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The indexes of the YALE ALUMNI WEEKLY have now been sent to those who applied for them. These indexes are sent free to every present subscriber to the paper for as many years back as he desires them. Orders can now be promptly filled.

With the completion of the indexes it has been possible to begin the publication of the different volumes in a regular system of binding. In the earlier years little attention was paid to the preservation of the complete files and the number is very limited even up to this year. The number of volumes for each year to date, which we can offer for sale, and the prices, are as follows:

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Volumes II and III are without Commencement issues. There was no special Commencement issue of the WEEKLY at that time and no Commencement issues of the News were saved.

The binding is very strong. The material is heavy, blue-black buckram, with leather corners and back. The index is bound at the back of each volume.

The first lot of bound volumes will be ready for delivery on April 20. Those desiring any of these volumes are asked to send in their orders at once, as the WEEKLY intends to dispose of these back volumes soon. This last statement is not made for advertising purposes, but in order to make the situation clear.

THE TENEYCK SPEAKING.

The decision in the awarding of the prize at the TenEyck speaking was, as usual, accepted with conflicting feelings. No decision was ever made that pleased more than a portion of the audience. But the differences of opinion centered about different points of view and no one has doubted that the prize was given to a man who showed he was very worthy of it. This judgment does not rest on his own personal

popularity, but on the work he did that afternoon.

Since this is the fact, and since interest is growing in this subject of speaking, a word is in order on the present method of awarding these prizes. It may be true that on the whole you could not find a body of men who would look at speaking of that sort in a fairer and more intelligent way than the Yale Faculty. But it is a fair question whether it is wise to leave the decision to such members of the Faculty as happen to attend. There does not seem to be any sense of responsibility in the matter about it, except on the part of a few who are always where they are expected to be.

The system is haphazard and the effect on the College is not good. The whole Academic Faculty, with due deliberation and discussion, might come as near a perfect decision in this matter as any body that could be chosen. But it ought to be the whole Faculty, or else a fairly large committee chosen by them for this express purpose. This committee could come from outside, or could, if thought advisable, come from the Faculty. There ought not to be a thing left undone to accord the matter the full weight which is its due, and to provide a result which would be accepted as coming from a body peculiarly chosen on the ground of ability in this line of judgment. The matter ought to be well threshed out, and certain pertinent questions answered. Is it well to eliminate the personal equation? Are scholars and teachers the best judges of the art of oratory? Is it practical to get any better judges than they? Are we trying to encourage oratory? Is there any chance of developing it under present conditions?

The mere fact that this year's decision was an excellent one does not lessen the importance of attending to this matter and that promptly.

The American Biographical Publishing Company of Chicago announce a Biographical Encyclopedia of the United States. A friend has been kind enough to send us a copy of one of the advance sheets, which is offered to those whose biographies are desired, as a sample of the quantity and quality of the sketches which the Encyclopedia puts forth. From this "invaluable work of reference" we learn that the Hon. Theodore Roosevelt of New York graduated from Yale University in 1880. We thought our list of Yale governors published soon after the Fall election was complete. It was fairly long and had good timber. But it was easy, of course, to pass over the inconspicuous state of New York and the comparatively young man who happens to be in charge of it at present. We wish to make our statistics complete. If we really had a chance to do it, how we would welcome the "Hon. Theodore Roosevelt, Yale 1880," to the list of Yale graduates and the company of Yale governors!

DINNER BY MR. SEARS.

Money Raised for Bi-Centennial—Mr. Ripley's Corporation Candidacy.

At a dinner given to President Dwight by Mr. J. Montgomery Sears, Yale '77, at the Algonquin Club, Boston, March 23, the first active steps were taken towards raising a fund to build the new alumni hall for Yale's Bi-centennial in 1902. The need of promptly subscribing for this fund was the theme of most of the speakers. Attention was called to the fact that \$750,000 must be raised soon, or the building could not be completed in time, and all were

urged to give as much as possible to the fund. Subscriptions made before the dinner for the hall, had amounted to \$25,000, mostly from the Committee in charge. Mr. Sears, is credited with \$10,000 subscription.

A paper endorsing Alfred L. Ripley, Yale '79, for the Edward G. Mason vacancy in the Corporation was circulated and almost unanimously signed by the 100 guests present.

The speakers of the evening were: President Dwight; Alfred Hemenway, '61; Prof. Andrew W. Phillips; Samuel J. Elder, '73; Hon. Isaac K. Stetson, '79 S.; Judge M. P. Knowlton, '60; E. P. Howe, '76. Besides the speakers already mentioned the following guests were present: Judge Baldwin; General Rockwell; Frank Allen; A. L. Aiken; B. K. Anthony; Dr. Geo. S. C. Badger; Hezekiah Bissell; S. Arthur Bent; Geo. E. Bowman; Howard A. Bridgman; N. Willis Bumstead; Walter I. Badger; John H. Butler; H. A. Buffum; A. J. Copp; Malcolm G. Chase; Dr. Joshua Coit; Rev. Mr. Calkins; W. R. Callender; C. F. Chapin; Rev. Chas. O. Day; Morton Dexter; H. B. Durfee; S. C. Bushnell; Robt. K. Dickerman; W. E. Decrow; Henry Dunnell; Samuel P. Darling; Hon. Asa French; Abner Post; H. S. Fraser; Asa P. French; Reginald Foster; James Foley; Ed. H. Gilbert; Rev. Theo. J. Holmes; Henry R. Hinckley; Allen Hubbard; Fred S. Hoppin; John L. Hall; Chas. E. Hellier; L. L. Hopkins; Sidney Hosmer; Chas. E. Hubbard; Z. L. Holbrook; Amos L. Hathaway; W. A. Houghton; E. P. Howe; Geo. L. Huntress; C. M. Ingersoll; Dr. E. P. Joslin; F. W. Kittredge; Dr. Knight; Dr. S. A. Kimball; Daniel S. Knowlton; W. M. Lovering; E. C. Lambert; Robt. G. McClung; Rev. Ellis Mendell; F. T. Murphy; Marcus Morton; Rev. Ed. M. Noyes; Prof. Wm. H. Niles; Edward P. Noyes; John C. Olmsted; Henry C. Ordway; W. G. Peck; F. B. Percy; Chas. P. Phelps; Chas. T. Payne; G. D. Pettee; General Rockwell; A. L. Ripley; G. P. Richardson; Arthur J. Richmond; Jas. O. Rodgers; G. W. Rollins; Hon. Isaiah K. Stetson; J. M. Sears; Wm. T. Sedgwick; Graham Sumner; Chas. P. Stetson; Henry C. Stetson; Dr. M. Seely; W. G. Seeley; Joseph C. Smith; Dr. Chas. L. Scudder; Daniel L. Sanford; Dr. Doremus Scudder; Rev. C. M. Southgate; Chas. L. Thomas; Samuel Thorne.

Professor George Adam Smith's Subjects.

The subjects for the full series of the Lyman Beecher course of lectures this year, to be delivered by Professor George Adam Smith, have been received by Professor Fisher and it is now possible to announce them. Should any rearrangement be found necessary, it will be promptly and conspicuously announced.

The general subject of the course is "The Preaching of the Old Testament in the Light of Modern Criticism."

The lectures are to be delivered in College Street Hall, and the hour in each case will be 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

The different subjects, as now arranged are as follows:

April 6—"The Liberty and Duty of Criticism."

April 7—"The Course of Modern Criticism of the Old Testament."

April 12—"The Old Testament as History."

April 13—"The Revelation of God in the Old Testament."

April 14—"The Spirit of Christ in the Old Testament."

April 19—"The Hope of Immortality in the Old Testament."

April 20—"The Prophets."

April 21—"The Books of Wisdom."

Union Debaters Win.

The second annual debate between the Yale Union and the Sheffield Debating Society, held in Osborn Hall on Wednesday, March 22, was won by the former society. The subject, "Resolved, That the introduction of a system of ministerial responsibility would increase the efficiency of the Federal Government," was supported on the affirmative for the Sheffield Society by W. J. Ehrich, 1900 S.; A. Wolodarsky, 1900 S.,

and P. Troup, 1900 S. The negative was supported for the Yale Union by C. L. Darlington, '99; E. W. Ong, 1900, and G. D. Graves, '99.

E. B. Boise, President of the Yale Union presided, and Mr. C. G. Clarke, '98; Mr. C. H. Studinski, '97, and Mr. C. S. MacFarland, '97 T.S., acted as judges.

RETIRING RECORD BOARD.

Some of the Changes Brought About During Their Administration.

When the board of editors from Ninety-Nine assumed control of the Record a year ago, they resolved that during their incumbency the paper should at least appear on time. For they realized that nothing is so damaging to a paper's reputation as that air of shiftless management due to constant lateness.

Contrary to custom, they have kept in use the same cover design which was handed down by the Ninety-Eight board, since they thought that frequent change in the outward appearance of a paper tends to produce unfamiliarity and consequent lack of interest.

Believing that subjects of interest could be treated in a light manner and still have force, the editorial columns received their special attention and an attempt was made to weed out all matter written merely to fill space.

The editors wished to make the columns a place where one might look for sense in an attractive form. The introduction of the editorial cuts has done much for this department.

The most radical reform has come in their decision to elect the incoming Senior board in a body in the Spring of Junior year. They gave several reasons for this change. They argued that the man who was elected early in his college course often thinks that his work is done, and that his business from that time forward is to come down to the office perhaps once in a term and assist in rejecting Freshman contributions. Thus the board loses the work which it might expect from the maturer mind. Experience has taught that the work done by the last three or four men competing for the only open place in the Junior board, is often of higher quality than that contributed by any of the editors who have received elections. Yet these unfortunates can't be elected, because, while they were making up their minds to commence heeling, the plodder has accumulated his credit and filled his place on the board. By the new system the Senior editors can lay their hands, not suddenly, on the best seven men without difficulty and be able to pick out and reject what will later on prove editorial dead-wood.

MORE WORK FOR SENIORS.

It will of course put more work upon the Senior board. But the burden is bearable. At present there are entirely too many under editors. The Senior will always plead an engagement so long as there is an ambitious Sophomore to do his bidding. With one man for each job and no one upon whom to shift the responsibility, the Senior will at least earn his salt.

There will be little place for class politics in the new system. No editor can promise a heeler an election in return for the latter's assisting him to the office of chairman or business manager.

Viewed dispassionately, the system seems to be a desirable innovation, but whether it will prove successful, usage alone will tell. The college at large seems to favor it, since the opposition so far has come practically from one source.

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