly twenty-five thousand copies have been circulated in this country and a good many more in England. Dr. Munger's other books are "The Freedom of Faith," "Lamps and Paths," and "The Appeal to Life." The first of these has had a circulation nearly as large as "On the Threshold." Dr. Munger, as almost no readers of the WEEKLY need to be told, is Pastor of the United Church of New Haven, and a member of the Yale Corporation.

Takes It As Lesson.

[Editorial in Yale Daily News.]

We would not be loyal Yale men not to feel very much disappointed over the outcome of Saturday's game. The way in which it was lost was entirely unexpected and so the result brings with it more than ordinary regret. It would not be profitable here to go into the detail of Yale's playing; suffice it to say that the defects were due partly to the imperfect physical condition of at least three of the players and partly to what may be called, for the lack of a better word, carelessness; but this even may be referred for its ultimate cause to injuries received during the season, which have kept men off the field and prevented regular practice with the squad. The defects are minor ones, at the most, costly when they appear, but easily remedied. Yale is proud of the game the team played as a team and feels that it is worthy of much better things. Saturday's defeat is not the inevitable outcome of the all-round superiority of our opponents. But this ought not to detract from their victory; football is football and there is no such thing as a "fluke" unless an unfair decision be called one. This, we believe, is the only thing to which the term may properly be applied. Therefore we are resigned to the defeat, taking it as a lesson for the future, at the same time offering the good word to the friends at Princeton as coming from fair-minded rivals.

A Superb Contest.

In the course of an editorial on the football last Saturday, the *Princetonian* says:

Saturday's game was a superb contest in every way and was as fine an exhibition of football as has ever been witnessed. To come out of such a struggle victorious was indeed an honor, for seldom have two teams been more evenly matched or success more dearly earned. To Captain Hillebrand, to the team, the coaches, the scrub, and to all who have done aught for the sake of Princeton we can only express, in the name of Princeton's sons, our sincere appreciation of the services which they have rendered, and the warmest congratulation for the victory they have won.

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