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THE CORPORATION.

Two vacancies in the Yale Corporation must be filled by alumni this year. The time for formal nominations has not yet come, but two names have already been definitely placed before the graduates in the columns of the WEEKLY. They are the names of good men, whose claims it is a pleasure to set forth. If no other names are forthcoming, the vacancies in the Corporation will be well filled. If other names are presented, we hope they will be as strong ones. Indications are that there will be very lively interest in the selection of these representatives of the graduates in the highest governing body of the University. The anxious interest in Yale, at this time of her crisis, promises a much more general and thoughtful use of the elective franchise than is usual.

We certainly hope this will be the case. There are few higher interests for a thoughtful alumnus than the welfare of his alma mater. With what tremendous possibilities is the future of such a university as Yale fraught? What powers are now in her hands? Think of the place of this country among the nations of the world, and then think of the position, actual and possible, of Yale in this country. And Yale is now rounding out one eventful period of her history and coming to the threshold of a new century without a leader. And the leader that shall be chosen shall make of her a still greater power, or shall rob her of her future and more than half close the door of her opportunity. He must lead Yale at the front and the far front, or he must fall to the rear with her. That is truth.

Why then should not every son of Yale be deeply interested, when he is given the opportunity to affect the personnel of the Yale Corporation? The new President may be chosen before the new Corporation members are elected and he may not be chosen before then. No one knows. In any case the new President will have to rely from the first upon the new Corporation to carry on his work.

As for the WEEKLY, it is open for all suggestions and arguments on this most important matter, provided only the arguments do not go into useless personalities. By its position the WEEKLY is debarred from taking sides. We don't altogether like this necessity,

but we recognize it. At least, we cannot now foresee any circumstances that would make possible any other course.

CORPORATION NOMINEES.

Something about Two Men who have been Named.

In the last issue of the WEEKLY, Henry F. Dimock of the Class of Sixty-Three was placed in nomination for the position on the Yale Corporation to become vacant by the withdrawal of the Hon. Frederick J. Kingsbury, at the close of the present academic year. The nomination of Mr. Dimock by a number of representative men among both the older and younger alumni, has led to considerable inquiry about him on the part of those who have not chanced to know him or to know of him well. In response to a request from the WEEKLY, a man who does know Mr. Dimock very well has prepared this sketch of him as a student and as a graduate:

"Mr. Henry F. Dimock was graduated in 1863 with a high oration stand and after having taken the first prize in each of the Sophomore composition competitions which were held in those days. His position in his Class was one of exceptional dignity and influence, because of his strong character and attractive personal qualities, as well as his ability, and this position has been maintained throughout life among his associates of that time, and also extended to the much larger field of the acquaintanceship made during the thirty-six years that have passed since his graduation. Of few men can it be said that their friendly counsel is so freely sought and so freely given, and so highly esteemed.

"His influence upon public affairs, national, state and municipal, in wise, unselfish guidance, that aimed for the right and the good of the whole rather than of party, has been equally powerful, although silent and known only to the inner circles. He is one of that small group of men of powerful intellect, strong will, and upright character who, refusing all office and public acclaim, exert a controlling influence in the settlement of so many of the most important public questions and policies.

"Of Yale he has always been an interested, loving son, to whom his old instructors willingly turned for advice and help. Woolsey, Porter, Thacher, who had known him as a student, turned to him for help on special occasions, and never in vain; and the last of these three said, shortly before his death, that he had always thought Dimock the ablest man in his Class and one of the ablest he had known among students.

"After having practiced law for a few years in New York City he became the Manager of the Metropolitan Steamship Company, and has ever since been closely identified with shipping and transportation interests, holding directorships in several steamship and railroad companies, such as the Boston & Maine, the Cromwell, and the Metropolitan lines. He is also a director in the Knickerbocker Trust Co., the Western National Bank, and the Dominion Coal Co. For some years he was Dock Commissioner of New York, and he was the author of a bill regulating the use of the docks, which Governor Tilden said was the most important and valuable bill he had signed during his term of office.

"His life has been successful in all lines, and if he should be elected to the Corporation, Yale would have in him not only a zealous friend, but also a wise and prudent counsellor, in all her problems, the highest and broadest, as well as those of detail."

COL. NORRIS G. OSBORN.

Also, at the WEEKLY's request, a friend of Col. Osborn has prepared the following sketch:

"Norris G. Osborn, whose name has been advocated for the vacancy in the Corporation caused by the death of Edward G. Mason, of Chicago, has had an interesting career, known in part to most Yale men, but of course unknown to many, not residents of Connecticut, where, as his birthplace and life-long home, Col. Osborn has naturally centered his interest.

"Born in 1858, he prepared for Col-

lege in that historic old institution the Hopkins Grammar School, which has sent so many sons to Yale, and became a member of the Class of Eighty. Immediately on graduation, he entered newspaper work on the staff of The New Haven Register, with which he has since remained, becoming successively its telegraph Editor, Managing Editor, and finally Editor. In 1886 the College conferred on him the degree of M.A. "for important public service," being in general recognition of the interest he had displayed in public affairs.

"Col. Osborn at the present time is a Trustee of the Episcopal Academy at Cheshire, one the best known military academies in the country; is Vice-President of the National Sound Money League, as the successor to the late David A. Wells of Norwich; and one of the Trustees of the Connecticut Institute for the Blind at Hartford. Until recently he was one of the Board of Directors of the Connecticut State Prison. He is also Governor of the Connecticut Society of the Founders and Patriots, and a member of the Society of the Sons of the Revolution. In 1892 Col. Osborn was Chairman of the State Delegation to the Democratic National Convention.

"In recent years Col. Osborn has been a frequent guest and after-dinner speaker at Yale gatherings held in various parts of the country, including those at New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Brooklyn, Hartford and other cities. He has also lectured frequently throughout the State of Connecticut on historical subjects and topics of general interest.

"As Col. Osborn was a pioneer in the fight for increased lay representation on the Corporation, it is exceedingly fitting that he should now be himself a candidate for membership in that body. He has been an ardent champion of Yale when the University was subjected to public "misrepresentation" and unfair attack, while ever ready to criticize freely when such criticism was deserved. Another of Col. Osborn's services has been his work for the elimination of the old "town and gown" feeling which so long held city and college apart, and he endeavored by all means at his command to secure a more cordial understanding between both. One result of this effort has been the election of several members of the Yale Faculty to honorary membership in the New Haven Chamber of Commerce.

"It will interest many of the friends of both men to know that the late Edward G. Mason, in a conversation shortly before his death, intimated that he might, through the pressure of other cares, be obliged to resign from the Corporation and added that he knew of no one so well-fitted for the place, and so fully in sympathy with his views on Yale policy, as Col. Osborn."

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"News" Banquet.

The twenty-second annual banquet of the Yale Daily News will be held at the New Haven House on Friday, March 3. Among the speakers will be Professors A. T. Hadley and W. L. Phelps.

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Pennsylvania Alumni Banquet.

The first annual banquet of the Yale Alumni Association of Central Pennsylvania was held at the rooms of the Harrisburg Club on Friday evening, February 24. Among the speakers were Professors J. F. Seiler and William L. Phelps, '87; George W. Atherton, '63, President of the State College of Pennsylvania; Hon. L. D. Gilbert, '65, and C. LaRue Monson, '75 L.S. Harvard was represented by Dr. J. Oenslager, Jr., and Princeton by Hon. J. B. McPherson. Disappointment was felt because Governor W. A. Stone was unexpectedly prevented from being present.

The Norwich Convention.

The thirtieth State Convention of the Connecticut Young Men's Christian Association was held at Norwich, Conn., on Feb. 23-26. An exceptionally strong list of speakers included Rev. Alexander McKenzie of Cambridge, Rev. W. G. Ballantine of Springfield, Dr. Lucian G. Warner of New York and Professor Frank K. Sanders of Yale University. The college conference was held on Saturday at 2 p. m. in the Central Baptist Church, delegates from Yale, Wesleyan and Storrs being present. Discussions were led by W. S. Coffin, Yale 1900, Mr. Flinchbough of Wesleyan and Professor Peebles of Storrs. An hour in the regular afternoon session of all the delegates was also given up to college work. Yale's representatives at the conference were Professor Frank K. Sanders, H. B. Wright, '98; Howard Platt, '99; W. S. Coffin, 1900; A. F.

Professor Weir's Lectures.

A series of four lectures on the subject, "Some Principal Centers and Masters in Art," will be delivered by Professor Weir in the South gallery of the Art School during March. The dates and special subjects of each lecture will be as follows:

Thursday, March 2.—"Florence and the Renaissance."

Thursday, March 9.—"Rome and Michael Angelo."

Thursday, March 16.—"Nuremberg and Albrecht Durer."

Thursday, March 23.—"Holland and Rembrandt."

All members and friends of the University are invited to attend the lectures. Yaggy, 1901, and Hugh Satterlee, 1902.

Basketball Victories.

The Yale University Basketball Team ended its season by scoring two victories at Poughkeepsie last week. The first game, played on Friday night, February 24, was against the One Hundred and Fifteenth Separate Company team, and won after an exciting struggle by a score of 12 goals to 10. On the following evening Yale overwhelmingly defeated Cornell, 49 to 7. The line-up was as follows: Forwards, L. L. Beard, '99; G. M. Clark, 1901; Center, A. H. Sharpe, M.S.; Guards, J. K. Clark, '99, and C. D. Lockwood, 1900 S.

The Thacher School.

A short article about the Thacher School in Southern California appeared in the Outlook for Feb. 4, from the pen of Edward Everett Hale. Sherman D. Thacher, Yale '83, and William L. Thacher, Yale '87, are associate headmasters.

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