

ALUMNI NOTES.

(Graduates are invited to contribute to this column.)

'45—Prof. Henry B. Carrington has written a new book entitled "Washington the Soldier." The book is now in press and will be soon published.

'56—Rev. Dr. William J. Harris of Barre, Vt., is publishing the *Mountain Echo*, a quarterly which appears in January, April, July and October, and is devoted primarily to the Missionary interests of the Diocese of Vermont.

'65—G. H. Ely has been elected President of the Yale Alumni Association of Cleveland.

'67—At the recent meeting of the American Economic Association, Professor Charles S. Walker of the Massachusetts Agricultural College read a paper on the subject "Recent Economic Changes in the State of Massachusetts." Professor Walker has lectured quite extensively upon the relation of political economy and civics to agriculture, and is the author of many published articles and reviews on this and related subjects.

'67—At the funeral services in Chicago of the late Judge John William Showalter of the United States Circuit Court, Judge Jenkins of the United States Court spoke as follows: "My friends, we are met to pay the last sad offices to a friend and a citizen. He needs no eulogy. His life spoke and still speaks its character. A plain, modest, unassuming, self-contained, scholarly, strong man, with feelings as tender and sympathetic as those of a girl. He was a man that feared and loved God with a firm and steadfast frankness. As a Judge he was able, patient, painstaking, studious, and impartial; slow to form a conviction, but fearless to declare his conclusions. He was absolutely incorruptible. Neither the blandishments of power nor the howling mob could sway him from true judgment as he read the law. No nobler crown awaits him. His life was a beacon light shining out into the darkness, pointing out to the coming generations that the one true road to usefulness and to honor lies in the faithful and intelligent discharge of duty. His official friends who but a few years enjoyed familiar intercourse with him came almost imperceptibly to love and honor him. In consultation he was indulgent of the opinions of others, but firm as a rock in the expression of his own convictions. His genial ways and kindly manner bound us to him with hoops of steel. We knew not until he was gone how close that attachment was. We now know how cruel was the summons. Farewell, friend and brother; after life's fitful fever thou sleepest."

'70—L. E. V. has sent a letter to the Bridgeport *Standard*, saying that a member of the Yale Corporation from Bridgeport would be fitting, and suggesting the Hon. Morris B. Beardsley for one of the vacancies.

'72—The engagement is announced of Miss Marion Rumsey, daughter of M. Rumsey, Esq. of St. Louis, Mo. to Dr. D. Bryson Delavan of New York City.

'72—The marriage of Miss Edna Maxfield Whited, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Whited, to the Hon. Fred T. DuBois, took place on January 11, at 784 Flournoy st., Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. DuBois will be at home after March 1, in Blackfoot, Idaho.

'75 S.—Amos A. Browning is a candidate for election to the assistant judgeship of the City Court of Norwich, Conn.

'79 S.—Col. Isaiah K. Stetson has been elected Speaker of the Maine House of Representatives.

'79—The weekly publication *Success* of Jan. 14 has a brief sketch and a half-tone portrait of Lieut.-Governor Timothy L. Woodruff of New York.

'80—The marriage of Miss Mary Bell Brown and John S. Harding took place at Chattanooga, Tenn., on January 5. Miss Brown is a stepdaughter of Xenophon Wheeler, '60.

'81 L.S.—At a recent meeting of the National Life Association held at Hartford, Sidney E. Clarke was elected a director of the Association.

'81—John C. Colman is one of the counsel on behalf of the property owners on Amsterdam avenue, who object to four tracks on the avenue. On January 12, the counsel secured from Justice Giegerich an order to show

cause why a permanent injunction should not be granted, restraining the Forty-second street, Manhattanville and St. Nicholas Railway from constructing or operating an underground trolley system on the two outward tracks owned or operated by them from Seventy-second street to Manhattan street, on Amsterdam avenue.

'82—Dr. Burnside Foster is the editor of a new medical journal just published in St. Paul, Minnesota.

'82—Frank E. Page is teaching Latin and Mathematics in the Columbus Central High School, Columbus, Ohio.

'83S.—Prof. A. W. Phillips has entirely recovered from his attack of grip.

'83—The engagement has been announced of Miss Mary Lusk of New York City, to Cleveland L. Moffett.

'84—Allison V. Armour of Chicago is on his yacht in Southern waters, and intends to visit Havana and other ports.

'85—Guy Ward Mallon has been elected President of the Young Men's Mercantile Library Association of Cincinnati for the year 1899. This library is one of the oldest institutions in Cincinnati, having been founded in 1835. It has been closely connected with the growth of that city and has always figured prominently in its social and business life.

'85—The leading article in the current number of the *Journalist* is a sketch of Edward Bunnell Phelps, owner and editor of the insurance paper *Thrift*, written by Mr. Allan Forman. On the first page is a large and well-executed half-tone portrait of Mr. Phelps. After handsomely introducing Mr. Phelps, Mr. Forman sketches his newspaper career as follows:

"He began newspaper work in New Haven soon after graduating from college, but soon drifted to New York and obtained a position on the *New York World*. He served on the *Herald*, the *Times*, the *Mail and Express*, and finally developed a specialty of club news which he syndicated to a number of the leading New York papers. He was very successful in this and made many friends among the leading club men of New York. He edited *The Club* so long as that periodical lasted, and then was associated with Baron de Grimm as editor of "The de Grimm Syndicate." He was a regular contributor to the American Press Association's service and did considerable general work.

"About this time it occurred to him that insurance was a good field. He was equipped with a clear and logical style of writing, a natural bent for statistics, a broad newspaper experience and a vast and comprehensive ignorance of his subject. He secured backing and started *Thrift*, originally a paper devoted exclusively to the assessment interests, but since broadened out so as to cover the whole field. He studied and worked and had pushed his paper well along toward success when he was attacked by convulsions proceeding from an abscess in the brain, a *temperospheroidal* abscess, the doctors call it. It necessitated an operation which in all previous cases had been fatal—Phelps recovered. Five times he has gone

to the operating table, each time to undergo an operation in which the chances were all against him. But his indomitable pluck, his cheerful spirit and strong constitution have pulled him through. He is a noted case among the medical profession, who look upon his recovery as little short of a miracle. Through it all, in his intervals of convalescence, he has run his paper to such good purpose that it has steadily grown in strength and influence, and is now one of the recognized factors in the insurance world.

"In his paper he is forceful and aggressive, quick to see the flaws in his adversary's argument and clever in taking advantage of them, but he is a fair fighter and never stoops to pettiness. Entering the business a perfect stranger, he has won the esteem and good will of the magnates, who like his courteous manner and respect his sterling integrity of purpose. He is yet a young man and if he is permanently cured of his brain abscess, which the doctors seem to think is the case, he has a brilliant and useful future before him. That he and *Thrift* may live to enjoy the prosperity they deserve, is the earnest wish of his host of friends, among whom the writer is glad to count himself, perhaps, the most intimate."

'87—A son was born to Dr. and Mrs. John Rogers on January 8th.

'87—The *Dial* of Chicago of January 1 contains the following notice: "Our weekly contemporary 'Unity,' which has been published in Chicago for twenty years, announced an enlargement of scope whereby it will in future champion the cause of civic integrity in addition to its services in behalf of broad religious truth. Mr. William Kent is now associated with Mr. Jenkins Lloyd Jones in the editorship, a conjunction from which much may be expected. Mr. Kent has long been a fighter in the good cause of upright politics, and is, besides a direct and vigorous writer."

'87—Governor Roosevelt announced on January 12 the appointment of Thomas H. Penny as District Attorney for Erie County. The *Buffalo Commercial* has the following sketch of his life: "Thomas Penney was born in London, England, on May 6th, 1859. At the early age of ten years he was compelled to earn his own living, and he secured employment in a mercantile establishment in London. He soon realized that there was no chance of advancement for a poor boy, situated as he was, and after five years of hard work he made up his mind to come to America. He sailed for this country and arrived in New York City when he was but fifteen years of age, entirely alone and without friends or money. He soon found employment, but was embarrassed by his lack of education, and sought means to acquire a proper schooling. He had no money, but made arrangements for attending Williston Seminary at Easthampton, Mass., while working in a store during his spare moments. Mr. Penney succeeded in three years' time in passing through the entire classical course, usually covered by a period of four years, by working nights and holidays, and in addition he earned sufficient money to pay all his expenses. He determined then to secure a collegiate education, and by following the same course, of working nights and holidays, he passed through the four years' course at Yale College and the two years' course at the Yale Law School. When he left College he was admitted to the Bar in Connecticut. Shortly afterwards Mr. Penney came to Buffalo and began his professional life as a clerk in the law office of Green & Marcy, composed of the late Justice Manly C. Green and William L. Marcy. He was promoted in a short time to the position of managing clerk and was admitted to the Bar of New York State. He afterwards formed a partnership with Attorney Pennell under the name of Penney & Pennell, but it was later dissolved and Mr. Penney united with Frank C. Laughlin, now a justice of the Supreme Court, in forming a partnership under the firm name of Laughlin & Penney. Mr. Penney continued the practice of the firm until January 1, 1894, when he was appointed first assistant district attorney under Daniel J. Kenefick. At the time of his appointment, Mr. Penney relinquished his private practice and ever since then he has devoted his entire time and attention to the duties of the district attorney's office. During the five years that Mr. Penney has served as first assistant district attorney he has handled some of

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'88—Edwin Parsons has gone South for the Winter. His address is Ashley Phosphate, South Carolina.

'88S.—The condition of Prof. Percy F. Smith which was so critical last

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