

YALE ALUMNI WEEKLY

SUBSCRIPTION, - \$3.00 PER YEAR.

Foreign Postage, 40 cents per year.

PAYABLE IN ADVANCE.

Single copies, ten cents each. For rates for papers in quantity, address the office. All orders for papers should be paid for in advance.

Checks, drafts and orders should be made payable to the Yale Alumni Weekly.

All correspondence should be addressed.—
Yale Alumni Weekly, New Haven, Conn.

The office is at Room 6, White Hall.

ADVISORY BOARD.

H. C. ROBINSON, '58. J. R. SHEFFIELD, '87.
W. W. SKIDDY, '65 S. J. A. HARTWELL, '89 S.
C. P. LINDSLEY, '75 S. L. S. WELCH, '89.
W. CAMP, '80. E. VAN INGEN, '91 S.
W. G. DAGGETT, '80. P. JAY, '92.

EDITOR.

LEWIS S. WELCH, '89.

ASSOCIATE EDITOR.

WALTER CAMP, '80.

ASSISTANT EDITOR.

E. J. THOMPSON, Sp.

NEWS EDITOR.

FRED. M. DAVIES, '99.

ASSISTANT.

PRESTON KUMLER, 1900.

Advertising Manager, O. M. CLARK, '98.
Assistant, BURNETT GOODWIN, '99 S.

Entered as second class matter at New Haven P. O.

NEW HAVEN, CONN., APRIL 19, 1899.

SOUTH MIDDLE.

The agitation of danger from fire in the Yale dormitories has been made a text for preaching the immediate destruction of the remaining buildings of the Old Brick Row. We have no fear that this will be followed out. The destruction of South Middle, for instance, would be an unhappy thing just at this time, and would, in our humble opinion, (to put the argument on the lowest possible ground, but on one that must be considered) cost the University handsome sums of money. This is not the time when Yale desires to divide her forces on any matter of policy.

It will not do to accomplish the destruction of South Middle on any such insignificant pretext as that it can no longer be used safely for a dormitory or that it would cost considerable money to put it in order so that it could remain standing. These matters are not decided on a question of convenience or a few dollars and cents, and we respectfully suggest that if the attempt is made to decide them on that ground, it will meet an opposition which will be very much more inconvenient and very much more expensive than any old building standing on the Campus.

If South Middle is not safe for a dormitory, make it safe for a dormitory or stop using it for that purpose and turn it to one of a number of uses to which such a building could be put. If it is weakening and going to pieces, then put it together again, and, while that is being done, restore the old roof that was ruthlessly removed. Make it as nearly as possible as it was when it was completed in 1752. Someone out in Chicago wanted to give a large sum of money and carry the building out there for a relic, perhaps to be used by the Chicago University. There was a standing offer to the Yale Corporation for a number of years for such a disposition of the building and there were actually some people here at Yale who wanted to accept the offer.

People sneer at sentiment as opposed to dollars or symmetry. Sentiment is about the most important foundation stone a University can build on. It will be sentiment, quite as much as any other motive, that will bring the millions Yale must have, and a very tender and strong sentiment will not, we repeat, be trifled with at just this

time. We have a growing confidence that it will be respected for all time.

THE DANGER OF FIRE.

For the last week or ten days the Yale News has been printing a series of articles on the condition of the college buildings from the standpoint of their safety in case of fire. The News took the ground that certain of the buildings present unmistakable danger in the event of any fire of magnitude, and succeeded in arousing so much interest in its contention as to force an inspection of the buildings by the authorities of the Fire Department of this city. These authorities, to wit, the Fire Marshal, J. G. Gladwin and the Superintendent, R. R. Francher have, as a result of their inspection, sent a letter to President Dwight recommending that two fire escapes be placed on South Middle and two on North College; also that suitable fire escapes be placed on Durfee or that connection be made on the top floor between the different entries of the building.

This report amply justifies the campaign of the News and we commend that paper for taking up the subject and for handling it so intelligently and so forcibly. It has, of course, come under criticism for suggesting that there was any danger and thus making parents and friends of students all over the country uneasy, and creating to some extent a prejudice against the University on this ground.

We do not at all sympathize with this criticism. There are certain defects always in such an institution as Yale that can be remedied only by public agitation. There are others, we admit, that can be quietly disposed of to the advantage of all concerned. This was not one of the latter. The facts brought out by the News have been perfectly evident to any intelligent observer of the college buildings for any number of years. The plea that no serious fire has occurred is no plea at all. No serious fire occurred in the Windsor before it burned down. Plenty of fires have started and the wonder is that they have always been checked as easily as they have been.

The constant necessity of economy in the handling of the University finances has led to a tendency in certain directions which may be properly characterized as "penny wise and pound foolish." The present case is an illustration. In our humble opinion it would have done absolutely no good to go at this reform in any other way than the method of a public agitation. There will be those who will say that the News simply wished to make capital for itself, but there are always plenty of mean and cheap people, with a razor edge range of vision, who are themselves generally so self-centered as to believe no motive possible outside of that of self-interest. Those who have taken any part, however humble, in public agitation, know that it is generally an extremely disagreeable bit of business and it is a very much easier and generally a much more selfish thing to keep still and let matters take their course. We beg leave to extend to the News our sincere compliments. We agree with the paper that the matter may be considered ended, as of course, the authorities will not long delay the needed measures of reform.

At a meeting of the University Banjo Club held Monday evening, April 17, the following men were elected members: L. Manierre, 1901; D. S. Blossom, 1901; G. B. Kip, 1901; E. Q. Trowbridge, '99; R. G. VanName, '99; F. B. Humpherys, '99 S.; F. L. Belin, 1901 S.; E. H. Lewis, '99.

FOR THE CORPORATION.

Circular in Support of Alfred L. Ripley, '78, of Boston.

The following circular is to be issued in support of the nomination of Alfred L. Ripley, '78, for the Corporation:

To the Alumni of Yale:

The undersigned present the name of Mr. Alfred L. Ripley for the vacancy in the Yale Corporation caused by the death of Mr. Edward G. Mason.

Mr. Ripley was graduated at Yale in the Class of 1878, and for many years has been engaged in banking in Boston, Massachusetts. His sound judgment, ability and high character have been tested and proved by a successful business career in which he has won the confidence and respect of all who know him. As a writer upon financial subjects he has acquired a wide reputation. His knowledge of the educational needs of the University was first gained as one of its Faculty, of which he was a valued member for eight years. At a time when great changes may be expected to occur and subjects of vital importance to the University must be considered, such special training and knowledge are manifestly of the highest value. Since leaving New Haven, Mr. Ripley's interest in, and knowledge of, the University and its needs have continued unabated. His experience in the administration of the University, and in affairs, his nearness of residence to New Haven, his character and ability, especially qualify him, in our opinion, for a position in the Yale Corporation.

'40 C. R. Ingersoll, New Haven.
'48 Arthur D. Osborne, New Haven.
'48 Nathaniel Shipman, Hartford.
'48 George White, Boston.
'51 Asa French, Boston.
'53 Joshua Coit, Boston.
'53 Henry P. Stearns, Hartford.
'54 Henry Baldwin, Boston.
'54 A. S. Twombly, Boston.
'55 N. Willis Bumstead, Boston.
'56 Walcott Calkins, Newton.
'56 John M. Fiske, Boston.
'57 John B. Cone, Hartford.
'59 Louis H. Bristol, New Haven.
'60 Marcus P. Knowlton, Boston.
'61 Alfred Hemenway, Boston.
'62 John W. Alling, New Haven.
'62 Harrison B. Freeman, Hartford.
'62 Frederick I. Knight, Boston.
'63 William G. Sumner, New Haven.
'63 Holder B. Durfee, Fall River.
'63 John Haskell Butler, Boston.
'64 Wm. G. Peck, Boston.
'65 Francis W. Kittredge, Boston.
'66 C. M. Southgate, Boston.
'66 Morris W. Seymour, New Haven.
'66 Arthur C. Walworth, Boston.
'66 Abner Post, Boston.
'66 Edward B. Bennett, Hartford.
'67 Morton Dexter, Boston.
'68 Eugene S. Bristol, New Haven.
'69 Wm. L. Bennett, New Haven.
'69 Charles E. Gross, Hartford.
'69 Henry V. Freeman, Chicago.
'70 L. L. Scaife, Boston.
'70 Geo. L. Huntress, Boston.
'70 Robert W. deForest, New York.
'70 Walter Buck, Boston.
'72 Charles O. Day, Boston.
'72 Edward S. Lines, New Haven.
'72 Alex. R. Merriam, Hartford.
'72 Theo. S. Woolsey, New Haven.
'73 Wm. A. Houghton, Brunswick.
'73 Frank D. Allen, Boston.
'73 Samuel J. Elder, Boston.
'73 Wm. Beebe, New Haven.
'73 Gardiner Greene, Norwich.
'73 John O. Heald, New York.
'73 Frank B. Tarbell, Chicago.
'73 Atwood Collins, Hartford.
'73 Samuel O. Prentice, Hartford.
'73 J. H. Van Buren, Lynn.
'76 Elmer P. Howe, Boston.
'76 William Waldo Hyde, Hartford.
'76 Rufus B. Smith, Cincinnati.
'77 Joshua M. Sears, Boston.
'77 John W. Bristol, New Haven.
'77 Bruce Fenn, New Haven.
'77 William T. Sedgwick, Boston.
'78 Howard C. Hollister, Cincinnati.
'78 William H. Taft, Cincinnati.
'79 Isaiah K. Stetson, Boston.
'79 Fred Wells Williams, New Haven.
'79 Wm. J. Comstock, New Haven.
'79 J. V. Farwell, Jr., Chicago.
'79 Henry H. Donaldson, Chicago.
'80 W. E. Decrow, Boston.
'80 Edw. V. Reynolds, New Haven.
'80 John J. Nairn, Hartford.
'81 Sherman L. Whipple, Boston.
'81 Benj. W. Bacon, New Haven.
'81 Thomas B. Osborne, New Haven.
'82 George P. Richardson, Boston.
'82 Asa P. French, Boston.

'82 Walter I. Badger, Boston.
'83 George Ernest Bowman, Boston.
'83 H. S. Frazer, Boston.
'83 Marcus Morton, Boston.
'83 Allen Hubbard, Boston.
'83 F. W. Rogers, Winchendon.
'84 Reginald Foster, Boston.
'85 George E. Vincent, Chicago.
'86 Charles E. Hellier, Boston.
'86 E. C. Lambert, Boston.
'86 Francis R. Cooley, Hartford.
'86 Arthur L. Shipman, Hartford.
'86 Franklin H. Knight, Hartford.
'87 Andrew F. Gates, Hartford.
'87 William Kent, Chicago.
'89 R. W. Huntington, Jr., Hartford.
'89 Henry S. Robinson, Hartford.
'89 William R. Matson, Hartford.
'90 Arthur P. Day, Hartford.
'90 Charles P. Cooley, Hartford.
'91 Robert G. McClung, Boston.
'91 L. L. Hopkins, Boston.
'91 Wm. H. St. John, Hartford.
'91 John A. Turnbull, Hartford.
'92 S. Hosmer, Boston.
'92 L. P. Waldo Marvin, Hartford.
'92 John T. Robinson, Hartford.
'93 G. S. C. Badger, Boston.
'93 Francis Parsons, Hartford.
'94 W. R. Callender, Boston.
'94 William H. Leete, Hartford.

The University golf team defeated the Oxford Club at South Manchester on Saturday, April 15th, by a score of 18-10.

Yale Law School.

For circulars and other information apply to

Prof. FRANCIS WAYLAND,
Dean.

DUNCAN HALL.

No. 1151 Chapel Street, New Haven.

Furnished apartments—suites and single—
for Yale Students. For rates and plans,
Address,

W. I. MUMFORD, Manager.

Guaranty Trust Co.
of New York.

NASSAU, CORNER CEDAR STREET.

CAPITAL, - - - - \$2,000,000
SURPLUS, - - - - \$3,000,000

ACTS AS TRUSTEE FOR CORPORATIONS,
FIRMS AND INDIVIDUALS, AS GUARDIAN,
EXECUTOR, AND ADMINISTRATOR, TAKES
ENTIRE CHARGE OF REAL AND PERSONAL
ESTATES.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS
subject to cheque or on certificate.

DRAFTS ON ALL PARTS OF GREAT BRITAIN,
FRANCE AND GERMANY BOUGHT AND SOLD.
COLLECTIONS MADE.
TRAVELLERS' LETTERS OF CREDIT AVAIL-
ABLE IN ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD, AND
COMMERCIAL LETTERS OF CREDIT ISSUED.

WALTER G. OAKMAN, President.
ADRIAN ISELIN, JR., Vice-President.
GEORGE R. TURNBULL, 2d Vice-President.
HENRY A. MURRAY, Treas. and Sec.
J. NELSON BORLAND, Asst. Treas. and Sec.
JOHN GAULT, Manager Foreign Dept.

DIRECTORS.

Samuel D. Babcock,	Charles R. Henderson,
George F. Baker,	Adrian Iselin, Jr.,
George S. Bowdoin,	Augustus D. Juilliard,
August Belmont,	James N. Jarvie,
Frederic Cromwell,	Richard A. McCurdy,
Walter R. Gillette,	Alexander E. Orr,
Robert Goelet,	Walter G. Oakman,
G. G. Haven,	Henry H. Rogers,
Oliver Harriman,	H. McK. Twombly,
R. Somers Hayes,	Frederick W. Vanderbilt,
	Harry Payne Whitney.

LONDON BRANCH,
33 LOMBARD STREET, E. C.

Buys and sells exchange on the principal cities of the world, collects dividends and coupons without charge, issues travellers' and commercial letters of credit, receives and pays interest on deposits subject to cheque at sight or on notice, lends money on collaterals, deals in American and other investment securities, and offers its services as correspondent and financial agent to corporations, bankers and merchants.

Bankers.

BANK OF ENGLAND,
OLYDESDALE BANK, Limited,
NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK OF
ENGLAND Limited,
PARR'S BANK, Limited.

Solicitors.

FRESHFIELDS AND WILLIAMS.

London Committee.

ARTHUR JOHN FRASER, CHAIRMAN.
DONALD C. HALDEMAN.